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SINCE 2006

18th Edition

THEME:

Sustainable Financing and Taxation

28th September – 9th October 2023

10:00AM

Venue: Abuja Trade and Convention Centre
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NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arise, O compatriots,
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland
With love and strength and faith
The labour of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom, peace
and unity.

Oh God of creation,
direct our noble cause
Guide our leader's right
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace and
justice shall reign.

NATIONAL PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country.
To be faithful, loyal and honest.
To serve Nigeria with all my strength.
To defend her unity, and uphold her
honour and glory.
So help me God.



His Excellency

Sen. Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR

President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



His Excellency

Sen. Kashim Shettima, GCON

Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

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His Excellency

Ezenwo Nyesom Wike, CON

Honourable Minister, Federal Capital Territory

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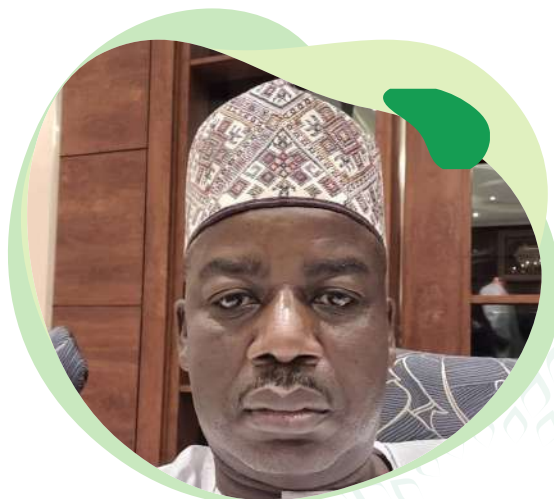


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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

No: 2022/002

SUBJECT:

INFORMATION CIRCULAR ON THE DEMAND FOR TAX CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (TCC) AND VERIFICATION OF GENUINENESS BY MINISTRIES DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (MDAs), SECRETARIAT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF FCTA (SDAs) AND COMMERCIAL BANKS

This circular is issued for the information and guidance of the Ministries, Departments & Agencies (MDAs) of Government and Commercial Banks as well as FCTA's Secretariats, Departments, Agencies, Area Councils, Corporate Bodies and Statutory Authorities in accordance with the provisions of the relevant tax laws.

1.0 Introduction

The purpose of this circular is to provide insight regarding the demand and verification of a Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) by MDAs, SDAs and Commercial Banks from individuals and business names who have dealings with respect to any transaction and to verify the genuineness of the TCC before rendering services.

The circular enumerates transactions that requires the demand and verification of a TCC before service are to be rendered and the penalties for defaulting.

For the purpose of this guidance, a **transaction** is any form of dealings, contractual engagement, communication, business, trade, connection or relationship between an MDA, SDAs, a Commercial Bank and an individual or business name.

2.0 Background

A TCC is a document issued by the **relevant Tax Authority** to a Taxpayer who has fully complied with his/her tax obligations for the three preceding years of an assessment. The relevant Tax Authority is the States Internal Revenue Services (SIRS), which is the Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service (FCT-IRS) in case of FCT residents and the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) accordingly.

The TCC is issued when the relevant Tax Authority substantiates that the tax assessed on the **total income** of an individual or business name is fully paid and that no tax is due on the global income or that the individual is not liable to tax for any of the three preceding years of assessment.

The features of a TCC include the chargeable income, tax payable, tax paid, tax outstanding and Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

3.0 Legal Framework

Section 85 (2),(4),(5),(6)&(9) of the Personal Income Tax Act (PITA), 2011 (as amended) provides that the Federal Government MDAs and Commercial Banks shall demand for a TCC covering the immediate three years preceding the current year of assessment and shall verify its genuineness by referring same to the issuing Tax Authority.

Section 85 (2) provides that "A Ministry, Department or an Agency of Government or a commercial bank with whom a person has any dealing with respect to any of the transactions mentioned in subsection (4) of this section, shall demand from the person a tax clearance certificate for the three years immediately preceding the

current year of assessment and shall verify the genuineness by referring same to the issuing tax authority".

