

Editorial Notes

▪ Introduction

It is with great pride and honour that I write this Editorial Note for the maiden edition of the Nigerian Actuarial Journal (NAJ). This groundbreaking publication marks a significant milestone in the history of actuarial science in Nigeria, as it is the first and only journal of its kind in the country. The NAJ is poised to become a leading platform for scholars and decision-makers to share knowledge, ideas, and expertise on domestic and international issues related to actuarial science. Apart from the Nigerian Actuarial Journal marking a new era in actuarial scholarship, it has also become a platform for global engagement and new chapter for actuarial scholarship.

▪ **A Platform for Global Engagement:** As we strive to make the NAJ a globally recognized journal, we are taking concrete steps to expand our readership worldwide. Our Editorial Board is currently working tirelessly to abstract the journal with renowned indexing houses, a process that requires obtaining the ISSN (print) and ISSN (online) numbers. To achieve this, we are in the process of procuring these numbers from the National Library in Abuja, which will enable us to make the journal available online. This will not only increase our visibility but also facilitate access to our content for scholars and professionals worldwide.

▪ **A New Chapter for Actuarial Scholarship:** The NAJ is a publication of the Actuarial Academy of Nigeria, the premier professional body for actuarial scholars. With a membership comprising PhD students, holders, and professionally qualified actuaries, as well as professors of actuarial science, we are committed to advancing the field through research, education, and practice. For over 50 years, actuarial science has been taught in Nigerian universities, yet there has been a glaring gap in the absence of a dedicated journal for scholars to publish their research. The Actuarial Academy of Nigeria has taken bold steps to fill this void, and the NAJ is the

culmination of our efforts.

▪ **Overcoming Challenges and Fostering Collaboration:** We acknowledge that the journey to establishing the NAJ has not been without its challenges. One of the significant hurdles we face is encouraging our members to submit articles for publication. Despite the Council's approval of the journal in July 2024, we received only a few submissions. To incentivize our members, we have waived the assessment processing cost for papers accepted for publication in this maiden edition, thanks to the generosity of the Actuarial Academy of Nigeria's leadership.

▪ **A Call to Action:** As we embark on this new chapter in actuarial scholarship, we invite scholars from the academic community to submit papers for consideration in future editions of the NAJ. Our journal welcomes articles that align with our aims and scope, and we look forward to showcasing the best of actuarial research and practice.

▪ **A Message of Gratitude:** I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the esteemed scholars and editorial board members who have entrusted me with the responsibility of piloting the NAJ. Special thanks go to the President and General Secretary of the Actuarial Academy for their tireless efforts in making this maiden edition a reality.

▪ **A Bright Future Ahead:** The NAJ is more than just a journal – it is a symbol of our commitment to excellence, scholarship, and intellectual integrity. As we look to the future, we are confident that our journal will become a leading voice in the field of actuarial science, both in Nigeria and globally.

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