

## PMB Promises to Honour Agreements with ASUU

President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, has reiterated the Federal Government's commitment to honouring promises made to the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), in order to prevent disruptive strikes and engender uninterrupted academic programmes.

The President made the pledge this Tuesday in Abuja while receiving members of the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) led by the Co-Chairs, the Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar, and the President of the Christian Association of Nigeria, Rev'd Dr. Samson Olasupo Ayokunle.

He said government had made and would continue to make conscious efforts towards the improvement of funding of education institutions through quantum leap in the injection of funds.

While commending the leadership of NIREC for intervening in the

year-long strike by ASUU and holding consultations with the parties, the President said no

high regard for them and the service they provide to the nation.



Muhammadu Buhari  
President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

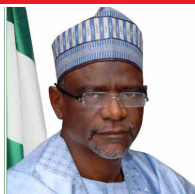
society that wished itself well would neglect its educational system and its component parts.

President Buhari urged NIREC that in its subsequent consultations with members of ASUU that Government has

He said: "However, they should be cognizant of the fiscal pressures that we are currently facing. Nevertheless, we remain committed to honoring our promises.

"For their part, I would like to

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encourage ASUU to continue to work with us towards finding resolutions to the challenges that confront us.

“My administration is committed to this engagement and dialogue, and I urge them to stay on course towards a joint resolution in the best interest of our children and nation,” he added.

Responding to issues raised by the leadership of NIREC on finding

“To show our commitment, several payments have been made over the last 6 months, addressing several of the issues you raised – details of which the Minister of Labour and Employment can make available to you.

“Funding has also been provided for infrastructure development across several public universities and several of them have begun drawing

billion annually from the core civil service alone. In view of the resistance from ASUU we devised UTAS which is now on the table.

“I have also been informed that the System Assessment Report conducted by NITDA has been shared by the Minister of Communications and Digital Economy to all stakeholders including ASUU, and they are to make the appropriate



President Muhammadu Buhari with the Chair of Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) and Sultan of Sokoto, Alh. Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar (III) and Co-Chair/Chairman of Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Rev. Dr. Samson Olasupo Ayokunle

sustainable solutions to the perennial and disruptive strikes that threaten the sanctity and integrity of the nation’s university system, the President said he had directed his Chief of Staff, the Honourable Ministers of Labour and Employment and Education to make resolving this issue a priority.

The President said he had received briefing from the Minister of Labour, detailing where we are today given the various interested parties, and he apprised the meeting as follows:

down on this facility to improve their level of infrastructure

“Finally, and perhaps the most contentious of issues regarding the decision to use either the Integrated Payroll and Personal Information System (IPPIS) or the University Transparency Accountability Solutions (UTAS).

“As you may be aware, IPPIS was introduced as a means of blocking leakages. Through IPPIS, the Federal Government was able to save over N100

modifications and report their recommendations.”

Speaking on behalf of the Council, CAN President, Reverend Dr. Ayokunle, said the meeting with the President was on the single point of averting strikes in the universities and the challenges of ASUU, which they considered to be of national interest.

Dr. Ayokunle told the President that from NIREC’s meeting with ASUU on January 10, 2022, the

university lecturers outlined that the bone of contention between the Union and Federal Government centered on eight issues including inconclusive renegotiation of 2009 ASUU-FGN agreement, UTAS, IPPIS and distortion in salary payment challenges.

According to him, other contentious issues were visitation panels to Federal Universities report issues, funding for revitalisation of public universities,

earned academic allowance, state universities and promotion arrears.

While acknowledging that some of the issues have been addressed by the Government, the NIREC leadership appealed to President Buhari to direct the immediate return to the table of the parties to conclude the renegotiation of the 2009 agreement.

“If the renegotiation process continues to its logical conclusion, issues that the Government is not comfortable with can be re-negotiated with a view to reaching only implementable agreements. We believe that with renegotiation in place, other issues will be adequately addressed along the line,” the NIREC Co-Chair said.

## FG Tasks Governing Councils on Respect for Federal Character Principle

To ensure that the tertiary education institutions were adequately repositioned to fulfill their mandates, the Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, last week inaugurated the newly appointed governing councils of eight Federal Polytechnics and six Colleges of Education across the country.

