



KEY GOVERNANCE & SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES IN DRIVER LICENCE ISSUANCE & FRSC ROLES IN ROAD TRAFFIC CRASH REDUCTION

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Introduction

The Federal Road Safety Corps being Nigeria's Lead Agency on Road Traffic Administration and Safety Management has consistently focused on addressing matters of road safety priorities through a number of approaches based on its statutory responsibilities.

Introduction: Functions of FRSC...ii

1

Making the highway safe for motorists and other road users

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Clearing obstructions on the public highways

3

Recommending works and devices designed to eliminate or minimize accidents on the highways and advising the Federal and State Governments including the Federal Capital Territory Administration and relevant governmental agencies on the localities where such works and devices are required

4

Educating motorists and members of the public on the importance of discipline on the highway

5

Designing and producing the NDL to be used by various categories of vehicle

6

Determining from time to time, the requirements to be satisfied by an applicant for a NDL

7

Establishing and maintaining a Central Data Bank for vehicles and Drivers for the Federation

8

Determining and enforcing speed limits to all categories of vehicles according to the classes of roads

9

Cooperating with Bodies, Agencies, and Groups engaged with road safety management locally and internationally

10

Any other duties that the Federal Government may assign from time to time

One key area identified by the Corps to achieving an improved road safety landscape is in astute Driver Licence administration



History of the Nigeria Driver's Licence

The Corps discovered that the carnage on Nigeria highways had its roots in some critical factors like who the **drivers are**, were they **trained**, were they **licenced and whether** there was any form of **enforcement** (compel and deterrence)



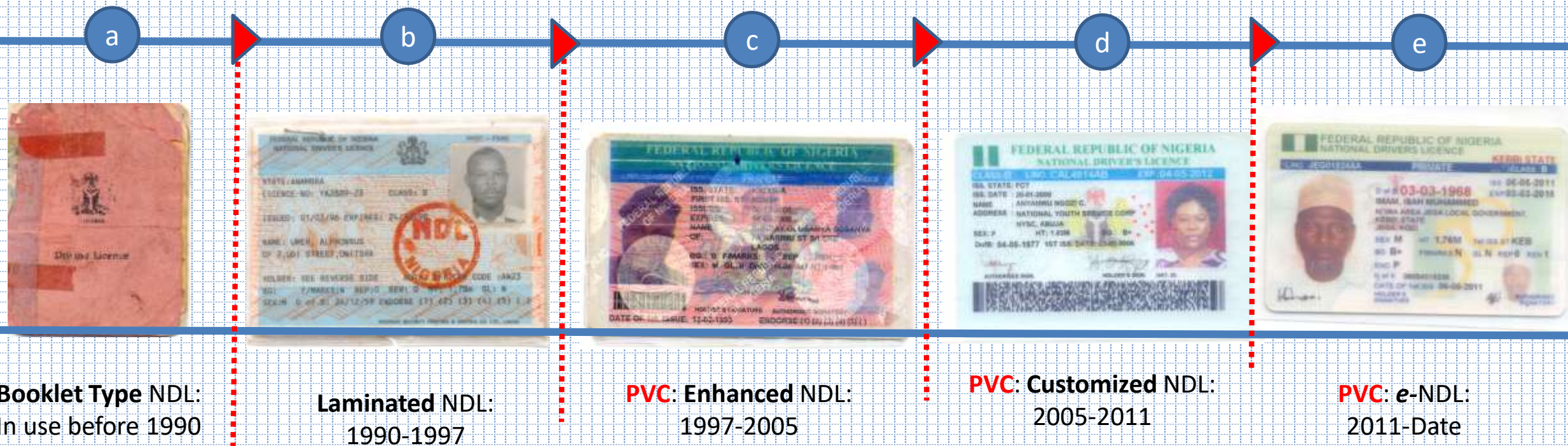
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In a bid to ensure the sustenance of its integrity, the NDL has witnessed series of transformation and integration with added security features.

