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PUBLIC NOTICE

CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF TEXTBOOKS FOR THE 2026 PHASE TWO ASSESSMENT AND RANKING EXERCISE

Following the successful conclusion of Phase One of the National Textbook Assessment and Ranking Exercise, the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) released the final list of approved and ranked textbooks for the 2026–2029 period on September 28, 2026. The list comprised textbooks ranked and approved for Primary 1, Primary 4, Junior Secondary School 1 (JSS 1), and Senior Secondary School 1 (SS 1).

Accordingly, the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) announces the commencement of Phase Two of the 2026 exercise and invites submissions of high-quality, curriculum-compliant textbooks and other instructional resources for assessment, reassessment, and ranking.

All publishers, authors, printers, distributors, and other relevant stakeholders in the book industry are hereby requested to acquaint themselves with, and comply strictly with, the requirements, guidelines, and procedures prescribed in the Book Quality Guidelines and Submission Procedure, available on the NERDC's website at www.nerdc.gov.ng.

For the avoidance of doubt, stakeholders are required to take due note of the following provisions:

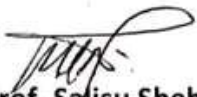
1. **Scope of Phase Two:** Phase Two of the 2026 Assessment and Ranking Exercise shall cover textbooks and other instructional resources for Primary 2, Primary 5, Junior Secondary School 2 (JSS 2), and Senior Secondary School 2 (SS 2).
2. **Mandatory Submission of Textbooks:** All textbooks intended for use at the specified class levels, including titles previously assessed, shall be submitted for assessment or reassessment. This requirement follows the new policy that introduced a ranking system in the textbook assessment and approval protocol.
3. **Assessment and Ranking Procedure:** Every textbook submitted for ranking shall first undergo thorough and comprehensive assessment in accordance with the enhanced assessment process, newly established standards, and approval benchmarks.



4. **Submission Period:** The submission window for Phase Two shall open on October 23 2026, and close on November 23 2026. As stated earlier, this period applies to textbooks and other instructional resources developed for Primary 2, Primary 5, JSS 2, and SS 2 under the new curriculum. All concerned stakeholders are enjoined to comply with this deadline, as submissions received after the stipulated closing date will not be considered for assessment or ranking in this phase.
5. **Payment for Assessment:** All payments relating to the assessment exercise shall be made strictly in accordance with the newly approved procedures. Stakeholders are advised to consult the Book Quality Guidelines and Submission Procedure on www.nerdc.gov.ng for full details of the applicable payment requirements and process.
6. **Correspondence:** All correspondence relating to the exercise shall be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC), Sheda, P.M.B. 91, Garki, FCT, Abuja, Nigeria.

The Council expects all stakeholders to fully and timely comply with the prescribed requirements, procedures, and deadlines to ensure the orderly and successful conduct of Phase Two of the 2026 Textbook Assessment and Ranking Exercise.

The Council acknowledges and appreciates publishers' and other stakeholders' continued cooperation in our efforts to strengthen the quality, relevance, and standards of instructional materials used in Nigerian schools.


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