Section 31(5) of the FCT-IRS Act, 2015 provides that the FCTA's SDAs or officials of the FCTA, Area Council officials, any Corporate Body, Statutory Authority are to **demand** from an individual or business name, a tax clearance certificate for the immediate three years preceding the current year of assessment and shall **verify** the genuineness by referring same to the issuing tax authority.

Section 31 (5) provides that "A department, agency or official of the FCTA, any Area Council official, any corporate body, statutory authority or person empowered in that regard by this Act or any other law shall demand a tax clearance certificate for the three years immediately preceding the current year of assessment as a pre-condition to transacting any business".

4.0 Affected Transactions

This circular specifically focuses on the transactions listed below for the purpose of monitoring and compliance: -

- i. application for Government loan for industry or business;
- ii. registration of motor vehicle;
- iii. application for foreign exchange or exchange control permission to remit funds outside Nigeria;
- iv. application for certificate of occupancy;
- v. application for award of contracts by Government, its agencies and registered companies;
- vi. application for approval of building plans;
- vii. application for trade licence;
- viii. application for transfer of real property;
- ix. application for agent licence;
- x. application for pools or gaming licence;
- xi. application for registration as a contractor;
- xii. application for distributorship;
- xiii. confirmation of appointment by Government as chairman or member of a public board, institution, commission, company or to any other similar position made by the Government;
- xiv. stamping of guarantor's form for a Nigerian passport;
- xv. application for registration of a limited liability company or of a business name;
- xvi. application for allocation of market stalls;
- xvii. appointment or election into public office;
- xviii. application for change of ownership of vehicle by the vendor;
- xix. application for plot of land;
- xx. application for FCTA loan for housing, business or any other purpose;
- xxi. application for allocation of market stalls;
- xxii. any other transaction as may be determined from time to time.

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5.0 Demand and Verification Process

The importance of demanding and verifying a TCC before rendering the above services cannot be over-emphasized. In line with the provision of the tax laws, the transactions mentioned in 4.0 are practically income driven where tax is derived. Hence, demanding for a TCC before rendering such services would further strengthen the legal obligations of FCT residents in terms of taxation and thereby lead to increase in Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) as well as socio-infrastructure development of FCT.

5.1 Demand for TCC:

5.1.1 Demand for TCC by MDAs and other FCTA Secretariat & Agencies

The Federal Government of Nigeria and the FCT Administration are responsible for regulations as well as enabling the ease of doing business. Its MDAs deal with granting of several approvals in which a TCC is a mandatory document required before a service is rendered.

Such services may include, but are not limited to, Government grants approvals for loans to business owners, motor vehicle registration/renewals, Certificate of Occupancy (CoO) to Land owners awards contracts, building plans/change of use, transfer of property, confirmation of appointments, change of ownership of vehicles etc.

These transactions and other related engagements by the Federal MDAs and FCTA SDAs as the case may be should be rendered after a TCC is presented showing that the tax obligations are fully complied with.

5.1.2 Demand by Commercial Banks and other Financial Institutions

The Commercial Banks and other Money Deposit Banks (MDBs) such as Micro-Finance Banks, Mortgage Banks, Pension Funds Administrators and other financial institutions are required to demand for Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC) as part of documentation while applying for foreign exchange or exchange control permission to remit funds outside Nigeria.

Section 85 (5) of Personal Income Tax Act (PITA), 2011 (as amended) states clearly that "An applicant for control permission to remit funds to a non-resident recipient in respect of income accruing from rent, dividend, interest, royalty, fees or any other similar income shall be required to produce a tax clearance certificate to the effect that tax has been paid on the fund in respect of which the application is sought or that no tax is payable, whichever is the case".

5.2 Verification Process

A TCC issued by the FCT-Internal Revenue Service is verifiable through the followings channels: -

- a. The TCC can also be **verified** via the **Quick Response (QR) code** using an Android or IOS devices by scanning the QR Code at the bottom right corner of the TCC.
The scan result redirects the verifier to a Uniform Resource Locator (URL), which opens the TCC for instant verification. The verifier can copy, search for or share the TCC where necessary

- b. **Alternatively**, you may **refer** the TCC presented to the FCT-IRS in writing, with the subject '**Request for Verification of TCC**' and address same to

The Executive Chairman,
FCT-Internal Revenue Service
No. 3, Abriba Close, Area 7, Garki - Abuja

6.0 Penalty for Defaulting MDAs, SDAs and Commercial Banks

Section 85 (9) of the Personal Income Tax Act, 2011 (As amended) state that,

"A person be it a government organisation or corporate entity to whom section 85(2) applies who fails to comply with same is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of N5,000,000.00 or to imprisonment for 3 years or both fine and imprisonment".

