



NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS ON THE VERIFICATION OF REGISTRATION AND PRACTISING LICENCES OF SUPPLIES PRACTITIONERS

The Procurement and Supply Chain Management profession in Kenya is governed by the provisions of the Supplies Practitioners Management Act, No. 17 of 2007, together with the attendant Supplies Practitioners Management Regulations.

The Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) wishes to bring to the attention of all employers, public entities, private organisations and other institutions that engage supplies practitioners the Attorney General's Advisory Opinion on the interpretation and application of **Section 20** of the **Supplies Practitioners Management Act, No. 17 of 2007** and **Regulation 22** of the **Supplies Practitioners Management (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2015**.

The Advisory Opinion, dated **20 April 2026** and received by the Institute on **13 May 2026**, clarifies the distinction between registration as a supplies practitioner and the issuance of a practising licence.

THAT PURSUANT to the provisions of **Sections 16, 20 and 32 of the Supplies Practitioners Management Act, No. 17 of 2007** and read together with **Regulation 22 of the Supplies Practitioners Management (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2015**, the Institute hereby notifies all employers and institutions engaging supplies practitioners that a practicing license is a separate authorisation to practice and may only be issued where the applicant satisfies all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, including the requirement to have held a registration certificate for at least **three (3) years**, as provided under **Regulation 22**.

Accordingly, **registration and licensing are separate processes**, and registration alone does not confer authority or eligibility to practice. To facilitate an orderly and seamless transition, the Institute will implement the clarified licensing requirements in full with effect from **1 January 2027**.

ACCORDINGLY:

- i. Up to **31 December 2026**, practitioners who have not attained three (3) years of registration may continue to apply for and obtain practising licences under the transitional arrangements.
- ii. With effect from **1 January 2027**, all new practising licence applications will be subject to the three-year registration requirement under **Regulation 22**.



- iii. A practitioner who has not attained the prescribed three-year registration period from **1 January 2027** will not qualify for a practising licence until the required period has been attained and all other applicable requirements have been satisfied.

FURTHER, Employers and organizations engaging supplies practitioners are advised to:

- i. Distinguish between a **Registration Certificate** and a **Practicing License** when verifying the professional status of a supplies practitioner.
- ii. Ensure that persons engaged as supplies practitioners hold a **valid practicing license**, as required under the Act and Regulations.
- iii. Not rely solely on evidence of registration as confirmation that a practitioner is authorised to practice.
- iv. Verify the validity of practicing licenses through the Institute's official verification channels before recruitment, appointment or continued deployment.
- v. Ensure that recruitment, appointment, deployment and professional compliance processes take account of the statutory distinction between registration and licensing.
- vi. Maintain up-to-date records of the registration and licensing status of supplies practitioners engaged by the organization.
- vii. Ensure compliance with **Section 32 of the Supplies Practitioners Management Act**, which prohibits the employment of an unregistered or unlicensed person as a supplies practitioner.

For clarification or support, contact the **Directorate of Registration & Licensing** at: membership@kism.or.ke and a copy to the Registrar through: registrar@kism.or.ke.

KISM appreciates your continued commitment to ethical practice, regulatory compliance, and professional excellence as we uphold the integrity of the profession.

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BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

Dated this **Friday, 16th October 2026**
KISM Towers
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