# Proposed Nigerian Army University, Biu Targets Sept. 2017 for Take-off-COAS

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L-R: Acting Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Dr. Hussein Adamu; Chief of Army Staff, Lt-Gen. Tukur Yusuf Buratai; Hon. Min. of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu and Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed at the Ministry

The Nigerian Army High Command, along with the Planning and Implementation Committee (PIC) of the proposed Nigerian Army University, Biu, Borno State, is irrevocably committed towards the actualisation of the take-off of the Institution, by September 2017, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lieutenant General Yusuf Buratai, has said.

Giving this hint last Thursday, when he led a delegation comprising Senior Officers of the Nigerian Army and the PIC of the proposed University to interface with the Management of the National Universities Commission (NUC) on the steps taken so far to ensure its smooth commencement as a specialised Institution, the COAS

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stated that the University would be ready with its documents for approval by the Federal Executive Council (FEC) even before the memo on the University gets to the Council. The PIC of the University had been working based on outcome of its discussions during the earlier visit of the Committee to the Commission, he stressed.

In a related development, the team also paid a visit to the Honourable Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu to brief him on the extent of its preparedness to commence academic activities at the University's site. With him to receive the team were other top officials of the Federal Ministry of Education, including the Acting Permanent Secretary, Dr. Hussain Adamu.

While at the NUC, Professor Rasheed expressed his delight to receive the COAS in the Commission and commended him for the bold initiative. While describing Lt-Gen. Buratai as one of the finest Army Chief the nation had produced, he lauded him for his leadership role that saw the Army defeating the scourge of Boko Haram Insurgency in the country's North East Region. He remarked that Nigerians rarely celebrates the gallantry of their soldiers, which, he said, was lamented by the U.S Ambassador to Nigeria at a forum where the US Embassy hosted some Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities. There is the need for Nigerians to learn to celebrate its gallant soldiers, he stated.

In his words, "we respect the Nigerian Military, we revered the Nigerian Army and for you, COAS, we respect your courage, vision, doggedness and for instilling fear



Prof. Rasheed receiving documents of the Proposed Nigerian Army University, Biu from Lt-Gen. Buratai

where necessary and for instilling discipline where you need to do so. Your name is synonymous with the defeat of the Boko Haram, we thank you for your gallant efforts, he said."

The Executive Secretary also thanked him for showing interest not only in the Nigerian Army but for the advancement of education in the country with the proposal to establish a unique university that would cater for both the Military and the Civilian populace. He noted that while the Navy, through the Navy Board also proposed a University that would be run as a private institution and to be known as Admiralty University, the Air Force was also embarking on a similar venture while the Nigerian Army University by its conceptualisation would be a public institution, for which the NUC was offering it assistance, as the regulator of the system. He pledged to ensure that the University gets enlisted as a beneficiary of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) Intervention Programmes as soon as it commences academic activities.

According to Professor Rasheed, the NUC was excited that the Army University would not be exclusively for the Military, but envisioned to cater for the entire society. This, he said, would lead to the advancement of knowledge when people of all strata participate in research generation in the University, thereby bringing about the harvest of knowledge that would impact on the nation's development. The only reason why advanced countries do better than Africa was because of their investments in researches even to the most bizarre issues of human endeavours. He commended the Army team for the choice of Biu as the site for the University, acknowledging that it would help to turn around the fortunes of the warravaged North East region in the years to come.

With the uniqueness of the University, the Executive Secretary acknowledged that it would be able to address a number of issues that





borders on Science and Engineering, especially since all its programmes are to be practicallyoriented. This, according to him, would enable its students to be trained not only in repairing military hardware, but to invent and patent their own military products. He added that the planned focus of the University on programmes like Cyber Security and Intelligence Gathering was welcomed which, he disclosed, that NUC was already working for the development of its curriculum. He recalled that the Commission had raised some salient questions, among which includes the need to rethink on a focus on Postgraduate programme to assist in the training of its workforce.

While reiterating his delight that the budget for the proposed Nigerian Army University was captured in the 2017 budget estimates, the NUC Scribe assured the COAS of the Commission's commitment to improving access to university education in the country.

Responding, Lt-Gen Buratai acknowledged the positive

comments of the Executive Secretary on the exploits of the Nigerian Army and to him personally in the defeat of the Boko Haram insurgency. On the University project, he said it was envisioned with the mind to bridge the serious gap witnessed in the use of hardware in the conduct of the Nigerian Army assignment in recent times. The Federal Government, he explained, intend that the Army should have a professional training institution for its personnel in terms of providing its logistics requirements. The Nigerian Army of today cannot afford to remain static and must therefore explore the fields of Science, Engineering and even the Humanities. The PIC, he informed the Executive Secretary submitted its report to the Army High Command on Wednesday, which it was already studying, while the Committee was interfacing regularly with the NUC team to address areas of concerns to ensure effective establishment of the University. He stated clearly that the University would be for all

Nigerians and not restricted to Nigerian Army, but would focus on unique programmes.

