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Office of Establishments and Training,
Office of the Head of Service,
Governor's Office,
Akure.

19 March, 2020.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO:

The Chief of Staff to Mr. Governor,
The Deputy Chief of Staff (Deputy Governor),
The Secretary to the State Government,
Office of the Head of Service,
State Commissioners,
Special Advisers,
Chairmen of Commissions/Boards/Agencies,
Senior Special Assistants to Mr. Governor,
Permanent Secretaries/Tutors-General/Directors-General,
The Clerk, Ondo State House of Assembly,
The Chief Registrar,
The State Auditor-General,
The Auditor-General for Local Governments,
General Managers/Heads of Non-Ministerial Departments,

**COMMENCEMENT OF NATIONAL HOUSING FUND CONTRIBUTION
BY WORKERS IN THE ONDO STATE PUBLIC SERVICE**

As part of its commitment to the improvement of welfare of workers in the State, the Ondo State Government in conjunction with the organised Labour has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) for the participation of Public Servants in the National Housing Fund (NHF) Scheme. This is in accordance with the NHF Act CAP No.45 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, which provides that every Public Servant shall contribute 2.5% of their Basic salaries monthly to the NHF Scheme in order to access housing loan and other benefits embedded in the Scheme.

2. It will be recalled that in 1995, Public Servants in the State actively participated in the NHF Scheme but suspended further contributions since 2000 due to misgivings about the Fund. However, all issues surrounding participation of workers in the Scheme have now been resolved while the Labour Unions have agreed to resume participation in the Scheme for which an MOU has been signed.

3. Towards this end, the monthly deduction of 2.5% from workers' Basic salaries shall

commence with effect from March, 2020 across the Public Service except for those that would retire before 1st April, 2021. Consequently, Registration Forms for the purpose would be distributed to MDAs by the Bank while the Accounts of Public Servants who keyed into the Scheme before it was suspended in 2000 would be reactivated and their earlier contributions credited. It should be stressed that contributors shall be eligible to all the various loan benefits available in the Scheme after contributing for Six (6) months. Hence, all Public Servants are advised to key into the Scheme.

4. All further clarifications and enlightenment on the Fund shall be provided by FMBN from time to time. Accounting officers are, therefore enjoined to give the content of the circular the required publicity, please.



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