The aforementioned section of the law implies that any MDAs, SDAs, officials of the FCTA, Area Council officials, any corporate body, statutory Authority or Commercial Banks who violates the above provision will be periodically reported for sanctioning on case by case basis.

7.0 Monitoring and Periodic Enforcement for Compliance

In line with Section 37 (2) of FCT-IRS Act, 2015 the FCT-IRS shall under-go a comprehensive monitoring and enforcement exercise monthly, quarterly or annually to ascertain the level of compliance by the MDAs, SDAs, Commercial Banks and other related bodies that are responsible for demanding and verifying of TCCs before a service is rendered.

During the periodic Monitoring & Enforcement exercise, copies of TCCs provided by any individuals or business name and verified by the MDAs, SDAs, Commercial Banks and other related bodies will be investigated to ascertain the violation of any tax law, whether or not such violation has been reported to the Service.

8.0 Amendment or Revision of the Circular

The FCT-IRS may from time to time review this circular for the purpose of amendment or at any time withdraw or replace the circular and publish an updated or amended version.

9.0 Enquiries

For further clarifications or enquiries regarding this Circular, please contact the following:

The Executive Chairman,
FCT-Internal Revenue Service
No. 3, Abriba Close, Area 7, Garki – Abuja

Or
Director, Tax Operations
FCT-Internal Revenue Service
No. 3, Abriba Close, Area 7, Garki – Abuja

Or
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Signed
Executive Chairman,
FCT-IRS

ACCI Centres and Profile

The Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry has established 4 key Centers necessary for the services it offers.

Abuja Trade Centre (ATC)



Responsibility

- Promote and support businesses of members
- Conduct local and international trade promotions
- Organize trade fairs and trade expos
- Support local and international investment drive
- Facilitate National, Regional and International trade and export
- Assist with international trade documentation, Certificate of Origin, ETLS, etc.
- Provide Trade Data and Information, Applicable Rules, Regulations and Incentives.
- Facilitate Business Matchmaking (B2B, B2C)
- Provision of Corporate services, physical and virtual offices.
- Provision of meeting rooms and conferencing facilities.

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Nigerian Chambers of Commerce Dispute Resolution Centre (NCCDRC)



Responsibility

The NCCDRC focuses on helping its members and the general public resolve conflicts without the hazards associated with Police and Courts. These are among others, the essentials of the centre:

- Provide facilities for Alternate Dispute Resolution like Arbitration, Mediation, Conciliation and Negotiation in respect to commercial and other disputes
- Organise Trainings and Capacity Development in Alternate Dispute Resolution processes and related services.
- Provide advisory services
- Promote Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanisms as a viable means of dispute settlement

www.nccdrc.org

Business Entrepreneurship, Skills, and Technology (BEST) Centre



Responsibility

- Provide donor funded capacity development programs in Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET), Business and Entrepreneurial Skill trainings
- Conduct trainings, skills and capacity development
- Promote innovation and technology
- Promote and support SME business development
- Operate an E-learning platform
- Connect experienced business practitioners with small business owner/managers
- Platform for networking among young entrepreneurs and investors
- Mentoring
- Pitching of Business ideas to chamber members and potential investors.

www.accibestcentre.com

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Responsibility

- Policy Study
- Policy Consulting
- Policy Advocacy
- Policy Marketing
- Organize workshops/Roundtable, seminars, conferences, etc on (a) ease of doing business.
- Help in facilitating work around the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) initiative
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- Re-introduce the annual "Excellence Awards" to be given on merit.
- Conventional and social Media outreaches.
- Take a position on policy on the Economy, trade, or any other public policy issues that affect the welfare of the citizens.
- Embark on any other emerging economic issues that will add positive value to the nation.