The COAS disclosed that the Borno State Government had approved 5000hectares of land for the use of the University, while a portion of the land inherited from the Ministry of Youths and Sports was already been used by the Nigerian Engineering Aids Corps Department for the start off of its programme. He also revealed that the Army had concluded arrangement to ensure that all intending students of the institution, both civilian and military, were admitted through Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) examination. He also hinted that the Bill for the passage of the Army University was before the National Assembly, while that of the Nigerian Army Institute of Technology was earlier passed by the last Assembly but could not be processed by the last administration and was re-introduced under his watch. According to him, the Bill had already gone through second reading and would soon be passed,



Malam Adamu Adamu addressing the COAS and his team



which would now merge both institution into one entity. Lt. Gen Buratai also said that the geography of the University is a good location for inter-ballistic displays and the production of laboratory equipment, while it would also give some semblance of military presence to the communities that just came out of threats of Boko Haram insurgents.

In his remarks, Chairman of the PIC, Major General (Rtd) Mathias Efeovbokhan, reiterated that the University would offer services akin to the Silicon Valley. This, he said, is meant to meet the requirements for establishing a variety of revenue generating ventures for it which include: a solar farm project with 300-400 economic trees consisting of neem, gum arabic and cotton trees that would offer the youths' employment opportunities. The University would also have a nuclear technology centre due to the abundance of Uranium in the area, a biotechnology centre and a test-run evaluation site for military equipment. He said that the specific purpose of the University was to accommodate 75% of civilians and 25% military (due to operational exigencies), adding that there was the dire need to train the military and civilians together to promote a cordial relationship that would benefit the country and solve its numerous security challenges.

In the COAS delegation were the Director of Military Intelligence, Maj-Gen A.A Tarfa; Vice-Chancellor/ Director-General, Nigerian Army Institute of Technology, Makurdi, Maj-Gen C.O Ojo; Maj-General Paul Adeleke; Director, Army Public Relations, Brig-Gen A.A Fayemiwo; Director, Legal Services, Brig-Gen S.I Shallangwa; Director, Office of the Chief of Army of Staff, Brig-Gen U.S Mohammed. Members of the PIC include Professor U.F Mohammed; Brig-Gen Dadan

Garba (Rtd); Brig-Gen L.F Abduallahi; Brig-Gen S.K Usman; Col. H.A Gamnbo and Captain A.M Dankabo.

At the meeting were the NUC Directors of Research and ICT, Dr. Suleiman B. Ramon-Yusuf: International Cooperation and Liaison Services, Mrs. Constance N. Goddy Nnadi; Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi; Students Support Services, Dr. Rugayyatu A. Gurin; Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Essien O. Usendiah; Accreditation, Dr. Noel B. Saliu; Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Corporate Communications, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai. The Directors of Management Support Services and Academic Planning were represented by the Deputy Directors of Discipline and Complaints, Mr and Undergraduate Curriculum, Mal. Aminu Abba. The Deputy Director, Information Division, Mrs. Adebukola Olatunji was also at the meeting.



Prof. Rasheed (5th right) welcoming the COAS (4th left) to the NUC



# House Committee Holds Public Hearing on Bills to Review NUC Acts and Other Related Matters



L-R: Chairman, House Committee on Tertiary Education and Services, Hon. Suleiman Fagge, (3rd left), Senator representing Benue South Constituency, Sen. George Akume, (who came to support the bill for the renaming of Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi to J.S. Tarka University), with other members of the committee at the Public Hearing

The House Committee on Tertiary Education and Services on Tuesday, 30 May, 2017, began the process to review some portions of the National Universities Commission's (NUCs) Acts and Other Related Matters, posing challenges in the effective delivery of tertiary education services in the country, with a public hearing on the Bills and motions raised for the Amendment of the various sections of the Laws.

These include the Bill for an Act to Amend the Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act. CAP. E3.Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Other Matters Related Thereto (HB.62); and a Bill for an Act to Amend the Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions), 2004 to review the Punishment for

Offences Provided and Government to the Bodies that may Contravene the Laws and to Review Financial Requirements for Establishing Institutions; and for other Matters Related Thereto (HB.139). Others include a Bill for an Act to Amend the Students Union Activities (Control and Regulation) Act. CAP. S14, LFN, 2004 to remove the Restrictions on Student Unionism and for Other Related Matters (HB.236) and a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Universities Commission Act. CAP.N81. Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, to Empower the Commission to set out Code of Conduct for Assessment of Universities' Students' Characters Alongside Academic Performances as Condition Precedent to Award of Degrees to Deserving Students as well as a Bill for an Act to make it mandatory for Immediate issuance and Release of Certificates to Graduating Students in all Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters, among others.

Submitting NUC's position on the Bills, the Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, represented by the Director, Corporate Communication (DCC), Ibrahim Usman Yakasai recalled that on the Amendment of the Education Act. CAP. E3, the Commission had, in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), forwarded a draft amendment bill to the Federal Executive Council (FEC), which the Council approved in 2011 and passed to the 7<sup>th</sup> National Assembly for further legislative action. He recounted that the Senate Committee under the leadership of Late Senator Uche Chukwumerije







Representative of the speaker House of Representatives and Deputy Minority Leader of the House, Hon. Chukwuma Onyema (left) with Hon. Fagge

did process the bill to a point, including holding a similar public hearing at which stakeholders made input to it.

While alluding that the then Assembly could not conclude work on the bill before its tenure expired, Professor Rasheed expressed delight that the current Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund had graciously reopened the review of the bill, which reflected the input of all

stakeholders, including the three regulatory agencies under the FME, NUC, NBTE and NCC. He, therefore, presented a comprehensive copy of what is currently being processed by the Upper Chamber to the House Committee and called for its substitution with the version being considered by the Honourable House, by harmonizing the one before it with the Comprehensive Bill currently before the Senate.

