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THE KENYA SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION BILL, 2025	
AN ACT of Parliament to provide for the establishment of the Kenya School of Communication; to provide for its administration, functions and powers; and for connected purposes.	
ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—	
PART I—PRELIMINARY	
Citation.	1. This Act may be cited as the Kenya School of Communication Act, 2025.
Interpretation.	<p>“Cabinet Secretary” means the Cabinet Secretary responsible for matters relating to information, Communication and Technology;</p> <p>“Campuses:means the former Campuses specified in the Schedule and such other campuses as the Council may, declare to be campuses of the School under section 3(4);</p> <p>“certification” means the formal recognition of meeting the standards and qualifications, in media practice, established by the Council;</p> <p>“Director General” means the Director General appointed under section 12;</p> <p>“Council” means the Council of the Kenya School of Communication established under section 5;</p> <p>“media practitioner” means any person who not being a journalist engages in the practice of journalism or being an employee of a media enterprise, engages in the writing, editing or dissemination of news or information to the public, through print media, broadcast, the internet or any other person recognized as such by the Council;</p> <p>“School” means the Kenya School of Communication established under section 3;</p>

	PART II – ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SCHOOL
Establishment of the School	2. (1) There is established the Kenya School of Communication.
	(2) The School shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—
	(a) suing and being sued; (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of movable and immovable property; (c) entering into contracts; (d) borrowing and lending money; and (e) doing or performing all such other things or acts, including entering into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for the furtherance of the provisions of this Act which may lawfully be done by a body corporate.
LN No. 197 of 2011	(3) The School shall be the successor of the Institute established under section 3 of the Kenya Institute of Mass Communication Order, 2011.
Functions of the School	3. (1) The School shall provide education, training, and professional development in communication, creative arts, and mass media.
	(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the School shall—

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) provide learning and training in matters relating to communication, creative arts, and mass media.(b) award post-graduate diplomas, diplomas, certificates, or such other qualifications as the Council may determine;(c) provide specialized training for media practitioners;(d) promote continuous learning in matters relating to communication for public service;(e) develop, review and approve programmes, curricula and curricula support material in the field of communication, creative arts and mass media.(f) conduct examinations or any other assessment for such academic awards as the Council may from time to time determine;(g) provide continuous professional development in media, communication, and mass media;(h) produce and disseminate programs in communication, creative arts, and mass media;(i) partner and collaborate with other local and international learning institutions to provide education and training in matters relating to communication, creative arts, and mass media;(j) provide research and consultancy services on matters relating to communication, creative arts, and mass media;(k) establish centres of excellence in areas of communication, creative arts, and mass media;
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	<p>(l) advise the government on matters relating to communication, creative arts, and mass media; and</p> <p>(m) perform any other functions that may be assigned by the Cabinet Secretary or prescribed by any other written law.</p>
	<p>(3) For the better carrying out of the functions and objects of the School, the Council may establish Campuses of the School.</p>
Admission to the School	<p>4.(1) Admission to the School as a candidate for a diploma, certificate, post graduate diploma or other award shall be open to all persons who meet the admission requirements as determined by the Academic Board.</p>
Conferring of Awards	<p>5.(1) Subject to this Act, the Council may confer diplomas, certificates, or any other academic awards which the School is, for the time being, authorised by statute to grant.</p> <p>(2) The Council may withdraw an award or qualification conferred under subsection (1) if it is satisfied that—</p> <p>(a) the award was granted contrary to any requirement prescribed under this Act or any other written laws; or</p> <p>(b) the qualification was obtained through fraud, misrepresentation, or other improper means.</p>
	PART III – GOVERNANCE OF THE SCHOOL
Council of the School	<p>6.(1) The management of the School shall vest in a Council consisting of—</p> <p>(a) a non-executive chairperson appointed by the President;</p>

	<p>(b) the Principal Secretary responsible for matters relating to communications, or a representative designated in writing;</p> <p>(c) the Principal Secretary responsible for the National Treasury, or a representative designated in writing;</p> <p>(d) the Principal Secretary responsible for matters relating to technical and vocational training, or a representative designated in writing;</p> <p>(e) the Attorney-General, or a representative designated in writing;</p> <p>(f) four other persons, not being public officers, appointed by the Cabinet Secretary; and</p> <p>(g) the Director General, who shall be an ex officio member of the Council.</p>
	(2) A person is qualified for appointment as the Chairperson, if the person—
	<p>(a) holds a degree from a university recognised in Kenya.</p> <p>(b) has at least ten years' experience in leadership and management, and has served in a senior management position in either the public or private sector; and</p> <p>(c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.</p> <p>(3) A person shall be qualified for appointment as a member of the Council under section 5(1)(f) if that person—</p> <p>(a) holds a degree from a university recognized in Kenya;</p>