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NDL TRANSFORMATION: 1990-2011



Issues with the Old Driver's Licence

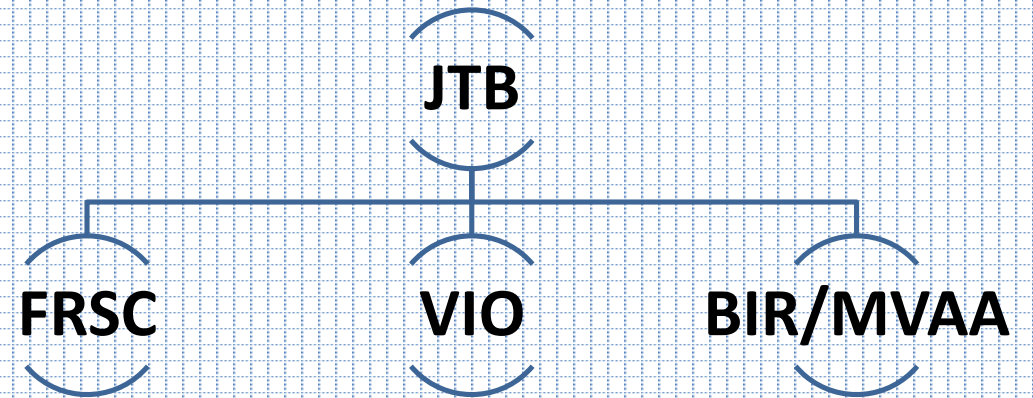
The old licensing regime was characterized by:

- Variance in NDL as much as the number of States in the Federation.
- Irregularity in data of applicants on DL from state to state.
- Inconsistency in data capture arising from different formats deployed from state to state.
- Inability to identify and track traffic offenders
- Inability to sanction traffic offenders
- Lack of centralized database
- Individuals holding multiple driver's licences from same or multiple States.

The Governance Structure in NDL Administration in Nigeria

The current process of production and issuance of Driver's Licence is hinged on a tripartite agreement under auspices of the Joint Tax Board (JTB). The tripartite parties are:

- The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC),
- Vehicle Inspection Office (VIO) and
- States Board of Internal Revenue (BIR/MVAA).



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STAKEHOLDERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the JTB umbrella, Stakeholders involved in the Nigeria Driver's Licence (NDL) production and issuance system have the following responsibilities:

Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC)

- Design and Production

Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIO)

- Testing of potential/eligible driver before NDL is issued

Board of Internal Revenue (BIR/MVAA)

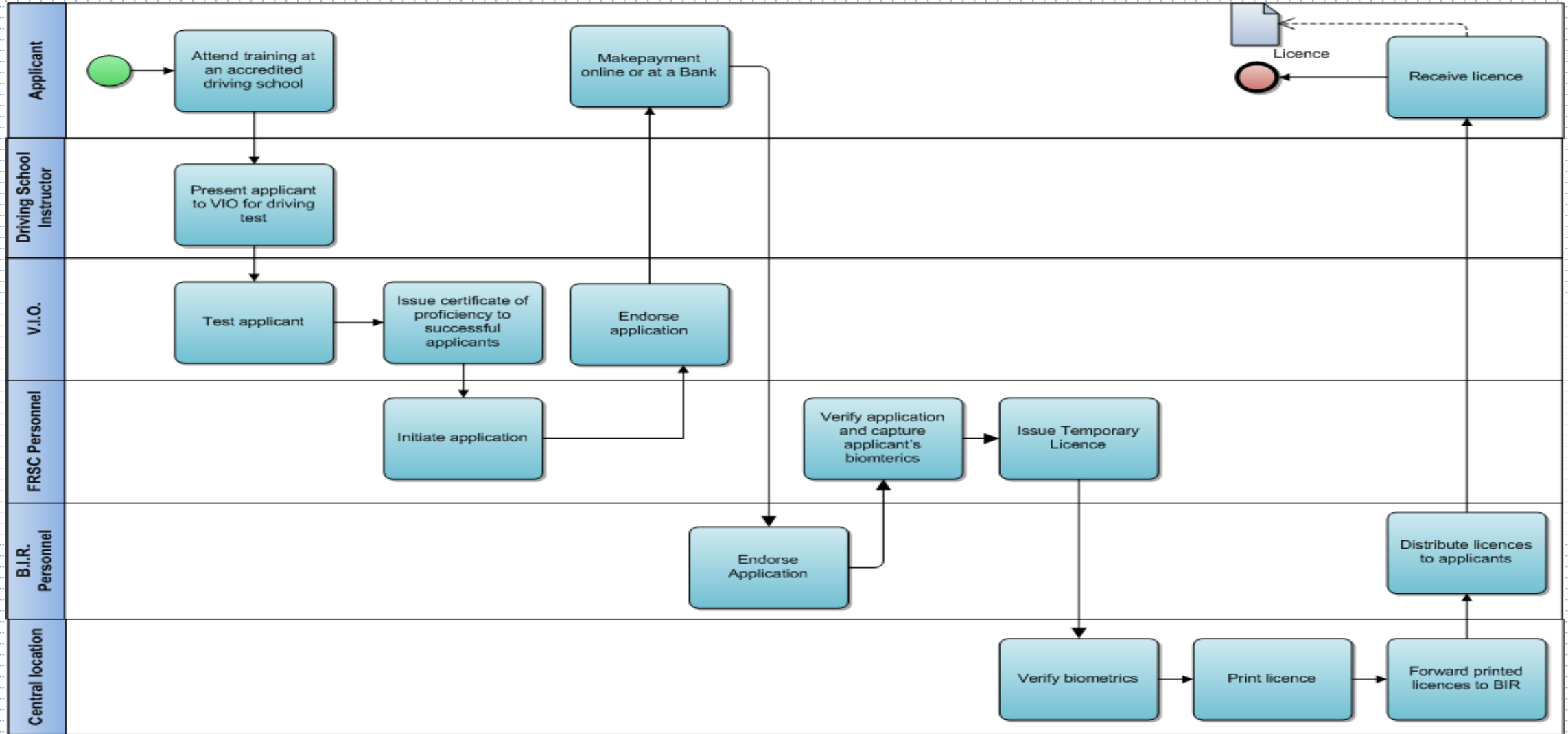
- Determining fees to be paid for NDL and
- Ensure distribution of NDL to owners after the production