On the Bill to Amend the Students

Union Activities Act and Other Related Matters 2015, the Executive Secretary, pointed out that the deletion of the proviso to Section 3(2) would serve to remove the right of a student affected by a decision of the Governing Council of a University or the Vice-Chancellor to appeal that decision to the Visitor to the University. The Visitor, according to the memorandum, should ordinarily has the final say in internal University matters and the Commission therefore, holds the opinion that removing this avenue for the internal resolution of such matters would be unwise. Aggrieved persons, he said, are required to exhaust the internal mechanisms of a University for resolution of disputes prior to involving external mechanisms. In this vein, students should be able to request the intervention of the final authority of the University to resolve such conflict, and this person is the Visitor, the NUC advised that this provision be removed from the Bill.



L-R: Representative of the Executive Secretary, NUC and Director, Corporate Communications, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; Deputy Director, Legal Services, Barr Moses Awe and Principal Legal Officer in the Commission, Barr Oriabure Iyayi





The Commission also noted that the section demanding for the Amendment of the NUC Act. CAP.N81. to empower it to set out code of conduct for assessment of universities students' character alongside academic performances as pre-condition for award of degrees was inconsistent with the spirit and letter of University Autonomy. As spelt out in the memorandum, these are matters within the purview of the Senate of each University and should still be left with the universities as part of their mandates and not be legislated out. The Executive Secretary however said that the NUC, would, initiate and implement regulatory directives to ensure that the universities strictly adhere to worthiness in learning and character criteria before awarding.

Similarly on the Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal University of Agriculture, Act. CAP. F22. LFN 2004, to make provision for a change of name of the Federal

University of Agriculture, Markurdi, to J.S Tarka University of Agriculture, Markurdi, and for Related Matters, Professor Rasheed said NUC was not opposed to such name change provided that the requisite due process was followed. Prof. Rasheed pointed out that there should be no abbreviation in a university's name and the letters J.S. should be written in full or any two names of the person should be used e.g Joseph Tarka University of Agric Makurdi, Benue State.

On the House resolution bordering on the Council of Legal Education (CLE) and the Body of Benchers to allow Law Graduates of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) enrolment into the Nigerian Law Schools, the Executive Secretary said that the Law programme had been approved and accredited by the Commission in line with its statutory mandates. He affirmed that the determination of the

qualifications for admission of candidates to the Nigerian Law School is, and has always remained, the sole statutory prerogative of the CLE. He, therefore, advised NOUN, to follow accordingly such established rule and due process to be approved by the Council. Pertaining to the review of the country's curricula to reflect present day realities, Professor Rasheed submitted that NUC last reviewed same in 2006 and that plans were already underway for a fresh review which had always been allencompassing involving all stakeholders (both local and international). The last review, he explained, led to the migration from Minimum Academic Standards (MAS) to Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS), which is now performance, outcome and skill-based.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara, whose speech was read by



Members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities at the Public Hearing





Deputy Minority Leader, Hon. Chukwuma Onyema said that the Chamber under his leadership was poised to ensuring an efficient and far-reaching legislative outcomes and had thus placed priority to bills and emotions that would lead to the good of all Nigerians. Nigerian education sector, especially the tertiary institutions, he said, had been bedeviled with crisis and challenges occasioned by students unrest, industrial actions, decayed infrastructure, brain drain of lecturers, among others. It was in the light of this that the Committee Chairman, Hon. Aminu Suleiman, a seasoned and competent member of the House was appointed, and supported by other committee members had been well strategised to work in line with its mandate to redefine Tertiary Education in Nigeria.

The Speaker urged all the

stakeholders including the Honourbale Ministers of Education and Justice and Attorney General of the Federation, Heads of regulatory agencies and the universities, to strive through effective policies and programmes for strategic and time tested repositioning of the sector. In his own welcome remarks, Hon. Suleiman informed the stakeholders that Public hearing is a tool used by Committees in parliamentary business, for critical engagement on issues of public importance, with a view to addressing a problem or securing public input towards a bill or its amendment. He noted that four bills and three motions slated for the public hearing were referred to the Committee by the House, for further legislative action after deliberations on its general principles.

The Committee Chairman argued that some of the existing laws needed to be strengthened and this could only be done by amendment of such Act periodically through Bill as the need arises, to accommodate present day realities, expel ambiguities and refine obsolete ones, to which, he said, the bills before the Committee was set out to achieve. He also urged the stakeholders to make significant input that would impact positively to the educational institutions within their jurisdictions and pledged the commitment of the Committee to ensuring the quick passage of the desired amendments, both at the Committee and National Assembly levels.

At the public hearing was the NUC Deputy Director, Legal Services, Barr. Moses Awe and Principal



Delegates of the National Association of Nigerian Students



# Prof. Rasheed Charges Varsity Administrators on Innovation and Best Practices

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar A. Rasheed, MFR, mni, has charged University Administrators to brace up for the challenges of University Governance by adopting innovations and best practices in the management of their institutions as it was the best way to effectively reposition the nation's Ivory Towers.

In his paper titled 'Strategic Repositioning of Nigerian Universities: the Leadership Question and good governance fundamentals,' at a High-level Executive Development Programme Workshop for Principal Officers of Nigerian Universities organised by the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (ACVNU), with the theme, "Good Governance and Financial Probity" in Abuja, Thursday last week, Prof. Rasheed stated that for Nigerian Universities to be repositioned, they must review their strategic roles and re-think their curriculum to make it more creative and innovative."