At the ceremony, held at the NUC Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, Abuja, the Minister, represented by the Honourable Minister of State, Hon. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba, urged the councils to respect the federal character principle in the appointment of staff.

He informed them that as members they were selected in line with the Federal Polytechnic (Amendment) Act 2019 and Federal Colleges of Education Act 1986.

“The persons selected to chair or serve as members of the various councils are expected to be

experienced men and women of proven integrity who are, not only knowledgeable in polytechnic and colleges of education affairs but also familiar with the policy options

“I, therefore congratulate you on having scaled through the rigorous assessment and found to be worthy of your exalted appointments,” he told the members.



Mal. Adamu Adamu  
Hon. Minister of Education

of government in the Nigerian tertiary education system.

According to the minister, some Polytechnics and Colleges of

Education had become parochial and primordial enclaves as the concept of universalism in education had been jettisoned, especially in matters regarding staff employment.

He urged the councils to work with the Federal Character Commission (FCC) to ensure compliance, while also urging them to revamp the quality output of higher education in the country.

In his words: “The drive to revamp the quality output of higher education in Nigeria rests squarely on the shoulders of prominent citizens like you.

“We are confident that you will bring your wealth of experience, adherence to and respect for the rule of law, and due process to bear in the discharge of your duties.

“In accordance with the law, Council shall be the governing body of the institution with powers of general control and superintendence over the policy, finances, and properties of the institution.

“The tenure of the Council is three years from the date of inauguration. It is, therefore, essential that you familiarise yourselves with the specific law establishing your institution.

“And as well with other relevant laws of the Federation, I urge you to exercise this power with the utmost sense of responsibility and in the best interest of your institution,” he said.

The Minister said it was also imperative that the governing councils know the limits of their powers and how best to avoid

situations of conflict in discharging their duties.

“I want to, particularly, draw your attention to the provisions of the Public Procurement Act (PPA) 2007.



Dr. Chukwemeka Nwajiuba  
Hon. Minister of State for Education

“Prior to the enactment of this Act, the Governing Councils of Tertiary institutions were responsible for procurement matters, through the Council’s Tenders Board.

“However, with PPA 2007, the Chief Executives of all Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) took over the responsibility for procurement matters.

“Thus, in the Polytechnics, the Rectors and his/her management are responsible for procurement, while in the Colleges of Education, the Provosts and his/her management teams are in charge of procurement,” he added.

The minister said it was however, important for the Chief Executives to brief the

Governing Councils regularly on all procurements, as it was done on all financial and other matters.

According to him, all Chairmen and members of the Governing Councils need to take due cognizance of this, as it had, in the past, led to unnecessary frictions between the Councils and Managements of some Polytechnics and Colleges of Education.

Malam Adamu stressed that poor management of funds had remained a major operational constraint in the sector. In this regard Councils should enlist the support of philanthropic organisations, individuals and other sources of revenue through endowment for additional funding of their institutions”.

He also urged the Councils to adopt best practices and comply with statutory guidelines in the performance of their supervisory functions,” he said.

Mallam Adamu further advised them to emulate the global best practice that had worked well for the system in driving their vision for the institutions.

He, therefore, said that the limited funds allocated by government should be judiciously utilized as it was evident that government cannot provide all the funds required to run the Federal Polytechnics and Colleges of Education.

He advised councils to think out of the box to generate more revenue, outside government allocation.