Measures Instituted at improving the NDL Issuance

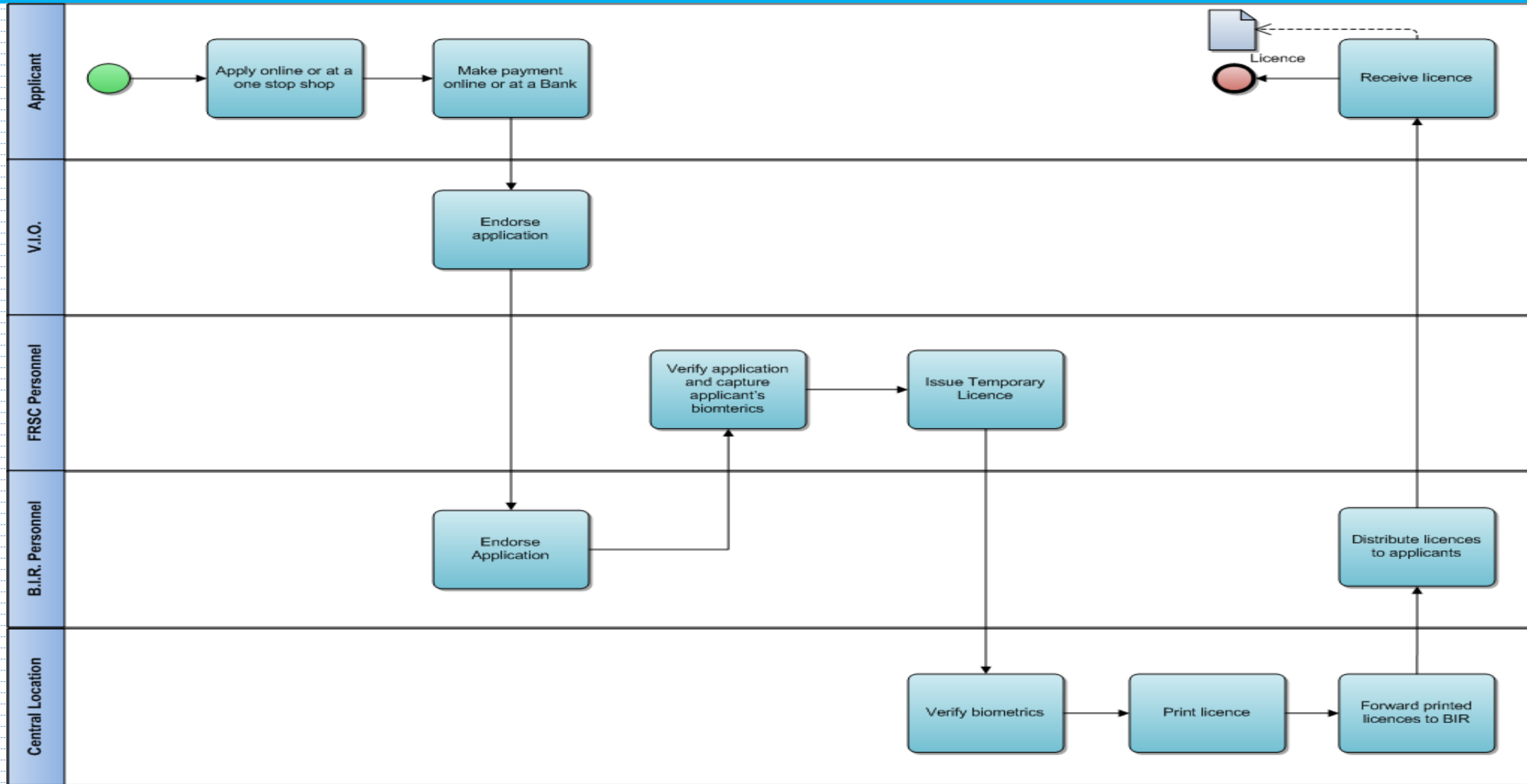
Several improvements have been brought into the Driver Licence Issuance in Nigeria for all categories:

- *Fresh application,*
- *Renewal,*
- *Re-issuance and*
- *Commercial Drivers Licence.*

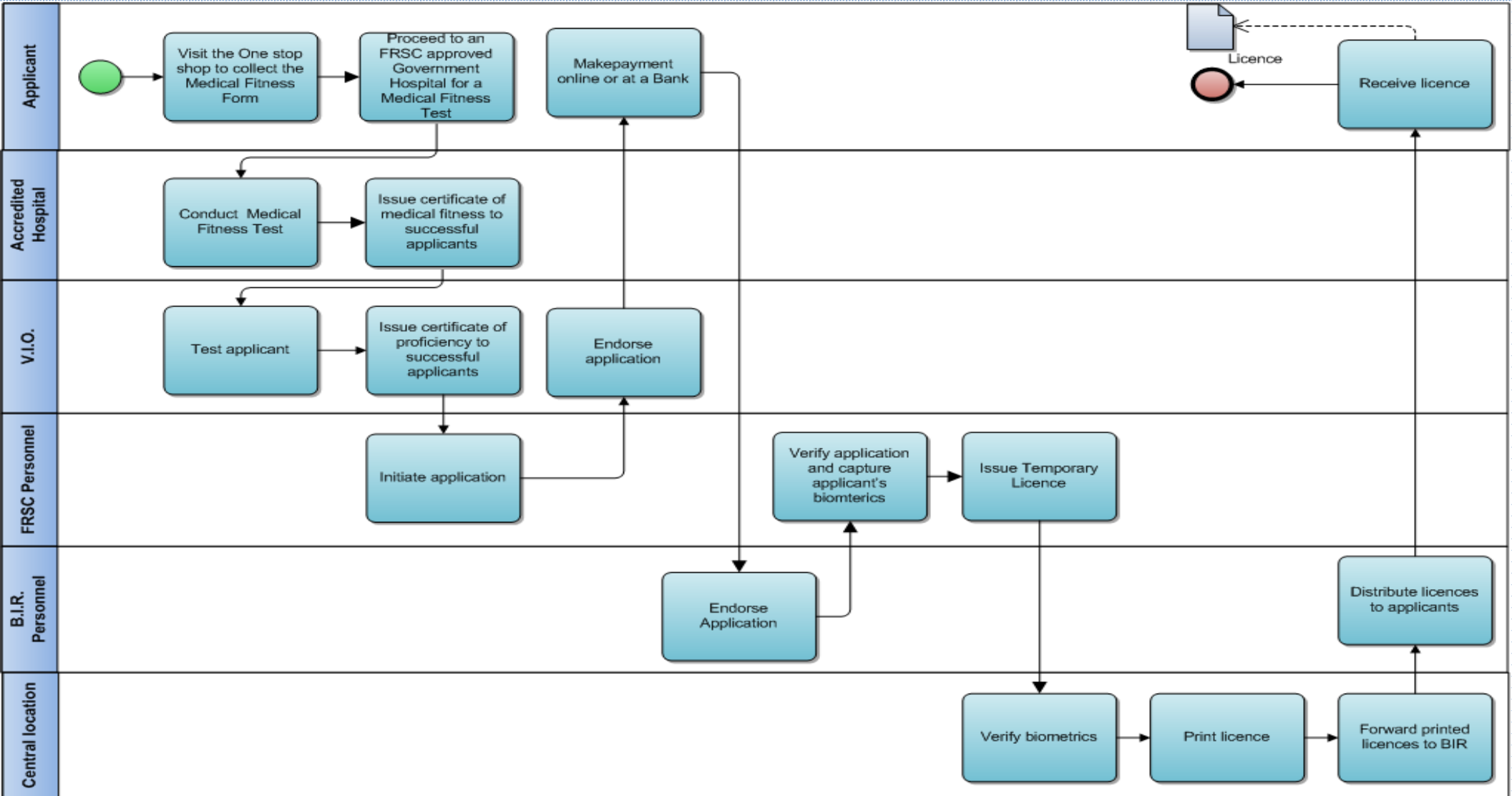
Fresh Driver's Licence Application Process