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Speech by ACCI President

SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE PRESIDENT, ABUJA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ACCI), DR. AL-MUJTABA ABUBAKAR FCA, MFR, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 18TH ABUJA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR ON THE 28th of SEPTEMBER 2023 AT ABUJA TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE OF ACCI

PROTOCOL

1. On behalf of the Council and members of ACCI, I warmly welcome you to the 18th edition of the Abuja International Trade Fair (AITF). Our goal is to connect businesses with lucrative trade and investment opportunities both locally and internationally.
2. The AITF is a prestigious multi-sectoral event in Nigeria, offering domestic and international exhibitors a platform to showcase new products, access untapped markets, forge valuable business relationships, and stay ahead of emerging trends in Africa.
3. This inclusive trading platform welcomes companies, trade associations, government agencies, and private sector organizations, serving as a catalyst for establishing fruitful investment and trade relations.
4. With its strategic location in Abuja, the nation's capital, and easy accessibility to all regions of Nigeria, hosting a significant number of international and local participants is both advantageous and secure.
5. The 18th edition of the Fair, themed "Sustainable Financing and Taxation as Drivers for the New Economy," will provide a platform for businesses to engage with financial and tax institutions, discuss current trends and solutions, and foster sustainable approaches to the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).
6. The Fair will showcase innovative products and solutions in sectors such as Fintech, tax collection, payment systems, e-health, food processing, and environmental safety. It offers a unique and inclusive business gathering with ample marketing opportunities and exciting activities.
7. The Trade Fair brings together diverse industries, facilitating exchanges between national and international stakeholders and fostering interactions between businesses and government agencies.
8. This edition features foreign representations, trade missions, and international organizations presenting their businesses, economic cooperation projects, and featured products and technologies.

9. The AITF has served as a trusted global trade destination, attracting over 500,000 consumers and providing a platform for business relationships, trade opportunities, and ideas.
10. As a leading Chamber of Commerce and Industry, we continuously strive to improve the quality of our trade events, and this year we have added side attractions such as rewards, free jollof rice tasting, and a fashion runway to enhance the Fair's appeal.
11. Other sideline events include business networking, B2B, B2G, B2C meetings, special days, raffle draws, virtual and physical games, free fashion masterclass, free business compliance and ethics trainings and more.
12. ACCI promotes small businesses and has collaborated with Zenith Bank Plc to provide free stores for women-owned businesses at the Fair. We are also collaborating with the FCT Inland Revenue Service for a plenary session on tax harmonization and double taxation.
13. In our efforts to promote economic development, we have partnered with the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA) to co-host the Africa Space Economy Conference and Exhibition, focusing on the economic benefits of the space sector and its role in socio-economic development. You are all invited to this event in October 2023.
14. Finally, Trade Fair is part of our initiative to connect businesses and create a platform for policymakers to interact with the business community, recognizing the vital role of small businesses in the national economy.
15. We encourage everyone to participate in the 12-day event, engage in business networking, and attend special days organized by government agencies, ministries, parastatals, states, private sector, and countries at the Fair.
16. Once again, thank you all for joining us, and we look forward to a successful Fair.

Dr. Al-Mujtaba Abubakar. FCA, MFR
President, ACCI

Opening Ceremony Programme

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

09:00 AM- 12:45 PM

9:45am	Arrival of Special Guests and Dignitaries
9:50am	Arrival of Ministers, Ambassadors and VIPs
9:55am	Arrival of His Excellency, the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR.
10:00am	National Anthem
10:05am	Protocols
10:10am	Welcome address by Dr. Al-Mujtaba Abubakar, FCA, MFR President Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
10:20am	Special Goodwill Message by Otunba Dele Oye, Esq, National President of NACCIMA
10:30am	Special Goodwill Message by Mr. Faman Toure, President Federation of West Africa Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FEWACCI).
10:40am	Special Goodwill Message by the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, His Excellency, Amb. Ibrahima Salaheddine
10:45am	Other Special Goodwill Message from the Diplomatic community <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Chinese Embassy• Indian High Commission• Embassy of Equatoria Guinea• Embassy of Namibia
10:55am	Goodwill messages from our partners and sponsors <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FCT Internal Revenue Service• Dangote PLC• Zenith Bank
11:00am	Special remarks by Her Excellency, Dr. Doris Uzoka-Anite, Honorable Minister Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment
11:10am	Special remarks by the chief host, Nyesom Ezenwo Wike CON, Honorable Minister, Federal Capital Territory.
11:25am	Presidential remarks by His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, GCFR
11:35am	Vote of thanks by Dr. Victoria Akai, Director General, Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry
11:40am	Declaring the 18th edition of AITF open/Cutting of the Tape by His Excellency, Nyesom Ezenwo Wike CON Honorable Minister, Federal Capital Territory.
11:45am	National Anthem