He added that Nigerian Universities needed to continuously work to improve on their curricular to achieve relevance, revealing that the NUC this, the NUC had identified some gaps in the curricular which it intended to review to make it more practically-oriented and relevant in the present day realities. The Executive



Secretary advocated greater collaborations among the Universities by linking up their research outputs and to work towards strengthening the University-Industry relationship in order to showcase their innovations and research breakthroughs. "There are more research prospects in the field of agriculture for Nigerian Universities locally, especially with collaborations and Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with foreign institutions."

He cited the example of the need for collaborative researches among Nigerian Universities on erosion problems in the South-South, Desert encroachment in the NorthEast, Fulani Herdsmen versus farmers in the North-Central and the Almajiri School system in the North-West. He described it as nearly difficult for the Universities to be expecting foreign universities to be responsible for solving the country's problems. Another critical area the Universities needed to focus their research efforts, he said, were the Power and the Energy sector, stressing that this would position them towards playing active role in solving the nation's challenges.

Enthroning good governance in the Universities Professor Rasheed said, could only be achieved through the display of excellent leadership qualities among the







Prof. Rasheed with the Secretary-General, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Prof. Michael Faborode

University Managers. NUC, he stressed, expected continuous training and retraining for Universities' staff and managers so as to improve their capacity and ability to deliver on their jobs.

He also called on the Government to continue to compliment the efforts of the Universities through good policies. He assured the university administrators that the NUC was genuinely concerned about activities in the Nigerian University System (NUS), adding that the Commission was ever ready to protect the integrity of the system.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Secretary-General, Committee of Vice Chancellors (CVC) of Nigerian Universities, Professor Michael Faborode, said that University Administrators, all over the world, had the responsibilities to respond to new challenges which always task their ability to manage their institutions effectively. He mentioned some of the challenges faced by University administrators

in the line of duty to include pressures for greater probity, accountability and transparency, especially "as it relates to financial matters, procurements, admissions and quality outputs". Professor Faborode stated that the high-level executive development programme sought to interrogate and equip the key system operators with well-researched guides and global best practices to aid them in responding to their peculiar challenges.

Other papers presented at the threeday workshop included those of Former President, Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), on 'The Bursary, Financial probity, Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS vs GAAP) and Best Practices in the Control and Management of University Finances'; Former Registrar, University of Ibadan, Chief Mrs. Moji Ladipo on 'The Registry in University Governance and Management: Repositioning for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges'; Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos, Professor Oyewo Oyelowo, on 'Understanding University Laws and Relevant Legislation Guiding Probity and Ethical Conduct of University Leadership'; and the Director, Academic Planning, Nigerian Defence Academy, Col. Dr. S.S Ibrahim on Rediscovering the Necessity for Academic Planning and Enforcement of Discipline in Nigerian University System: the NDA Experience,' among others.

At the Workshop were Vice Chancellors, Registrars and Bursars from both the private, state and federal universities.



Some of the Vice-Chancellors, Registrars and Bursars at the Workshop



# Photo Gallery



L-R: Prof. Rasheed, Lt.-Gen. Buratai and Mal. Adamu



Mal. Adamu 5th right and Lt.-Gen. Buratai with some other Officials of the Ministry and the Army delegation



The Army delegation with members of the NUC Management



Chairman, Planning and Implementation Committee of the Nigerian Army University, Biu, Maj. Gen. Mathias Efeovbokhan, Lt. Gen. Buratai and Prof. Rasheed



Ibrahim Yakasai with Hon. Suleiman at the National Assembly after the Public Hearing on Bills to review NUC acts and others



Other Stakeholders at the Public Hearing





# Photo Gallery



Prof. Rasheed chatting with some Pro-Chancellor



Prof. Rasheed with the Nigerian Universities Games Association (NUGA) team at the AVCNU workshop



Profs. Rasheed, Ribadu and other participants at the AVCNU workshop



Some of the participants at the workshop



The Resource Person from NDA, Col. Dr. S.S. Ibrahim delivering his papers



More stakeholders during the Public Hearing at the National Assembly on NUC Acts and others



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# RE: GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN (MONBUKAGAKUSHO: MEXT) SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2018 (GRADUATE LEVEL)

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has received a notice of offer of scholarship to eligible Nigerian students who may wish to undertake postgraduate studies in Japanese Universities for the next academic year commencing in April or October, 2018.

Prospective applicants must not be above thirty-five (35) years of age, born after April 2 1983 and must have completed a first degree programme at a recognised University, with a very competitive grade point average.

Application forms for the Scholarship Programme and the guidelines can be obtained either directly from the Embassy of Japan, Abuja Office or online via: <a href="http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/mext2018.html">http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/mext2018.html</a>. The deadline for the submission of duly completed application forms is 9 June, 2017.

Consequently, I am to bring the above to the attention of Vice-Chancellors of all Nigerian Universities and to request that you kindly ensure wide circulation and compliance in your respective Universities.

Please accept the assurances of the Executive Secretary's highest regards.

Mrs. Constance N. Goddy-Nnadi Director, Executive Secretary's Office

For: Executive Secretary

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### NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION



### Introduction:

The Federal Executives Council at its meeting held on 28th July 2010 approved that Nigeria should adopt the provisions of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) for Private and Public Sectors respectively.