Renewal & Re-issuance of Driver's Licence Process



Commercial Driver's License Application Process



Other Measures Instituted to improving NDL issuance

One-Stop Shop

- The One-Stop-Shop comprised all the relevant agencies involved in the processing and issuance of driver's licence.
- The agencies are co-located within a premise known as the Driver's Licence Centre (DLC).
- The idea is to ease the process of driver's licence application, processing and issuance thereby also saving applicants the time to visit each of the respective agencies (BIR, VIO and FRSC) for individual endorsement. **This is also in line with the Executive Order No. E01 of 2017**

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One-Stop Shop Working Process

- **Vehicle Inspection Officers (VIO):** Upon completion of training at the driving schools, applicants are required to be tested by VIO. Only those applicants who passed the VIO test proceed to process the driver's licence.
- **Board of Internal Revenue (BIR):** The BIR or Motor Vehicle Administration Authority (MVAA) is responsible for endorsing applications for processing after payment of stipulated fee for 3 or 5 years validity and **distribution of printed permanent drivers licence to prospective applicants.**
- **Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC):** is responsible for capturing applicant's biometrics upon endorsement by BIR and printing of the permanent driver's licence to be forwarded to BIR.

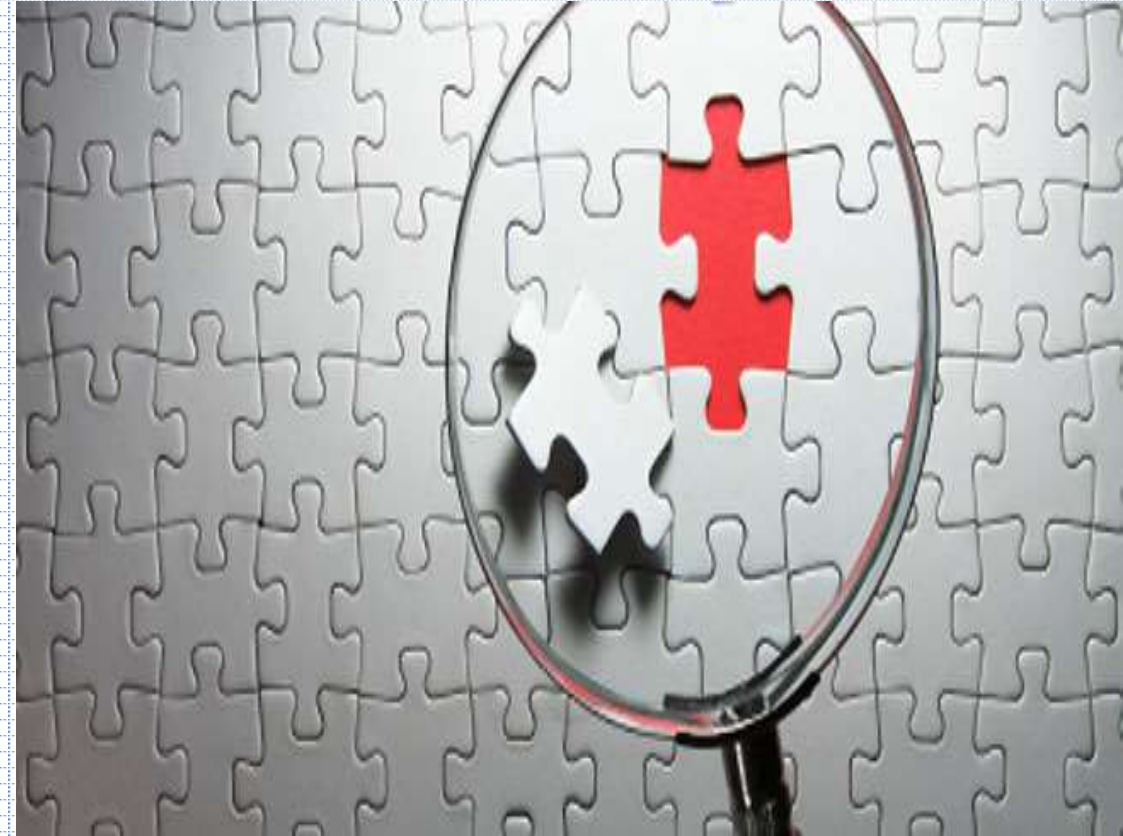


Emerging

In the Driver's Licence system.

New Emerging Challenges Being Dealt With

- Faking of Drivers' Licences persists.
- Obtaining multiple licences under different identities.
- Lack of standards in driver training and testing.