	<p>(b) has at least ten years' experience in matters related to communication, finance, human resource, law, planning, education, risk management or any other related field; and</p> <p>(c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.</p> <p>(4) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as the Chairperson or as a member of the Council if that person—</p> <p>(a) is an undischarged bankrupt; or</p> <p>(b) has been convicted of a criminal offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a term of at least six months; or</p> <p>(c) has been removed from any public office for contravening the provisions of the Constitution or any other written law.</p>
	<p>(5) The appointment of the Chairperson under subsection (1)(a) and members under subsection (1)(f) shall be based on merit, industry experience, special knowledge, profession, or skill that is of benefit to the School.</p> <p>(6) The chairperson and members of the Council appointed under subsection (1)(a) and (f) shall hold office for a term of three years and may be eligible for reappointment for one further term.</p> <p>(7) The appointment of the Chairperson and members of the Council under subsection (1)(a) and (f) shall be by notice in the Gazette.</p> <p>(8) The Chairperson and members of the Council shall be paid such allowances as the Cabinet Secretary may, in consultation with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission, determine.</p>

	<p>(9) The members of the Council shall be appointed at different times so that the expiry dates of their respective terms of office do not fall on the same date.</p>
Vacation of Office	<p>7.(1) A member of the Council shall cease to hold office—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) upon the expiry of the term of appointment;(b) upon resignation, by notice in writing to the appointing authority;(c) if absent, without the permission of the chairperson, from three consecutive meetings of the Council;(d) upon death;(e) if convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment for a term exceeding six months;(f) if adjudged bankrupt; or(g) if incapacitated by prolonged physical or mental illness and is incapable of discharging the duties of the office. <p>(2) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Council under subsection (1), the appointing authority shall appoint a new member in accordance with this Act.</p>
Functions of the Council	<p>8.The functions of the Council shall be to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) approve and oversee the implementation of the projects, programmes, strategies, and policies of the School;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(b) ensure that the School complies with all applicable laws, regulations, governance practices, accounting procedures, and auditing standards;(c) develop statutes for the administration of the School;(d) consider and approve the budget of the School;(e) promote and maintain standards, quality, and relevance in education and training in the School in accordance with this Act and any other written law;(f) monitor performance and ensure the effective and efficient utilization of the resources of the School;(g) approve the appointment criteria and the terms and conditions of service for staff;(h) mobilise resources for the School;(i) approve training programmes;(j) approve the scale of fees payable by or in respect of training at the School;(k) oversee the conduct of education and training in the School in accordance with the provisions of this Act and any other written law;and(l) perform any other function conferred on it by this Act or any other written law.

Powers of the Council	<p>9.(1) The Council shall have all powers necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the School under this Act and, in particular, may—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) establish a subsidiary company, joint venture, or any other special purpose vehicle for the purpose of discharging the mandate of the School;(b) allocate resources for capital and recurrent expenditure, and for the reserves of the School;(c) receive, on behalf of the School, grants, gifts, donations, endowments, or other moneys, and make disbursements therefrom in accordance with the law;(d) open such bank accounts for the funds of the School as may be necessary; and(e) invest any funds of the School not immediately required for its purposes. <p>(2) In exercising its powers under subsection (1), the Council shall comply with relevant laws.</p>
Conduct of Business for the Council	<p>10. The conduct of the business and affairs of the Council shall be conducted in accordance to the provisions of the State Corporation Act cap 446.</p>
Delegation by the Council	<p>11. The Council may, by resolution and in writing, delegate the exercise of any of its powers or the performance of any of its functions under this Act to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) committee of the Council;(b) member of the Council; or(c) an officer or employee of the School.