Consequently, the Federation Accounts Standards Allocation Committee (FAAC) at its meeting held on 13th June 2011 setup a Sub-Committee to provide a roadmap for the implementation of IPSAS in the three tiers of governmeent in NIgeria.

### The Roadmap to the adoption of IPSAS was phased as follows:

- Full Adoption of IPSAS Cash effective from1st January, 2014.
- Adoption of IPSAS Accrual effective from 1st January 2016.

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has commenced the IPSAS implementation project that will enable a seamless adoption of the IPSAS accrual in the preparation and presentation of Financial Statements in line with the directives of Federation Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC) Sub-Committee on implementation of IPSAS.

### Implementation Approach:

NUC is partnering with Nexia Agbo Abel & Co, to adopt a phased implementation approach which shall focus on the following areas;

- Regulatory Compliance
- Technical Accounting & Reporting
- Knowledge & Resource Management
- Process, Technology & Infrastructure

  Results Based Management
  - Easy Comparison
  - Competitive Advantage

Quality

**IPSAS** 

 Transparency Accountability

- Consistency
- Comparability

## **Expected Benefits:**

At the end of this implementation project, NUC's financial reporting is expected to be fully IPSAS accrual

compliant in line with the directive. This will ensure greater level of transparency, accountability and consistency in financial reporting just like similar Public Sector Entities (PSE), high-quality financial statements based on globally acceptable standards and audit efficiency.





## Implementation Committee

In line with the National Treasury Circular Ref. No. TRY/A5 & B5/2014 and OAGF/CAD/POL/C.0301/VOL. I/VOL.I of 23rd October 2014, the composition of the Commission's IPSAS Implementation Committee include:

**Executive Secretary** Chairman Vice-Chairman Director, Finance and Accounts **Director, Management Support Services** Member **Head of Internal Audit** Member **Head of Information & Communication Technology** Member **Head of Treasury** Member **Head of Budget** Member Head of IPSAS/Fixed assets Member **Head of Procurement** Member

**Head of Final Accounts** Member/Secretary

# **Approved Open Universities and** Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which has 72 study/resource centres nationwide, is currently the only approved open university in the Nigerian University System (NUS)

### List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

Eight universities in the Nigerian University System, currently have the approval of the National Universities Commission to operate distance learning centres as follows:

- 1. Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan.
- 2. Distance Learning Institute, University of Lagos.
- 3. Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education, University of Abuja.
- 4. Centre for Distance Learning, University of Maiduguri.
- 5. Centre for Distance Learning, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
- 6. Centre for Distance Learning, Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola.
- 7. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre, Ogbomosho.
- 8. Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

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- c. The setting up of medical schools is not an emergency exercise. To this end, prospective proprietors must own and have in place (prior to a request for a Resource Verification), a fully functional and well run tertiary type hospital. In the circumstance of the above not being in place, consideration for an affiliation with a tertiary government-owned institution may be given only when the said university owns a medical institution fully functional with a minimum of 150 beds and a rural health medical unit. (See Appendix 4 of the BMAS).
- d. A Pre-clinical Accreditation would be expected to take place within two years of a positive Resource Verification. Students can only sit for the second MBBS professional examination (Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry) when they have a successful preclinical accreditation. The preclinical accreditation would, amongst others, concentrate largely on the Department of Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Pathology and Pharmacology and to a lesser extent, Community Health. All evaluated departments must have the minimum requirements in terms of academic staff, non academic staff and laboratory facilities. (See Appendix 3 of the BMAS)
- e. The Commission has now approved a Clinical Accreditation expected to take place within twelve months of a successful preclinical accreditation. Subsequent to that, a reaccreditation exercise will take place every five years.
- 2. With respect to established medical schools, (and irrespective of their accreditation status), it should be noted that only institutions that (by the deadline of March 20th, 2016) have requested and obtained formal approval from the National Universities Commission for a re-evaluation based on the following considerations would be allowed to admit students into the MBBS/BDS programmes from the 2016/2017 academic year:
- a. All Medical and Dental schools must have an approved, and appropriately utilized, Clinical Skills/Simulation centre.
- b. Ensure strict adherence to the proper use of the course system for all approved programmes in Nigerian Universities. The implication of the above is that a particular programme (subject) is taught not only broken into cluster units of 1-4 but also have the components of university supervised examinations. For clarity, current end of posting examinations (practiced by some medical/dental schools) that neither have units allocated nor follow the standards of a University examination, do not conform to the Minimum Academic Standards as established by the National Universities Commission.
- c. Universities are strongly urged to immediately review their current methods of teaching medical and dental students to include more tutorials, self study group teaching, use of IT in the delivery of courses and simulation/competency based evaluations that must be signed by a lecturer not below the status of a senior lecturer. It must be noted that the confirmation of a successful simulation/competency based evaluation should be a mandatory requirement before the students are eligible to sit for the various professional/sessional examinations
- 3. Proprietors are urged to note the Essential Component changes of the new curriculum expected to be in use from the 2016/2017 academic session. Details of these changes are available in the New Minimum Academic standards booklet and at the National Universities Commission website. (www.nuc.edu.ng.) Major components include the following:
- (a) The approval of three alternative models viz;
- i. A seven year MBBS/BDS programme that encompass a mandatory seamless four-year acquisition of the B.Sc. (Basic Medical Science) with interest in either Anatomy/Physiology/Biochemistry. At the end of seven years, students would have acquired the Bachelor of Basic Medical Science, Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees. In case of the dental programmes, the students would have acquired a degree in Basic Dental Science and Bachelor of Dental Surgery.
- ii. In order to allow for career change for interested non-medical health professionals, the Commission has also approved a four year programme leading to MBBS/BDS for interested and qualified graduates of Nursing, Pharmacology, Physiotherapy, Image Science, Paramedics, Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry and Pharmacology. It must be noted for such to be considered for admission they must have at the WAEC/NECO levels minimum credit scores in Mathematics, English, Physics, Chemistry and Biology at one sitting, prior to the admissions for their first degrees. They must also have a good CGPA.
- iii. Admission into universities based on the current six year programme would be allowed to continue as suitable alternative based on the discretion of the University.
- iv. It should be noted and emphasized that all the above degrees have the Bachelor appellation as they remain undergraduate programmes.
- (b) Specific periods of posting to the department of Family Medicine. The obvious implication here is that, the Universities should create the Department of Family Medicine following their due process.
- (c) Redesignation of the Department of Pharmacology to the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics. The department is now expected to provide relevant basic clinical teaching and conduct relevant professional examination in Pharmacology. They will also be expected to provide relevant clinical teaching in Therapeutics. All Universities should set in motion the machinery to achieve the above.
- 4. In view of the above essential component changes of the new curriculum, the Commission will be organising a National training for Medical teachers in Nigerian Universities. Details of the training would be made available shortly.
- 5. Interested stakeholders are invited to send comments/suggestions on the above to: The Executive Secretary, NUC, rasheed3h@gmail.com and copy to chiedu.mafiana@gmail.com











# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

## **RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES**

he National Universities Commission, cognizant of the need to streamline the operations of Part Time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities, had through a publication in the print media, including the Guardian and Sun Newspapers of Monday, 19th March, 2012, placed a moratorium on admission into parttime programmes in Nigerian universities. In the publication, the universities were requested to fully disclose all Part-Time and Sandwich programmes, with respect to enrolment and staffing profile, within four weeks of the publication, and to conduct in-house staff and student audit and forward same to the Commission. As a follow up to this, the Commission vide a letter dated 14 January, 2013, sent a reminder to the universities requesting those that were yet to provide information on their Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as well as affiliation arrangements to do so on or before 15 February, 2013.

### 2.0. Universities That Made Submission

Based on the submissions received, a total of forty (40) universities indicated that they would run Part-Time and Sandwich programmes as detailed below:

### A. Federal Universities

- 1. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
- 2. University of Benin, Benin
- 3. University of Calabar, Calabar
- 4. University of Lagos
- 5. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
- 6. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt
- 7. University of Uyo, Uyo
- 8. University of Abuja, Abuja
- 9. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
- 10. Michael Okpara University, Umudike
- 11. Moddibbo Adamawa University of Technology, Yola
- 12. University of Agriculture, Markurdi
- 13. Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto
- 14. University of Jos, Jos

### **B.** State Universities

- 1. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
- 2. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago- Iwoye, Ogun State
- 3. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 4. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba- Akoko, Ondo State
- 5. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
- 6. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun
- 7. Rivers State University of Science and Technology,
  Port Harcourt

- 8. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu State
- 9. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education Education, Port Harcourt
- 10. Delta State University, Abraka, Delta State
- 11. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
- 12. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
- 13. Niger Delta University, Amasoma, Bayelsa State
- 14. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
- 15. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Eboyi State
- 16. Cross River State University of Technology, Calabar
- 17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
- 18. Osun State University, Osun State
- 19. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State

### C. Private Universities:

- 1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
- 2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
- 3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
- 4. Lead City university, Ibadan, Oyo State
- 5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
- 6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State
- 7. Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State
- 8. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State

# 3.0. APPROVALS GRANTED TO UNIVERSITIES TO RUN PART-TIME/ SANDWICH PROGRAMMES.

Up to date, a total of thirty six (36) universities forwarded their completed documents, based on the approved format. Following the analysis of the submissions by the Department of Academic Standards and having satisfied the laid down guidelines for running Part – Time programme and Sandwich courses in Nigerian universities, all the thirty six (36) institutions were recommended to the Executive Secretary for approval. Consequent upon Executive Secretary's approval, letters were communicated to the universities accordingly. The universities are:

#### A. Federal Universities

- 1. University of Lagos
- 2. University of Port Harcourt
- 3. University of Calabar
- 4. University of Benin
- 5. University of Abuja
- 6. University of Uyo
- 7. University of Jos
- 8. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife
- 9. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka





- 10. Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
- 11. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
- 12. Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto
- 13. Bayero University, Kano
- B. State Universities
- 1. Ekiti State University, Ado Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 2. Cross River State University, Calabar, Cross River State
- 3. Imo State University, Owerri, Imo State
- 4. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rivers State
- 5. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State
- 6. Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State
- 7. Enugu State University of Science & Technology, Enugu State
- 8. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun, Ogun State
- 9. Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt
- 10. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Eboyi State
- 11. Benue State University, Makurdi, Benue State
- 12. Niger Delta University, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State
- 13. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
- Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, Ondo State
- 15. Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
- 16. Osun State University, Osogbo, Osun State
- 17. Abia State University, Uturu, Abia State
- 18. Nasarawa State University, Keffi, Nasarawa State.