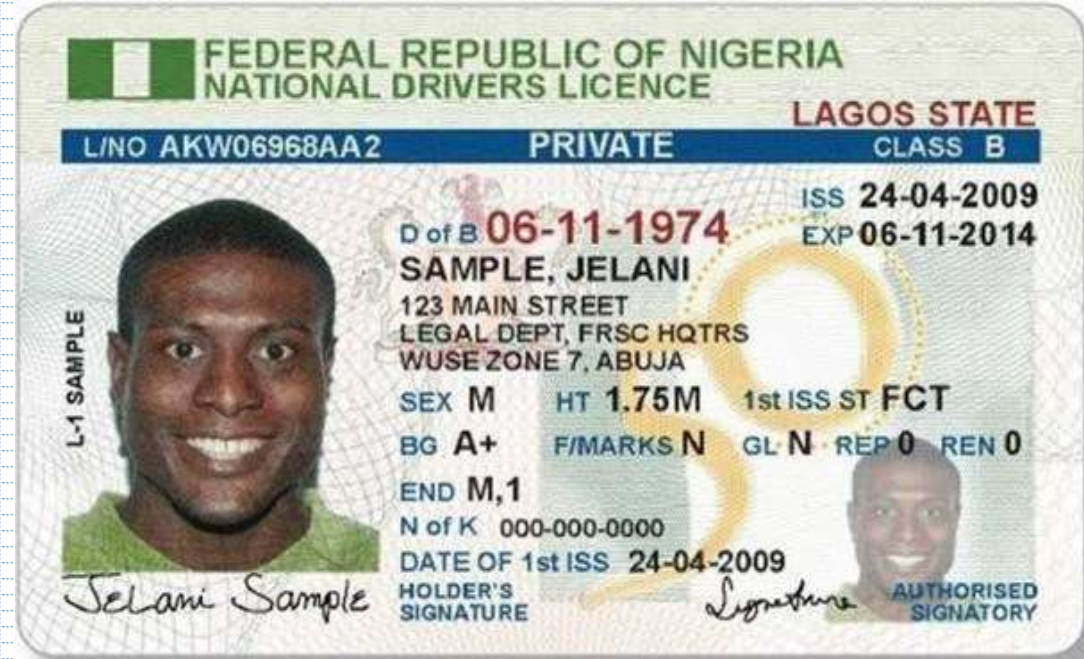
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- Inability to track the driver's licence applicant from training to issuance stage.
- Cumbersome license acquisition (distribution) process.
- Inability to effectively monitor drivers' performance after licence issuance.



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Unclaimed NDL in State Board of Internal Revenue.



- The Corps has mapped out a strategy to decongest unclaimed drivers licences in States Board of Internal Revenue Service.

Poor Network Accessibility



Nigeria still grapples with the challenge of poor network bandwidth leading to slow speed in network connectivity which sometimes slow down driver's licence issuance processes.

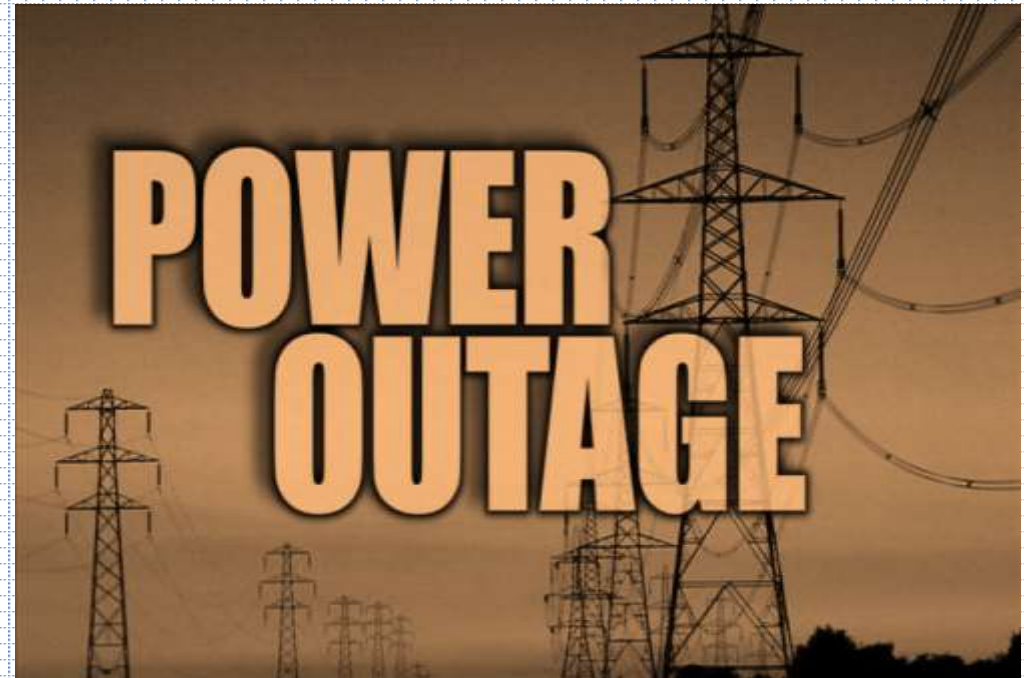
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High cost of production materials occasioned by fluctuation in the exchange rate for importation.



