



NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Nigerian

Institute of

Food

Science and

Technology

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE INSTITUTE

Objective, Background, Membership, Fees.

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VISION:

**GOOD AND ABUNDANT FOOD FOR ALL THROUGH SERVICE TO HUMANITY AND COUNTRY, RESULTING IN
FOOD SECURITY AND THE WELL BEING OF NIGERIANS**



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GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (NIFST)

The Institute is the professional body representing Food Scientist and Technologists in Nigeria and strives to be recognized as such by appropriate government authorities and other agencies.

I. OBJECTIVES

1. To promote the development and application of Science and Technology to every aspect of food.
2. To disseminate knowledge among Food Scientists and Technologists by sponsoring studies, workshops, symposia, seminars and publications aimed at focusing attention on food problem and associated government policies and actions.
3. To function as the professional body of Food Scientists and Technologists in Nigeria that will be in a position to provide authoritative advice and guidance on all food matters and on the planning and development of curricular in the training of Food Scientists and Technologists.
4. To collaborate with other bodies, both national and international, concerned with the various disciplines among members who are employed in food research, the food industry and the institution of higher learning.

II. BACKGROUND OF THE INSTITUTE

Among the many developments of far-reaching consequences, which have taken place in Nigeria has been the emergence of a significant, distinctive and thriving industrial sector which can be rightly called the food industry. The evolution of this industrial sector has meant a collateral emergence of a body of professionals with a keen interest in and specialized in all aspects of Food Science and Technology. These developments have been reinforced in recent years by the introduction of systematic courses of study in Food Science and Technology which now cover all educational stages up to full honours degree courses in many institutions of higher learning. The setting up of an official professional body is a necessary consequence of this evolutionary process and enables the collective views of all persons engaged in the field to become more effective in implementing the minds of several Nigerian food professionals for many years, it did not assume a concrete practical form until January, 1975. It was at this time, as a result of a symposium organized by the "Food Science and Technology Association" of the University of Ife, that an inaugural committee was set up to explore the possibility of establishing a professional body and to chart the course of such a body.

In July of 1975, a forum of over thirty Food Professionals met at the Federal Department of Fisheries, Victoria Island, Lagos to consider a draft constitution which had been proposed by the inaugural committee. This forum pronounced the draft constitution as been in acceptable form. This approval paved way, for an inaugural meeting of the Institute, involving over fifty Food Professionals, on June 5, 1976.

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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
(TO BE COMPLETED IN BLOCKLETTERS OR TYPEWRITTEN)
(All information will be treated by Council as strictly confidential)**

Certified
Passport
Photograph

1. I hereby apply for admission/upgrading to the Nigerian Institute of Technology as

Fellow

Professional Member

Licentiate

Student Member

11. State where this application is for:

Upgrading

New Membership

111. Name (print your name in full)

Surname

Other Name(s)

IV **PERSONAL DATA:** Date of Birth

Sex

Male

Female

Marital Status

Single

Married

V **ADDRESS (Print)**

Business

Telephone E-mail address

(ii) Permanent Home Address

Postal address

Telephone (Mobiles):

E-mail address:

(Mandatory)

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VI. ACADEMIC TRAINING: (Do not include honorary degrees)

1. Degree(s) Equivalent (State class of Degree and Major Field of Study of Specialisation)

1 Date awarded

Awarding Institution

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2 Date awarded

Awarding Institution

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3 Date awarded

Awarding Institution

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Diploma, Certificate, etc (State nature of qualification, date of qualification and name of College or Institution)

1 Date awarded

Awarding Institution

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2 Date awarded

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3 Date awarded

Awarding Institution

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VII. PROFESSIONAL COURSES: For applicants seeking student membership

COURSE (State course of study):

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Awarding Institution

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Date Commenced Probable of completion

Full-Time or Part-Time

Certify by the Head of Department with Official stamp:

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Signature / Date

VIII. EMPLOYMENT EXPEIENCE: (List present employer first)

Company (Organisation) Name	Date				Position
	From		To		
	MTH	YR	MTH	YR	

IX. PROFESSIONAL BODIES: (Give details of other professional bodies to which you belong. State grade of Membership and the date of admitted)

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X. A brief about your Career Life.

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XI. **REFEREES:** Both of the referees should be fellows or members of the institute. For membership upgrade to fellow status both referees must be fellows.