11:50am	Tour of Stands
12:10pm	Reception at Dele Oye Hall (VIPs only)
12: 45pm	Departure of Mr. President, the Ministers and Special Guests.

1: 00- 3:30pm

PANEL SESSION ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCING AND TAXATION

1:00pm	Arrival /Registration of Participants
1:10pm	National Anthem/Opening Prayer
1:15pm	Welcoming & Recognition of Dignitaries
1: 20pm	Remarks by the Director, Abuja Trade Centre
1:30pm	Keynote address by the Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning
1:40pm	Keynote address by Mr. Haruna Y. Abdullahi, Acting Executive Chairman of Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service (FCT-IRS)

1:50pm

PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE TOPIC OF "SUSTAINABLE FINANCING AND TAXATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Moderator:	Director, Abuja Trade Centre
Discussants:	CBN, FIRS, FCT-IRS, BOI, etc.
2:50pm	Q&A session
3:00pm	Closing Remarks
3:05pm	Group Photographs
3:10pm	Lunch Session
3:25pm	Networking and Exhibition Tour

Special Day

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

11:00AM
International Day

11:00AM -1:00PM
Fashion Masterclass

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2023- END OF FAIR

12:00PM – 5:00PM
Fashion Runway

Closing Ceremony Programme

MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 2023

09:00 AM- 12:45 PM



9:45am	Arrival of Special Guests and Dignitaries
9:50am	Arrival of the Honorable Minister of the Federal Capital Territory.
10:00am	National Anthem
10:05am	Introduction and Recognition of Special Guests and Dignitaries
10:10am	Welcome address by Alh. Dr Al-Mujtaba Abubakar FCA MFR, President Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
10:20am	Remarks by Dr Johnson Anene, Chairman, Abuja Trade Centre
10:30am	Remarks by the First Deputy President, Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chief Emeka Obegolu, SAN
10:30am	Remarks by our Sponsors, DANGOTE, ZENITH BANK, FCT-IRS etc.
10:45am	Special Goodwill Message
10:55am	Special remarks by the host His Excellency, Nyesome Ezewon Wike CON, Honorable Minister Federal Capital Territory
11:15am	Presentation of Awards and Certificates
11:30am	Declaring 18th edition of AITF closed by Her Excellency, Dr. Doris Uzoka-Anite, Honorable Minister Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment
11:35am	National Anthem
11:40am	Tour of Stands
11:50am	Departure of the Honorable Minister and Special Dignitaries

Closing



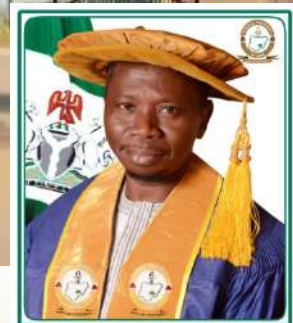
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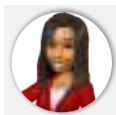
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TCC VERIFICATION PROCESS CIRCULAR

The Federal Capital Territory Internal Revenue Service (FCTIRS) would like to inform you about the simplified process for verifying the genuineness of Tax Clearance Certificates (TCC). These circular aims to streamline the verification process and provide clear guidelines for MDAs, SDAs, Commercial Banks, and the general public.

