



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR/CEO

The Medical Rehabilitation Therapists (Reg.) Board of Nigeria.

Plot 567, Cadastral Zone, B10, Daki-Biyu, Jabi, Abuja. Mobile: 08159823811, 08038576192

Email: office@mrtb.gov.ng | admin@mrtb.gov.ng | registrar@mrtb.gov.ng | Website: www.mrtb.gov.ng

September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF WAIVER ON LICENSE RENEWAL BACKLOGS/FINES AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW REGISTRATION CATEGORY FOR DIASPORA PRACTITIONERS

Dear Distinguished Professionals,

The Medical Rehabilitation Therapists (Registration) Board of Nigeria (MRTB) is pleased to formally announce that the Honourable Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, has graciously approved new policy reviews regarding the licensure and registration of Medical Rehabilitation Professionals practicing outside the shores of Nigeria.

The Honourable Minister of State has approved the following resolutions, effective immediately:

1. Waiver of Fines and Backlog Fees for 2026 License Renewal: Medical Rehabilitation Professionals who are currently based abroad can now renew their 2026 practicing license in Nigeria without paying any fines or backlog of license fees. To benefit from this waiver, practitioners must present valid evidence of active practice abroad alongside a current/valid practicing license issued by the regulatory authority of their host country. Please note that the waiver only applies to period of practice outside Nigeria.

2. Introduction of the 'Suspended Registration' Category: To accommodate professionals who intend to travel abroad for practice, the Board has introduced a 'Suspended Registration' category. Moving forward, professionals relocating abroad may wish to officially suspend their local registration before or upon departure. Professionals who utilize this category will be eligible to renew their Nigerian licenses upon their return without

paying fines and backlogs of license fees. This is subject to the presentation of evidence of practice abroad and the practicing license of the country of practice.

3. 'Absconded Registrant' Category: Please be advised that any Medical Rehabilitation Professional who travels abroad for practice and fails to formally suspend their registration with the Board will be classified as an 'Absconded Registrant'. Practitioners in this category will be required to pay all accumulated backlogs and default fines upon their return or when seeking to renew their Nigerian license.

We urge all diaspora practitioners and those planning to travel to take immediate advantage of these approvals.

Professionals who are eligible and willing to renew their 2026 licenses according to this new approval, or those wishing to apply for the Suspended Registration status, should contact the Registration Department of the Board via email at: registration@mrtb.gov.ng.

Thank you for your continuous dedication to the profession.

Signed,

Management
Medical Rehabilitation Therapists (Registration) Board of Nigeria (MRTB)