#### C. Private Universities

- 1. Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State
- 2. Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State
- 3. Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State
- 4. Lead City university, Ibadan, Oyo State
- 5. Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State
- 6. Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State
- 7. Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo, Ondo State
- 8. Fountain University, Osogbo

#### Dr. Gidado Kumo

Director, Academic Standards For: Executive Secretary

# GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

Below are guidelines for conducting Part-time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities. All universities currently operating Part-time programmes are expected to comply with the guidelines on programme by programme basis.

Consequently, universities still interested in running Part-time programmes are advised to forward fresh applications to the NUC on programme by programme basis.

This is, however, subject to the readiness of the university to comply with the following extant guidelines on part-time programmes:

- 1. The admission and graduation requirements, Staffing, Library and physical facilities requirements must be in line with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for the various full-time academic programmes;
- 2. For a programme to be eligible to run on part-time basis, the approved full-time equivalent must be available in the university, must have earned full accreditation and must be run within approved campuses;
- 3. The enrolment into part-time programmes must not exceed 20% of total students' population in the programme;
- 4. The minimum duration of the part-time programmes must be 150% of the approved duration of the Full-Time equivalent;
- 5. Approval shall not be granted for part-time programmes in Environmental Sciences, Engineering/Technology, Law, Medicine/Medical Sciences, Pharmacy /Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dentistry; and Veterinary Science;
- 6. All admissions into part-time programmes must be through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Part-time programmes must be run within approved campuses of universities where the human and material resources for the teaching of the programmes are domiciled, i.e. on the main campus of the university;
- 7. Part-time programmes shall be subjected to the NUC accreditation assessment upon maturity of the programme;
- 8. For any programme to be eligible for part-time mode, it must have produced two (2) sets of graduates and satisfied the Resource Verification Requirements.
- 9. Commencement of a part-time programme MUST be subject to NUC's approval. Approval of commencement of all parttime programmes must be obtained.

The National Universities Commission shall not hesitate to apply appropriate sanctions on any university which violates any of the stipulated Guidelines on Part-Time and Sandwich Programmes.

Signed

Management

# LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL			STATE			PRIVATE		
S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	2	Madonna University, Okija	1999
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	5	Covenant University, Ota	2002
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	12	Caritas University, Amorji- Nke, Enugu	2005
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	13	Bingham University, Auta- Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
14	Federal University of Tech- nology, Owerri	1980	14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005
15	Federal University of Tech- nology, Akure	1981	15	Anambra State University, Uli	2000	15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	22	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005
23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006
24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011		Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007



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34	Federal University, Ndufu- Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009	
35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	
36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009	
37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	37	Northwest University, Kano	2012	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009	
38	Federal University, Birnin- Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	
39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013	39	Rhema University, Obeama- Asa, Rivers State	2009	
40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	
			41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	
			42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016	42	Baze University, Abuja	2011	
			43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016	43	Landmark University, Omu- Aran, Kwara State Samuel Adegboyega University,	2011	
			44	Borno State University	2016	44	Ogwa, Edo State  Elizade University, Ilara-	2011	
						45	Mokin, Ondo State Evangel University,	2012	
						46	Akaeze, Ebonyi State Gregory University,	2012	
						47	Uturu, Abia State McPherson University, Seriki	2012	
						-	Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State Southwestern University,	2012	
						49	Okun Owa, Ogun State Augustine, University,	2012	
						50	Ilara, Lagos State Chrisland University,	2015	
						51	Owode, Ogun State Christopher University,	2015	
						52	Mowe, Ogun State Hallmark University,	2015	
						53	Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State Kings University, Ode Omu,	2015	
						54	Osun State  Michael and Cecilia Ibru	2015	
						55	Uni., Owhrode, Delta State  Mountain Top University,	2015	
						56	Ogun State Ritman University, Ikot	2015	
						57	Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State Summit University,	2015	
						58	Offa, Kwara State Edwin Clark University,	2015	
						59	Kiagbodo, Delta State Hezekiah University,	2015	
						60	Umudi, Imo State	2015	
						62	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016	
						63	Akpabuyo, Cross River State Clifford University, Owerrinta, Abia State	2016	
						64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016	
						65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016	
						66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State Koladaisi University, Ibadan,	2016	
						67	Oyo State	2016	
						68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016	



### List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has observed with great concern that some Nigerian universities are running unapproved postgraduate programmes, leading to the award of Masters and PhD degrees. The Commission has also observed that some Parastatals and Institutes are awarding these same Postgraduate degrees, either on their own or through unapproved affiliations with Nigerian and foreign Universities. Such practices are not only unethical, but also antithetical to time-tested quality assurance best practices. The qualifications/awards resulting therefrom are not recognized. The Commission hereby notifies the general public that only the following universities have approval to offer postgraduate programmes at the Masters' and Ph.D levels in Nigeria, as of 30th July, 2012:

#### Federal Universities:

- 1. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi
- 2. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
- 3. Bayero University, Kano
- 4. Federal University of Technology, Akure
- 5. Federal University of Technology, Minna
- 6. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
- 7. Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike
- 8. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola
- 9. National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos.
- 10. Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna
- 11. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
- 12. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife
- 13. University of Abuja, Gwagwalada