	<p>(2) A function or power delegated under subsection (1) shall be exercised or performed in the name and on behalf of the School, and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the instrument of delegation.</p> <p>(3) A delegation under this section shall not prevent the Council from itself exercising the power or performing the function so delegated.</p>
Committees of the Council	<p>12.(1) The Council may, for the effective discharge of its functions, establish such committees as it considers necessary.</p> <p>(2) The Council may, by resolution, either generally or in any particular case, delegate to a committee established under subsection (1) the exercise of any of its powers or the performance of any of its functions or duties under this Act.</p> <p>(3) The Council may co-opt into the membership of a committee any person whose knowledge and skills are considered necessary for the effective discharge of the functions of the School.</p> <p>(4) A person co-opted into a committee under subsection (3) may attend and participate in the deliberations of the committee but shall not have a right to vote at its meetings.</p>
Director General	<p>13.(1) The Council shall, through an open and competitive process, and in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary, appoint a suitably qualified person to be the Director General of the School.</p> <p>(2) A person shall be qualified for appointment as the Director General if that person—</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) holds a postgraduate degree from a university recognized in Kenya;(b) has at least ten years' experience in matters related to communication, finance, human resource, law, economics, education, risk management or any other related field, and(c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution. <p>(3) The Director General shall be responsible to the Council for—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the day-to-day management of the School;(b) the implementation of the decisions of the Council;(c) managing the funds, property, and affairs of the School;(d) the supervision of the staff of the School;(e) the preparation of strategies, frameworks, guidelines, policies, and programmes for consideration by the Council;(f) the implementation of the strategies, frameworks, guidelines, programmes, and policies of the School;(g) preparing annual budgets for approval by the Council; and
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	<p>(h) performing any other function incidental to the functions of the School as may be assigned by the Council.</p> <p>(4) The Director General shall be appointed for a term of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one further term.</p> <p>(5) The Council may terminate the appointment of the Director General in accordance with the terms and conditions of service for—</p> <p>(a) inability to perform the functions of the office arising from physical or mental incapacity;</p> <p>(b) gross misconduct;</p> <p>(c) negligence of duty; or</p> <p>(d) any other ground that may justify removal from office under the terms and conditions of service.</p>
Corporation Secretary	<p>14.(1) The Council shall, appoint a suitably qualified person to be the Corporation Secretary.</p> <p>(2) The Corporation Secretary shall—</p> <p>(a) serve as the secretary to the Council;</p> <p>(b) provide guidance to the Council on its duties, responsibilities, and powers; and</p> <p>(c) perform such other duties as the Council may direct.</p> <p>(3) The Corporation Secretary shall be responsible to the Director General in the performance of their duties under this Act.</p>

Academic Board	<p>15.(1) There shall be an Academic Board of the School consisting of—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Director General, who shall be the chairperson; (b) the person in charge of academic affairs; (c) the person in charge of advancement and placement; (d) the person in charge of student welfare; (e) the person in charge of legal services; (f) the heads of the School’s campuses; and (g) two students of opposite gender, elected by the students of the School. <p>(2) The student members elected under subsection (1)(g) shall not attend meetings of the Academic Board when the Board is considering matters—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) relating to examinations; (b) relating to the discipline of students; or (c) which the Director General considers to be confidential. <p>(3) The Director General may co-opt into the Academic Board for a particular reason any person whose knowledge and skills are considered necessary for the effective discharge of its functions.</p>
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	<p>(4) The person in charge of academic affairs shall be the secretary to the Academic Board.</p> <p>(5) The functions of the Academic Board shall be to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) oversee the development and review of academic programmes and curricula, and report to the Council;(b) propose regulations for consideration by the Council regarding eligibility for admission, student welfare, and the standard of proficiency to be attained in each examination for the award of a certificate, diploma, or other award of the School;(c) determine the persons who have attained the prescribed standard of proficiency and are otherwise fit to be granted a postgraduate diploma, diploma, certificate, or any other award of the School, and report its decision thereon to the Council;(d) establish and uphold academic standards and policies to maintain the quality and integrity of the education provided by the School;(e) implement academic policies and regulations governing various aspects of student academic life, including admissions, attendance, progression, credit transfers, recognition, exchange programmes, grading, academic conduct, and academic appeals;(f) develop the academic calendar and academic programmes of study for approval by the Council;
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	<p>(g) settle academic matters within the School and deal with academic disputes; and</p> <p>(h) receive and approve examination results.</p>
Staff of the School	<p>16.The School shall, through a competitive recruitment process, appoint such staff as may be necessary for the efficient discharge of its functions under this Act.</p>
Seal and Execution of Documents	<p>17.(1) The common seal of the School shall be kept in the custody of the Corporation Secretary.</p> <p>(2) The common seal shall not be affixed to any instrument or document except with the authority of the Council.</p> <p>(3) The affixing of the common seal of the School shall be authenticated by the signatures of—</p> <p>(a) the Chairperson of the Council; and</p> <p>(b) the Director General.</p>
Alumni Association	<p>18.(1) There shall be an Alumni Association of the School comprising of past graduates of the School;</p> <p>(2) The Alumni Association shall perform any functions as it may consider necessary in the interests of the School.</p>
	PART IV—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS
Funds of the School	<p>19.(1) The funds of the School shall consist of—</p> <p>(a) such moneys as may accrue or vest in the School in the course of the exercise of its powers or the performance of its functions under this Act or any other written law;</p> <p>(b) such sums as may be payable to the School under this Act or any other written law;</p>