1. Preamble:

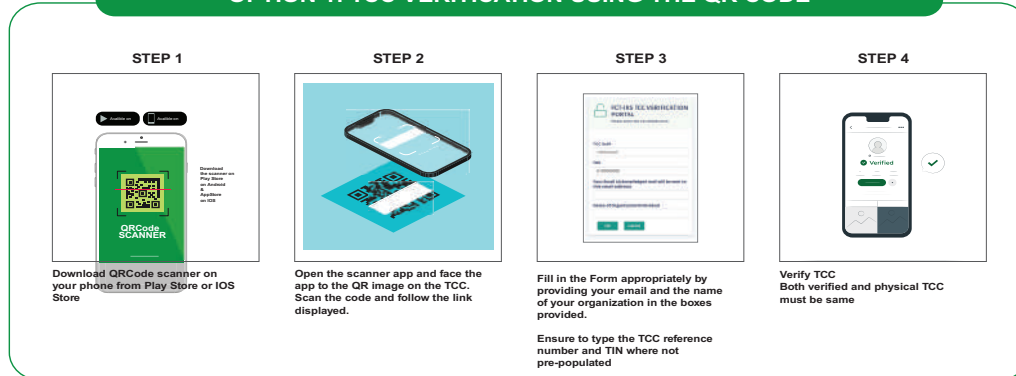
On 4 November 2022, the FCTIRS issued an information circular regarding the Demand for Tax Clearance Certificates (TCC) and the verification of its genuineness by MDAs, SDAs of FCTA, and Commercial Banks. In line with our commitment to continuous improvement and simplification of processes, we are pleased to introduce the following methods to verify TCCs more efficiently.

2. Simplified Verification Methods:

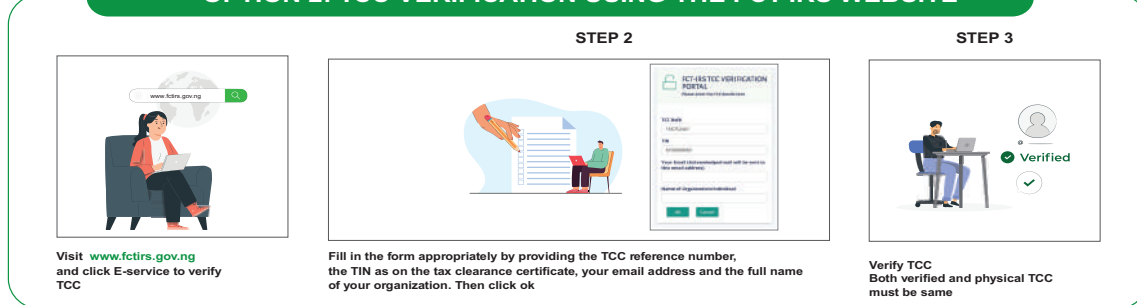
There are three ways to verify the authenticity of a Tax Clearance Certificate (TCC):

a) QR Code Verification:

- Each TCC issued by the FCTIRS is embedded with a unique QR code.
- Verifiers can use a QR code scanner to scan the code and obtain instant verification results.
- The QR code will provide real-time information on the authenticity of the TCC.

OPTION 1: TCC VERIFICATION USING THE QR CODE

b) Online Verification via FCT-IRS Website:

- In cases where the verifier does not have a QR code scanner, the following steps should be followed:
 - Visit the FCT-IRS website at www.fctirs.gov.ng.
 - Click on "E-Services" and then select "Verify TCC."
- The online verification process will require entering the necessary TCC details to obtain verification results.

OPTION 2: TCC VERIFICATION USING THE FCT-IRS WEBSITE

c) Official Letter:

- Verifiers can also request confirmation of a TCC's authenticity by writing an official letter to the FCTIRS.
- The letter should include relevant details such as the TCC number, name of the taxpayer, and any other pertinent information.
- The FCTIRS will promptly respond to the verification request in writing.

3. Implementation and Compliance:

This simplified verification process is effective immediately. All MDAs, SDAs of FCTA, commercial banks, and the general public are requested to adhere to the outlined methods for verifying Tax Clearance Certificates (TCCs) issued by the FCTIRS.

4. Contact Information:

For any inquiries or further assistance regarding the verification process, please contact the FCTIRS Helpdesk at Contactus@fctirs.gov.ng or Call 0700 220 0002.

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