



The Regulatory and Enforcement Department (RED) of the Institute regulates the profession and ensures that professional ethics are maintained.

As the watchdog of the Institute, RED is in the forefront of ensuring timely development of appropriate regulations, compliance to regulations; adherence to code of ethics by all members and maintenance of approved standards in line with IPAN Regulation 2013 and General Requirements for the competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories (17025) by all Registered Analytical Laboratories.

ACTIVITIES OF RED

RED is involved in the following major activities of the Institute in furtherance to its mandate:

- ❖ Regulates the practice of Public Analysts by issuing guidelines on ethics and professional practice and review of such guidelines from time to time.
- ❖ Formulates rules and regulations that are complementary to the enabling law of IPAN in order to facilitate the practice of the profession.
- ❖ Conducts Laboratory Inspection and Monitoring of Registered Analytical Laboratories to ensure compliance with approved standards of practice.
- ❖ Ensures compliance with the approved IPAN Tariff.
- ❖ Enforces the rules and regulations of the profession.
- ❖ Applies approved penalties where necessary for unprofessional conduct.
- ❖ Eradicates quacks in the practice of the profession through publicity of regulatory and enforcement programmes of the Institute.
- ❖ Facilitates programmes for analytical laboratories and stakeholders to ensure that more Analytical Laboratories in the country meet international requirements for compliance with IPAN Regulation 2013 and ISO 17025 Accreditation for Testing and Calibration Laboratories.
- ❖ Co-ordinates issuance of practice License to members and Seal to Registered Laboratories.

These activities are carried out through three Council Committee – Laboratory Registration Committee, Investigation Panel and Disciplinary Tribunal.

The committees are appointed to ensure that all analytical laboratories comply with Section 14(2) of IPAN Act which made the designation, registration and fully licensing of any analytical laboratory by the Institute of Public Analysts of Nigeria (IPAN) mandatory and a condition for acceptance of any certificate issued by a registered member (Public Analyst) in any court of law or tribunal.

Also, in accordance with Section 11, the Investigating Panel conducts preliminary investigation into any case of unprofessional conduct while the Disciplinary Tribunal awards punishment for professional misconduct.