# NUC Committee of Experts Finalise CCMAS

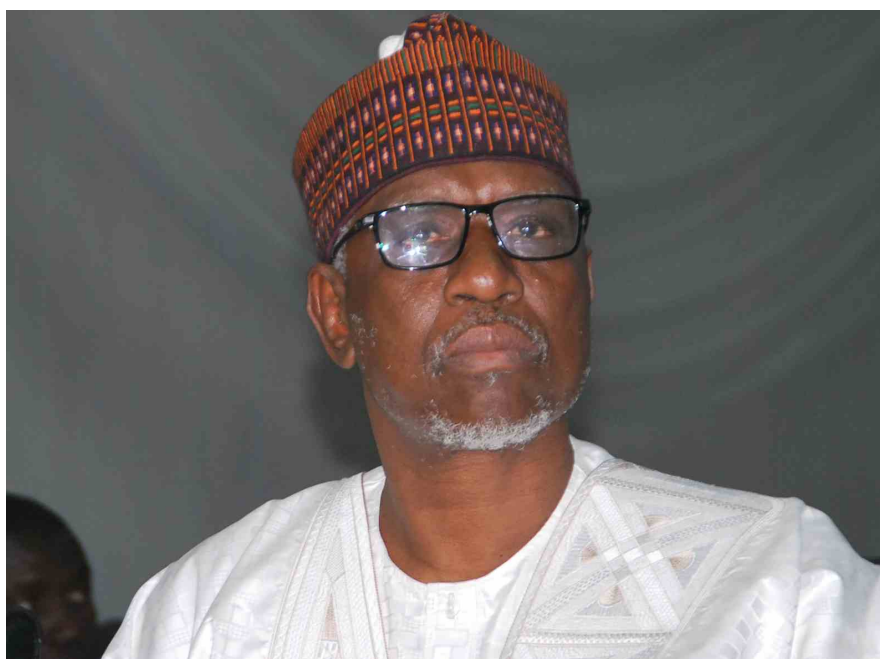
The Committee of experts drawn from various disciplines in the Nigerian Universities to harmonise the online drafts of the curriculum review coordinated by the National Universities Commission (NUC) last week converged for a face-to-face interaction on the new Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) documents to finalise activities on the report which began within the last one year.

Declaring open the interactive meeting at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, Abuja, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, FNAL, recalled that what used to be called the Minimum Academic Standards (MAS) started way back in 1989, for 13 disciplines and largely prescriptive then.

He added that the review of the MAS curriculum by 2004, led to the evolution of the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) with other forms of review conducted in 2007, explaining that unfortunately successive attempts to review the developed BMAS further in 2011 and 2018 were not successful.

Represented by NUC Director, Academic Planning (DAP), Dr. Biodun Saliu, the Executive Secretary noted that cognizant of this setback, the management of the NUC resolved to reverse the trend

with the commencement of a comprehensive review of the curriculum of the Nigerian University System (NUS). The whole essence, he stated, was to make it at par with global trends



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed  
Executive Secretary, NUC

where universities based on their unique features were supposed to drive the development of the curriculum.

He highlighted that several online reviews had gone into the process since the last 10 months, with a robust engagement by representatives of the various academia in diverse fields, professional bodies and the private sector, getting the document to now face-to-face review by the stakeholders.

He reminded the experts that the curriculum being reviewed had some striking and exciting

features such as unique attributes, where NUC was only providing 70 per cent of the compulsory courses, while the universities were to determine the balance of 30 per cent of the

courses. He emphasised that the curriculum was being expanded from 14 to 17 disciplines, while at the programme levels it increased from 188 to 238.

Prof. Rasheed expressed his delight and confidence on the caliber of experts and human resources assembled to harmonise the reviewed documents and their robust contributions which would bring more impetus to the nation's quest for national and international development. He assured the experts and Nigerians of NUC's unflinching support for the continuous efforts

at curriculum re-engineering so as to meet global trends and optimal service delivery.

Speaking in his own capacity as the



Dr. Noel Saliu  
Rep. of the ES and Director,  
Academic Planning

Director, Academic Planning, Dr. Saliu in a presentation titled “the Journey So Far on the Curriculum Review,” thanked all the members of the NUC Strategy Advisory Committee (STRADVCOM), both internal and external as well as Chairmen and Co-chairmen of the various disciplines/programmes as well as NUC representatives in the assignment.

The DAP said that quality generally was what influenced a number of factors in the input and output of any process including curriculum, noting that curriculum played a major role in quality delivery of teaching and learning processes.

He also noted that curriculum gave definition to the content of the knowledge being impacted on the

students and in addition a necessary requirement to effectively impart knowledge, stressing that historical element of any university the world over was the quality of their graduates, with curriculum playing a major role in these identified areas.

