

## CIRCULAR

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Chief of Staff to the President,  
Deputy Chief of Staff to the President, Office of the Vice-President,  
Honourable Ministers/Ministers of State,  
Head of Civil Service of the Federation,  
National Security Adviser,  
Chairman, Federal Civil Service Commission,  
Chairman, Federal Character Commission,  
Chairman, Independent National Electoral Commission,  
Chairman, Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission,  
Chairman, National Population Commission,  
Chairman, Code of Conduct Tribunal,  
Chairman, Code of Conduct Bureau,  
Permanent Secretaries,  
Special Adviser/Senior Special Assistants,  
Service Chiefs/Inspector-General of Police,  
Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria,  
Chairman, Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission,  
Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission,  
Chairman, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency,  
Chairman, Federal Inland Revenue Service,  
Chairman, National Assembly Service Commission,  
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Chief Registrar, Supreme Court of Nigeria,  
Secretary, National Judicial Council,  
Auditor-General for the Federation,  
Accountant-General of the Federation,  
Heads of Extra-Ministerial Departments/Directors-General/Chief  
Executive Officers of Parastatals, Agencies and Government-Owned Companies.

## **Mandatory Use of National Identification Number (NIN) for Digital Services and National Public Key Infrastructure (nPKI) Compliance, Service Wide**

Pursuant to extant Service Wide Presidential Directive No 59803/VII/87 of May 28, 2014 as reinforced by **Extra-ordinary Gazette No. 81, Vol 102 (Lagos 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2015)** mandating all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to ensure the effective use of National Identification Number (NIN) to drive the policy on data capture, identification verification and authentication, Government has found it necessary to take further measures to enhance national security, document and identity security, data harmonization as well as facilitate the secure transmission and exchange of information through a national Public Key Infrastructure (nPKI).

2. Accordingly, **Mr. President** has, with effect from the date of this circular, further approved the mandatory use of the National Identification Number (**NIN**) for all services requiring (i) digital authentication; and (ii) verification/individual biometrics, service wide.
3. **Mr. President** has similarly directed all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) that utilize Machine Readable Documents (including travels), to fully comply with the usage of the national Public Key Infrastructure (nPKI) and other associated tools which is under the purview of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), the designated custodian and Country Signer.
4. For seamless implementation, the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) has been mandated to issue necessary guideline(s), Regulations and/or Certification processes as may be appropriate and engage with all MDAs to establish clarity, understanding and modalities for sustainable implementation.
5. Honourable Ministers, Permanent Secretaries, and Heads of Extra-ministerial Departments, Parastatals, Agencies, Armed Services, etc, are to ensure wide circulation and strict compliance with the content of this circular

  
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