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FOR URGENT DISSEMINATION

OFFICIAL CLARIFICATION ON TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, "BATCH C" CANDIDATES, AND COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2026 COMPLIANCE REGISTRATION EXERCISE

Pursuant to the public notice issued on 17th October 2025 regarding the Federal Government-mandated NERD Compliance Clearance (NCC), the National Secretariat of the Nigeria Education Repository and Databank (NERD) hereby issues this formal clarification for the attention of all institutions, candidates, focal officers, and relevant stakeholders.

2. The Secretariat **hereby reaffirms** that all candidates whose mobilisation processes started BEFORE the October 6 (2025) commencement date of the enforcement of NERD by the Federal Government, which includes the 2025 Batch C of the NYSC are exempted because they fall in the transitional period.

3. Officials of NERD have been inundated with inquiries on whether this affects Batch C Stream 2, which is supposed to participate in the NYSC scheme in January 2026. For the avoidance of doubt, Batch C is Batch C. What is important to NERD is coverage for all students whose processes began FROM (and **AFTER**) the cut-off date of October 6 (not **BEFORE**). Therefore, Batch C and all its sub-streams (e.g., Stream 1, Stream 2, etc or the January Intake) fall squarely within the transitional window and are completely outside NERD mandatory coverage. Accordingly, such candidates are exempt from and shall not be subjected to NERD compliance clearance enforcement.

4. Furthermore, the Secretariat **hereby declares and formally notifies the public** that the NERD enrolment portal shall be opened to students from the 6th of January 2026 strictly for the 2026 Batch A PCMs. Each student or graduating student is implored not

to register or enrol on any service of NERD until that day. This will ensure that your vital enrolment details are not submitted until it is the appropriate time, as only registration activities conducted **on or after the officially designated commencement date** shall be recognised, processed, and accorded validity by the NERD system. Institution focal persons, faculty (including schools, colleges, etc), department administrators (HODs), and lecturers (including Supervisors, Co-Supervisors, and External Examiners) are, however, encouraged to visit their respective NERD dashboards and get familiar with the record validation tools.

5. Lastly, NERD is currently working with ICT entrepreneurs and businesses across the nation to set up NERD Digital Service Centres (NERD DSC) with well-trained NERD Enrolment Centre Operators (NERD ECOs) in all the local governments of the nation. These centres will provide document upload, data entry and vetting, and document digitisation services. They will also ensure data consistency and reduce errors. At a minimum of 3 highly-trained staff per service centre, the NERD DSC is expected to create and sustain a minimum of 6,966 commercially sustainable ECO jobs across the federation. Owners of CBT centres, cyber cafes, and ICT business centres who wish to be part of this revolutionary opportunity are advised to visit <https://ned.gov.ng/nerd-eco>.



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