He cited a reference document of Prof. Peter Okebukola in 2007, which canvassed for the input-process and the output domain for the NUS. According to him, it played a distinct role in the curriculum process which required a well-developed curriculum for knowledge to be impacted on learners.

He said that effective teaching and learning delivery could not be achieved in the absence of a good curriculum.

Dr. Saliu explained that curriculum development predated NUC, as the first

as a University College, London) and the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, which started in 1960, both had their peculiarities in programmes before the advent of the Commission in 1962. While the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife, and University of Lagos followed suit in 1962 and later the University of Benin that joined in 1970.

Dr. Saliu, who chronicled that the NUC only came onboard in 1962 and became a statutory body in 1974, only had the power to superintend over the curriculum by the 1985 Minimum Education Standards Requirements Decree as Amended, Act 2004, which then placed the burden of academic regulations on the Commission leading to the development of the first MAS in 1989.

He said, the major review of the curriculum was in 2004, regarded as the BMAS where the



Some members of NUC STRADVCOM seating L-R is Immediate past NUC Deputy Executive Secretary, (Academics), Dr. Ramon Yusuf; Fmr. Minister of Education, Prof. Ruqayya Ahmed Rufa'i; Pro-Chancellor, Alex Ekwueme Fed. University, Ndufu Alike, Prof. Nimi Briggs and Fmr. Vice-Chancellor, OAU, Ile-Ife, Prof. Michael Faborode

university in Nigeria, University of Ibadan, (which operated then

outcome-based and prescriptive approaches of MAS in 1989 were

both merged. The BMAS encapsulated such issues as philosophy/ objectives of the programme; the minimum floor

based on the Arusha Convention. He further informed the gathering that as the incumbent DAP, the

meeting.

The DAP recounted that a multi-stakeholder approach was adopted in the management and process of the review with eminent professors of repute, representatives of professional bodies and the industry participating. He intimated the meeting that the CCMAS is expected to be launched in March this year.



Other members of the STRADVCOM at the face-to-face meeting

space, studio and laboratory specification, libraries, among others. He disclosed that other reviews attempted in 2011 and 2018 could not produce any workable curriculum, leading to where the NUS is currently.

Executive Secretary had given him a matching order that the curriculum of NUS must be reviewed before the end of first quarter 2021, but was delayed due to Covid-19 pandemic and disruptions of global activities. He however, expressed

The Director highlighted that the BMAS document which the NUC had as at 2018 was sent to the Committee of experts and the NUS in general with comments harvested from same, while curriculum of other world class universities were downloaded and compared with the ones of the NUS, just to ensure comparability in terms of quality.

He informed the meeting that when Prof. Rasheed became the Executive Secretary in 2016; one of his major focuses was the re-engineering of the curriculum through NUC STRADVCOM, which was the second most important core in the NUC Act, which was curriculum review of the system. The vision was that the curriculum of the NUC would be among the best rated in Africa in terms of its relevance and global competitiveness.



Some of the participating Vice-Chancellors at the face-to-face curriculum harmonisation meeting

He said curriculum review was also part of the African Union (2063) African Quality Assurance Framework goal and objective

satisfaction that it would be concluded before the end of the first quarter of 2022, which is the reason for this face-to face

He recalled that the online review commenced effectively in April 2021 and was just about to wind down with the current process.

He noted that the expectations of the curriculum were that it would meet both national and international requirements with specific production of comparable graduates aligned to the 21st Century with ICT-oriented knowledge, artificial intelligence, skill acquisition and soft skills in the areas of entrepreneurship re-engineering, critical thinking and problem-solving abilities and innovative pedagogy. The other

the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities for a start of the process with a 50-50 provision, which was greeted with so much shock and trepidation and described as too drastic. He said the NUC decided that the universities would do 30 per cent, while NUC provide 70 per cent. There was also provision on the new curriculum for blended learning, which became

harmonization processes they carried out as contained in their modus operandi.