- 14. University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
- 15. University of Agriculture, Makurdi
- 16. University of Benin, Benin City
- 17. University of Calabar, Calabar
- 18. University of Ibadan, Ibadan
- 19. University of llorin, llorin
- 20. University of Jos, Jos
- 21. University of Lagos, Akoka
- 22. University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri
- 23. University of Nigeria, Nsukka
- 24. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt
- 25. University of Uyo, Uyo
- 26. Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto

### **State Universities:**

- 1. Abia State University, Uturu
- 2. Adamawa State University, Mubi
- 3. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko
- 4. Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma
- 5. Anambra State University, Uli
- 6. Benue State University, Makurdi
- 7. Cross River University of Technology, Calabar 8. Delta State University, Abraka
- 9. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki
- 10. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti
- 11. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu
- 12. Imo State University, Owerri
- 13. Kogi State University, Anyigba

- 14. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
- 15. Lagos State University, Ojo.
- 16. Nasarawa State University, Keffi
- 17. Niger-Delta University, Wilberforce Island
- 18. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye
- 19. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt
- 20. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina
- 21. Gombe State University, Gombe
- 22. Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai
- 23. Kano State University of Science and Technology, Wudil
- 24. Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero
- 25. Kwara State University Malete

### Private Universities:

- 1. African University of Science and Technology, Abuja
- 2. American University of Nigeria, Yola
- 3. Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo
- 4. Benson Idahosa University, Benin City
- 5. Bowen University, Iwo
- 6. Covenant University, Ota
- 7. Igbinedion University, Okada
- 8. Pan-African University, Lekki
- 9. Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State

- 10. Caleb University, Lagos
- 11. Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State
- 12. Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Abuja
- 13. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 14. Lead City University, Ibadan, (MSc. only)
- 15. University of Mkar, Mkar (MSc. only)
- 16. Madonna University Okija (MSc. only)
- 17. Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin (MSc. only)

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through webmaster@nuc.edu.ng and the following telephone numbers: 08027455412, 07054407741, 08067787753, 07039254081 and 07082024412 (FAX). Further information can also be obtained from the Commission's website: www.nuc.edu.ng

### Signed: **MANAGEMENT**

### Fourteen-Step Process for the Establishment of Private Universities in Nigeria

The National Universities Commission (NUC), wishes to announce to the general public, especially prospective promoters of private universities, the fourteen-step procedure for establishing private universities in Nigeria.

- Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
- Interview of prospective proprietors 2.
- 3. Collection of application forms
- 4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
- Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in relevant NUC departments
- Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of **SCOPU**

- Interactive meeting of SCOPU with the proposed 7. university
- First site assessment visit
- 9 Finalisation of document
- 10. Second (final) site assessment visit
- Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
- 12. Approval by NUC Management
- 13. Approval by NUC Board
- 14. Approval by FEC

Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR Executive Secretary, NUC Announcer







# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

# List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

he National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed "Degree Mills" have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAP E3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The "Universities" are:

- University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating 1) anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses 3)
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses 5)
- Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its 6) other campuses in Nigeria
- Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or 7) any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any 10) of its other campuses.
- Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its 11) other campuses.
- UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other 12) campuses.
- Saint Augustine's University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or 13) any of its other campuses
- The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos 14) Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria'
- London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria. 18)
- Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria. 19)
- Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its 20) campuses in Nigeria.
- West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria. 21)
- Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria. 22)
- JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal 23) Campus
- Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in 24) Nigeria.
- St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in 25)
- EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre. 26)
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its 28) campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in 32) Nigeria
- Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria. 33)
- Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State 34)
- 35) Open International University, Akure

- Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo 36)
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State
- 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in 43) Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in 46) Nigeria.
- Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, 48) Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study 49) Centre.
- 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 52) Career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 54) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Business School, Kaduna
- Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State 56)
- 57) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.

In addition to the closure, the following Degree Mills are currently undergoing further investigations and/or ongoing court actions. The purpose of these actions is to prosecute the proprietors and recover illegal fees and charges on subscribers.

- National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State 1)
- North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State 2)
- 3) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
- 4) Richmond Open University, Arochukwu, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State 6)
- Volta University College, Aba, Abia State. 7)
- Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University. 8)

For the avoidance of doubt, anybody who patronises or obtains any certificate from any of these illegal institutions does so at his or her own risk. Certificates obtained from these sources will not be recognised for the  $purposes\ of\ NYSC, employment, and\ further\ studies.$ 

The relevant Law enforcement agencies have also been informed for their further necessary action.

\* This list of illegal institutions is not exhaustive.

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# This Week's BIRTH DEPT

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT.
SAADATU IBR <mark>AH</mark> IM	5 June	DMSS
ADERIBIGBE PHILIP OGUNDEYI	5 June	DPP
ISHAKU SULAIMAN	5 June	DMSS
FUNMILAYO JUMOKE MOREBISE	6 June	DAS
BONIFACE OTE ODEY	6 June	DSSS
FELIX UDEY	6 June	DIM
PAUL CHINAKA ONWU	6 June	DAS
FRANCIS C. IDOKO	6 June	DRI
ANGELA O. OGBEIDE	7 June	DODE
FUNMILOLA ADAM OLEKUN	7 June	DFA
JOSHUA MUYIWA AGBAOYE	7 June	DPP
LAURETTA NNENNA ACHOR	8 June	DQA
BOLAJI AYODELE BALOGUN	9 June	DPP
ABDULLAHI YA'U	10 June	DESO
OJO CHOGWU MARY ENEJOH	11 June	DODE
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