	<p>(c) such sums as may be appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the School; and</p> <p>(d) gifts, grants, or donations made to the School.</p> <p>(2) The funds of the School shall be applied for the purposes of the School in accordance with this Act.</p>
Financial Year	<p>20. The financial year of the School shall be the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of June in each year.</p>
Annual Estimates	<p>21.(1) The Council shall cause to be prepared estimates of the income and expenditure of the School for each financial year.</p> <p>(2) The annual estimates shall provide for—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the recurrent and development expenditure of the School; (b) the payment of salaries, allowances, and other charges in respect of staff; (c) the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the property of the School; (d) the creation of reserves for the purposes of the School; and (e) any other expenditure necessary for the purposes of the School. <p>(3) The annual estimates shall be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary for approval before the commencement of the financial year.</p>

Accounts and Audit Cap 412A Cap 412B	<p>22.(1) The Council shall cause to be kept proper books and records of account of the income, expenditure, assets, and liabilities of the School.</p> <p>(2) The accounts of the School shall be prepared, audited, and reported upon in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act, and the Public Audit Act, .</p>
Annual report	<p>23.The Council shall, within three months after the end of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Cabinet Secretary a report of the operations of the School for the immediately preceding financial year.</p>
	PART V—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Regulations	<p>24.(1) The Cabinet Secretary may make regulations generally for giving effect to this Act, and for prescribing anything required or necessary to be prescribed by or under this Act.</p> <p>(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), such regulations may provide for—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) admission requirements, criteria, and procedures for the award of certificates, diplomas, postgraduate diplomas, or other qualifications of the School; (b) the structure, content, and duration of academic programmes; (c) the design, delivery, and accreditation of training programmes for media practitioners; (d) the conferment, withdrawal, or revocation of academic awards and honours;

	<p>(e) the establishment, accreditation, and operation of campuses of the School;</p> <p>(f) fees, levies, and charges payable to the School, including exemptions, waivers, or refunds;</p> <p>(g) procedures for collaboration and partnerships with other institutions, both local and international; and</p> <p>(h) any other matter necessary or expedient for the better carrying into effect of the provisions of this Act.</p> <p>(3) For the purposes of Article 94(6) of the Constitution—</p> <p>(a) the purpose and objective of the delegation under this section is to enable the Cabinet Secretary to make regulations for better carrying into effect the provisions of this Act; and</p> <p>(b) the authority of the Cabinet Secretary to make regulations under this Act shall be limited to bringing into effect the provisions of this Act and the fulfilment of the objectives specified under this section.</p> <p>(4) The principles and standards applicable to the delegated power referred to under this Act are those found in—</p> <p>(a) the Statutory Instruments Act, 2013 (Cap. 2A);</p> <p>(b) the Interpretation and General Provisions Act (Cap. 2);</p>
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	<p>(c) the general rules of international law as specified under Article 2(5) of the Constitution; and</p> <p>(d) any treaty or convention ratified by Kenya under Article 2(6) of the Constitution.</p>
Transitional and Savings	<p>25.(1) In this section—</p> <p>“former Institute” means the Kenya Institute of Mass Communication established under section 3 of the Kenya Institute of Mass Communication Order, 2011 (L.N. 197 of 2011);</p> <p>“former Council members” means the chairperson and members of the Council of the Kenya Institute of Mass Communication immediately before the commencement date of this Act.</p> <p>(2) On the commencement date of this Act—</p> <p>(a) the chairperson and members of the Council of the former Institute shall continue in office as the chairperson and members of the Council of the School, respectively, and shall serve for the remainder of their term;</p> <p>(b) the Director of the former Institute shall continue in office as the Director General of the School and shall serve for the remainder of the term;</p> <p>(c) the staff of the former Institute shall continue in service as the staff of the School on the same terms and conditions of service;</p> <p>(d) all contracts, rights, duties, obligations, assets, and liabilities of the former Institute shall vest in the School;</p>

	<p>(e) any reference to the former Institute in any contract or document shall, for all purposes, be deemed to be a reference to the School;</p> <p>(f) any certificate issued by the former Institute in the exercise of its functions shall be deemed to have been issued by the School under this Act;</p> <p>(g) all actions, suits, or legal proceedings pending by or against the former Institute shall be continued or prosecuted by or against the School; and</p> <p>(h) the pension scheme established by the former Institute shall be deemed to be the pension scheme of the School.</p>
Revocation	26. The State Corporations (Kenya Institute of Mass Communication) Order, 2011 (L.N. 197 of 2011) is revoked.

