



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS ON THREE (3) YEAR REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSING

Dear Esteemed Member,

The Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) is established by an Act of Parliament, the Supplies Practitioners Management Act (SPMA) No. 17 of 2007. The Mandate of the Institute *inter alia* is to register, license, train, discipline and regulate supply chain management practitioners in Kenya, across all sectors.

The Kenya Institute of Supplies Management (KISM) wishes to inform all members of the Attorney General's Advisory Opinion on the interpretation and application of **Sec. 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**, was sought to clarify the relationship between registration as a supplies practitioner and eligibility to obtain a practising licence.

THAT PURSUANT to the provisions of **Sections 16, 20 and 30 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 members that a practicing licence is a separate authorization 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.

In order to facilitate a seamless transition and provide members with adequate time to prepare for the clarified requirements, the Institute has resolved that full implementation of the three-year registration requirement will take effect from **1 January 2027**.

ACCORDINGLY:

- i. From the **date of this notice up to 31 December 2026**, members 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 applications for practising licences shall be subject to the requirements of **Section 20** of the Act and **Regulation 22** of the Regulations, including the three-year registration requirement.
- iii. Members who have not attained three (3) years of registration as at 1 January 2027 will become eligible to apply for a practising licence upon attaining the prescribed three-year registration period, subject to meeting all other applicable requirements.
- iv. Members are encouraged to use the transition period to regularise their registration and licensing status and to familiarise themselves with the revised requirements.
- v. With effect from **1 January 2027**, the Institute will introduce a consolidated payment arrangement for licensed members. Under this arrangement, the applicable **annual membership fee and practicing licence fee will be paid as one consolidated payment** during the annual renewal process.

Members are encouraged to ensure that their registration and practising licence status remains current and compliant with the law.

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.

Kenneth Matiba, MBS
CEO/SECRETARY

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

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