The National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI) is a state corporation established under the Science, Technology and Innovation Act, 2013 (Revised 2014). The mandate of the Commission is to regulate and assure quality in the science, technology and innovation sector and advise the Government on matters related thereto.

Section 17 (1) of the Science, Technology and Innovation Act, 2013 requires all persons intending to undertake research in the country to apply to the Commission for the grant of a Research Licence. Research refers to any investigation or inquiry or interview that aims to collect data or information, academic or non-academic, that will lead to new information and/or knowledge.

### Requirements
Applicants must apply online through the NACOSTI website or oris.nacostio.go.ke and must upload the following:

- Passport size photo
- Scanned ID/Passport
- Affiliation letter from relevant local institution for foreigners
- Research proposal
- Introductory letter for students
- Certificate of ethical clearance of the research (where applicable)
- Evidence of payment as the last page of the uploaded proposal

### Conditions
1. The Licence is valid for the proposed research, site and specified period.
2. Both the Licence and any rights thereunder are non-transferable.
3. NACOSTI may monitor and evaluate the research.
4. The Licensee shall report to relevant government offices in the area of research before commencement.
5. Excavation, filming and collection of specimens are subject to further permissions from relevant government agencies.
6. The Licence does not give authority to transfer research materials.
7. The Licensee shall submit one hard copy and upload a soft copy of their final report within one year of completion of the research.
8. NACOSTI reserves the right to modify the conditions of the Licence including its cancellation without prior notice.

**Duration of the Research Licence:** One year

### Category of Research Licence

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### Timeline:
30 days

### BANK DETAILS

**Kenya Shillings Account**
Bank: Kenya Commercial Bank Branch: Kipande House
Account Name: National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation
Account Number: 1104162547
Swift Code: KCBLKENX
Transaction Description: Research Licence Fee

**US Dollar Account**
Bank: NIC Bank Branch: City Centre
Account Name: National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation
Account Number: 1001467375
Swift Code: NINCKENA
Transaction Description: Research Licence Fee