Power Outage

Many cities in Nigeria suffer an average monthly power outage of 239 hours (equivalent to two weeks) thereby raising operational cost.



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Multiple Driver's licences which facilitate impersonation and fraud.

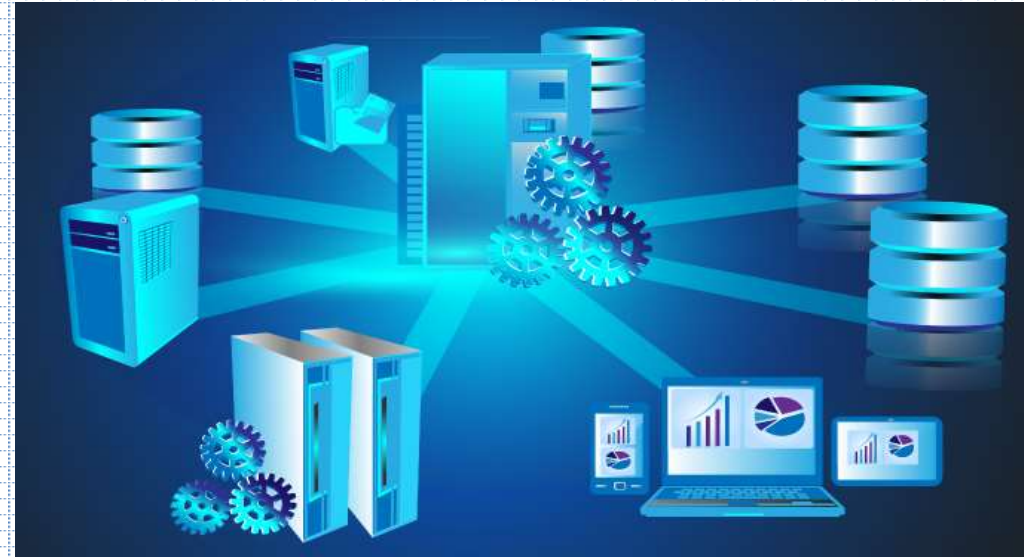




STRATEGIC RE-DIRECTIONAL EFFORTS



Upgrade in NDL Database



- Capturing of verifiable data in the driver's licence database for online and real-time records authentication.
- Ensuring that no driving licence can be duplicated and produced by proxy as physical bio-data and signature capture are required. This enhances the integrity of the NDL.



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Sensitization Workshops with Stakeholders Nationwide.

- The Corps Organized Workshop across the country aimed at bringing sanity in the process of issuing NDL to applicants to enhance the integrity of the document.





Provision of additional Equipments to DLCs Nationwide.

To Enhance efficiency in the process.



Increased Number of DLCs nationwide.

In order to reduce long distance travelled by NDL applicants to DLCs for physical capture, the Corps increased the number of DLCs Nationwide.





Driving School Standardization Programme (DSSP)



- In order to instill sanity into the driving culture, driving schools were standardized for the purpose of driver's certification.
- Only recognized driving schools can sponsor drivers for driving test.



Implementation of a robust bio-metric verification system

- The Biometric Investigation system was introduced to eradicate multiple identities and authenticate driver's license holders.



Enhancement of the One-stop-shop Approach

- Here all participating agencies in the NDL processing and issuance are co-located for effective and efficient service delivery.



STRATEGIC RE-DIRECTION: FUTURISTIC

In order to stay ahead of breaches, additional futuristic strategies are being contemplated.



Acquisition of mobile capture system for ease of biometric capturing of prospective applicants.



Portable DAS System

Introduction of Digital Driver's Licence.





Setting up a field in the NDL portal for home delivery. This is to address issues of unclaimed licences.