When prompted on the aspect of the training and retraining programme for academics to deliver on the new curriculum pedagogy, the Director Academic Planning, Dr. Saliu noted that this component would certainly be carried out after the curriculum launch.



The Curriculum Review Panel in a group photograph after the meeting

end of the process was the training and retraining of academics in line with the present realities that must be conversant with the teaching pedagogy.

Dr. Saliu also outlined that the major features of the new curriculum was the change of nomenclature from BMAS to CCMAS, which brings it at par with the global world, as no one identify with BMAS anywhere.

He told the gathering that NUC was working on handing over the development of curriculum back to Nigerian universities in line with global trend and had proposed to

very well pronounced with the Covid era, leading to massive shut down of the system. So the blended learning would give Universities opportunities to have a dual mode system with online classes.

The Committee were charged to do minor corrections, look at the unique features and include what they think was vital without changing the structure.

Meanwhile, at the end of the review meeting, the various disciplines Chairmen commented and updated the Commission on the various

At the ceremony include Pro-Chancellor of Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Prof. Brecketh Representative of the Organised Private Sector (OPS) Prof. Prof. Tope Topgun, some members of the NUC STADVCOM, Emeritus Prof. Nimi Briggs, who was the Chair of the curriculum sub-committee; former Minister of Education, Prof Ruqayatu Ahmed Rufa'I, OON, immediate past Deputy Executive Secretary, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf and Emeritus Prof. Godwin Soglo, among others.





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Yours in the service of higher education in Africa

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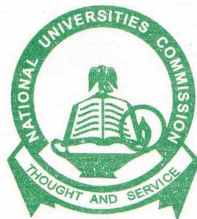
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## DOCTOR OF PHARMACY (PHARM. D) PROGRAMME IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

The attention of the National Universities Commission has been drawn to the anomaly identified with the Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm) and Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D) programmes in some Nigerian Universities.

The Executive Secretary has therefore directed that I convey to the Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities as follows:

1. The B. Pharm and Pharm. D are two separate degrees programmes awarded in the Nigerian University System. The duration for the award of the B. Pharm degree is 5 academic sessions and 6 academic sessions for Pharm.D through the UTME entry mode. Prior to 2015, Universities have been awarding the B. Pharm which is still obtainable and approved by the NUC. However, in a bid to expand the Pharmacy profession to incorporate pharmaceutical care and accommodate clinical demand within the Nigerian educational system, the Pharm. D programme was introduced.
2. The Philosophy behind the establishment of Pharm.D programme in Nigerian Universities is

*“to provide students with a broad balanced foundation in all the areas of Pharmaceutical Knowledge to further equip them with the ability to apply Pharmaceutical knowledge in health care delivery system; acquire professional skills to identify and resolve drug related problems and to impact to the students, a comprehensive knowledge of Pathophysiology, Therapeutics, Pharmacokinetics and Toxicology among several other aims and objectives”.*

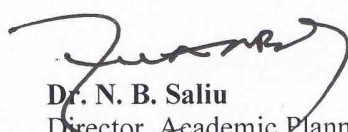
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3. To this end, it is necessary to clarify to all Nigerian Universities that;
- i. B. Pharm and Pharm. D are the two distinct degrees awarded under the Pharmacy discipline and not to be interchanged;
  - ii. B. Pharm and Pharm. D are both undergraduate programmes;
  - iii. B. Pharm does not serve as a bridge to the award of Pharm. D;
  - iv. Conversion programmes or top-up aimed at upgrading B. Pharm to Pharm.D is not approved by the Commission; and
4. In view of the foregoing and for the avoidance of doubts, it is illegal for any University to run conversion programmes from B. Pharm to Pharm. D.
5. The table below shows the Universities the National Universities Commission has granted approval to run the Pharm D. program.