1. Name Membership grade

Address

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Signature Date

2. Name Membership grade

Address

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Signature Date

3. Chapter Name

4. Chapter chairman's Name Signature.....

XII. **OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION**

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XIII. **AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

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XIV. **DECLARATON:** I hereby declare that he information given above is true to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

For Official Use
Certificate(s) Attached (ND. HND, B.Sc., M.Sc, Ph.D etc)

Date Received.....
Processed by (Name).....
Treated by CAC.....
Sign & Date

Receipt No Issued.....
Signature.....
Status Approved by Council.....
Sign & Date

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A. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be the following grades of membership but without prejudice to the power of the Institute to create more, reduce or otherwise amend the number, designation or title or categories of existing membership.

The categories or type of membership, for the time being shall comprise and be known as;

- (i) Student member (ii) Licentiate member (iii) Professional member (iv) Honorary member (v) Fellow (vi) Honorary Fellow (vii) Corporate Member.

The requirement for admission to any of the above categories or grades of membership shall be as follows;

- (i) **Student Member:** Shall be a person not under 16 years of age enrolled in a recognized course of study in Food Technology at the time of application and shall satisfy the conditions laid down by the Governing Council.
- (ii) **Licentiate:** Shall be a person who has either;
 - (a) A National Diploma in Food Science and Technology.
 - (b) Graduated from other related field of study with relevant experience in Food Science and Technology (or food processing)
 - (c) Satisfied the Council requirements by virtue of his/her experience in the field of Food Science and Technology and in view of the responsibility of his/her employment and by additional evidence acceptable to the Council, that he/she is a suitable person to be admitted.
- (iii). **Professional Member:** Shall be a person who has any of the following;
 - (a) HND or B.Sc Degree in Food Science and Technology.
 - (b) National Diploma in FST with minimum of five (5) years of relevant working experience in food processing/industry.
 - (c) B.Sc in other allied fields with a minimum of two (2) years of relevant experience in food industry/processing.
- (iv). **Honorary Member:** Shall be a person who has HND or B.Sc. degree plus a minimum of five (5) years of association with food production & the Institute.
- (v) **Fellow:** Shall be a person, not under 35 years of age who has fifteen years of NIFST membership with substantial evidence of contribution and active participation. Such interested member would apply to the Council with a copy of updated Curriculum Vitae, and attachment stating contributions and activities as a member. Application must be duly endorsed by relevant Chapter Chairman
- (vi) **Honorary Fellow:** The title may be conferred by the Institute on an individual with more than 20 years of association with the food industry and the Institution or an outstanding national contribution that is of immense benefit in the Food industry or to the Institute.
- (vii) **Corporate Membership:** This status, Corporate Membership may be conferred by Council upon an industry, a Company, an Institute or any otherwise legally organized body which is judged to have made significant contributions in promoting one or more of the stated objectives of the Institute.

B. MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Membership fees must be paid at the time of application for membership, (it exempts the applicant, upon election, from the annual subscription fees for the first year). The following fees will apply to the various grades of membership.

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Registration:

Fellow	10,000
Member	2,500
Licentiate	2,500
Student Member	600
Honorary Member	.....	2,500

The following annual subscription fees shall be payable by members of the Institute who shall be entitled to two issues of Nigerian Food journal (NIFOJ).

Annual Subscription:

Fellow	.....	11,500
Member	.....	6,500
Licentiate	.....	4,500
Student Member	.....	600 (Exclusive of Journals)
Honorary Member	.....	6,500

C. **Benefits:**

- (i) **Fellows & Members:** Permission to use the designation **FNIFST & MNIFST** respectively.
- (ii) Two issues of NIFOJ.

D. **PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS:**

Application forms can be obtained by writing the National Secretary to whom they are to be returned upon completion. A completed form must be accompanied by appropriate fee in bank draft, bank certified cheque or cash paid at the secretariat at the point of submission or into any **First Bank Plc, A/C No 1892010024633, photocopies of credentials, CV and a certified passport photograph.**

Each application is first sent to a Membership committee scrutineer, who checks it against requirements and makes a preliminary assessment. It is then put before the next Meeting of the Membership Committee which considers the application and makes recommendation to Council. If the Information is inadequate or if references are not adequate, the application has to be deferred until they are available, and may be considered at subsequent meetings of the Membership Committee (held at approximately two monthly intervals). In some cases, it may be necessary for Council to exercise its prerogative of requiring further evidence in whatever form it considers desirable. Finally the recommendation is considered by Council and the applicant is notified of Council's decision.

Note:

1. Applications not accompanied by the appropriate registration fee, Credentials & curriculum vitae will not be considered
2. It should be stressed that it is impossible to pre-judge every conceivable combination of circumstances. Every individual case will be judge on its merits, with Council exercising an absolute discretion as to whether an applicant should be admitted and to what grade.

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