Impact of Reforms in the NDL on Road Traffic Crash



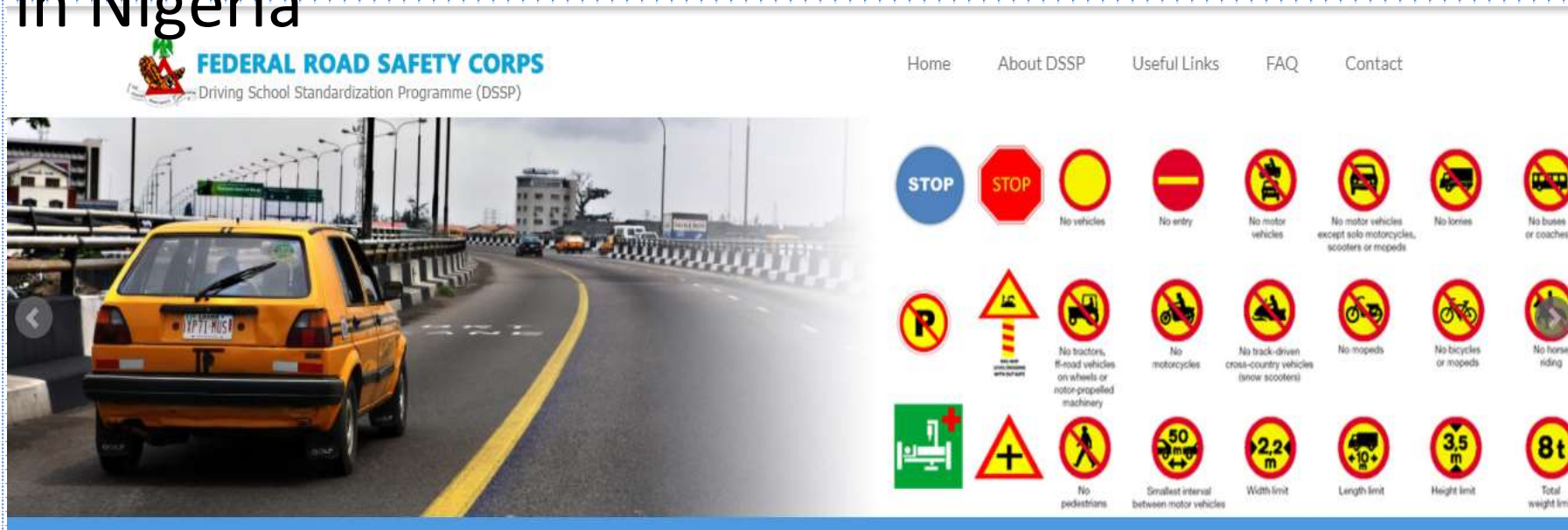
The reforms introduced and implemented in the NDL issuance system has helped to close gaps in road safety through the **safe driving** perspective.





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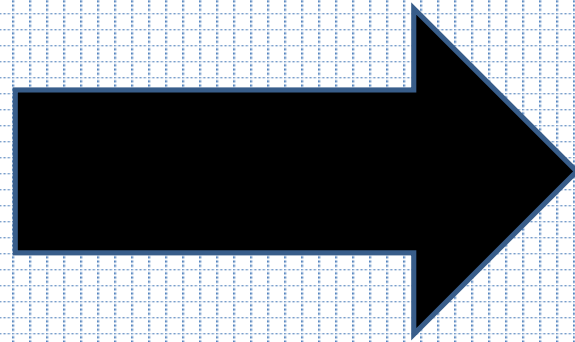
The Driving School Standardization Programme (DSSP) has provided the platform for applicants of the National Driver's License to be well grounded in terms of **Knowledge, Skills and Competence** and has filled basic road safety gaps in driver training process in Nigeria





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The DSSP has helped in eliminating faulty driver training and brought about professionalism and global best practices thus reducing Road Traffic Crashes (RTCs) in Nigeria.





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It has also ensured that driver's training and certification is conducted in the state-of-the-art atmosphere and conditions



CONCLUSION

The Corps recognizes the need for firm regulation of the drivers license regime so as to ensure sanity and safety on the highways

The FRSC efforts are yielding desired results while future plans have also been commenced so as to ensure that the Corps stay ahead of possible breaches

The task of ensuring safety on the highways is the responsibility of all citizens.

Achieving crash-free road transport system cannot be left in the hands of FRSC and law enforcement agencies alone.

MDAs and Non-Governmental Organizations are invited to contribute their quotas towards this important task by avoiding the urge to by-pass the process but ensuring strict compliance to requirements and processes.

The overall FRSC strategic approach is to ensure sustainability of policy direction, implementation and accountability; ultimate to achieving a nation of standard where Road Traffic Crash results in no death.



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