S/N	UNIVERSITY	YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT
1	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti	2019
2	Bauchi State University, Gadau, Bauchi State	2020
3	Bayero University Kano, Kano State	2015
4	Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2019
5	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2019
5	University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State	2019
6	University of Calabar, Cross River State	2020
8	University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Kwara State	2019
10	University of Jos, Plateau State	2018
11	University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State	2018
12	University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State	2020

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



**Dr. N. B. Saliu**  
 Director Academic Planning  
 For: Executive Secretary



## FME SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

- Safe distancing procedures
- Develop and display at schools, simple context-specific reference protocols on day to day actions to be operated in each school.
- Conduct risk assessment with a view to understanding the gaps in the system that can increase the risk of transmission and make recommendations for addressing the gaps
- Safety and hygiene in all stages and phases of the school reopening process, which promotes behaviors that reduce spread, such as school commutes (to and from school traveling), safe distancing, frequent hand washing and the use of facemasks.
- Other guiding frameworks include sensitization and monitoring procedures.
- Ensure adequate Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) facilities across the school premises
- Encouraging the use of open spaces for gathering and promoting outdoor activities.
- There should be regular temperature checks For all the visitors coming into the schools using infrared thermometers.
- Establish a staff/students committee for regular surveillance, monitoring, and enforcement of COVID-19 guidelines.



## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

# Approved Open University 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, Fourteen 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. University of Lagos, Distance Learning Institute.
3. University of Abuja, Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education.
4. University of Maiduguri, Centre for Distance Learning.
5. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Centre for Distance Learning.
6. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola, Centre for Distance Learning.
7. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre.
8. Distance learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
9. Lagos State University Open and Distance Learning and Research Institute.
10. Joseph Ayo Babalola University Centre for Distance Learning.
11. University of Nigeria, Nsukka Centre for Distance and e-Learning.
12. Federal University of Technology Minna, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.
13. Babcock University Ilisan-Remo, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.
14. University of Ilorin, Centre for Open and Distance Learning.

## 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.

1. Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
2. Interview of prospective proprietors
3. Collection of application forms
4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
5. Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in relevant NUC departments
6. Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of the Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU).

7. Interactive meeting of DEPU with the proposed university
8. First site assessment visit
9. Finalisation of document
10. Second (final) site assessment visit
11. 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**, *mmi, MFR, FNAL*  
Executive Secretary, NUC  
Announcer

## FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	21	Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, Benue State	1988	38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	41	Nigeria Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State	2018
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	42	Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna	2018
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	43	Nigerian Army University, Biu	2018
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	44	Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State	2020
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	45	Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State	2020
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	46	Federal University of Technology, Babura, Jigawa State	2021
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	47	Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State	2021
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	48	Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Bauchi State	2021
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	49	Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State	2021
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011			
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	34	Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu Alike, Ebonyi State	2011			

## STATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	42	Kingsley Ozumba (K.O) Mbadiwe University, Imo State	2016
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	24	Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State.	2008	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	44	Borno State University	2016
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	27	Umaru Musa Yar' Adua University, Katsina	2006	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	49	University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State	2019
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	50	Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - Ekiti State	2020
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	51	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	52	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021
15	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	53	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021
16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	54	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	55	King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State	2021
18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012			
19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012			



# LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

## PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	70	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
2	Madonna University, Okija	1999	36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009	71	Precious Cornerstone University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009	72	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Portharcourt, River State	2017
4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	73	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
5	Covenant University, Ota	2002	39	Rhema University, Aba	2009	74	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos State	2017
6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	75	Skyline University, Nigeria Kano State	2018
7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	76	Greenfield University, Kasarami Kaduna State	2019
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003	42	Baze University, Abuja	2011	77	Dominion University, Ibadan Oyo State	2019
9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005	43	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	78	Trinity University, Laloko Ogun State	2019
10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005	44	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011	79	Westland University, Iwo Osun State	2019
11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005	45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	80	Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwa Ibom State	2021
12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005	46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	81	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko Irese, Kwara State	2021
13	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	82	Maranatha University, Mgbidi, Imo State	2021
14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005	48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	83	Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State	2021
15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005	49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012	84	Al-Istqama University, Sumaila, Kano State	2021
16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005	50	Augustine, University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	85	Mudiame University, Irrua, Edo State	2021
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	86	Havilla University, Nde-Ikom, Cross River State	2021
18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	87	Claretian University, Nekede, Imo State	2021
19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015	88	Karl Kumm University, Vom, Plateau State	2021
20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005	54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015	89	Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021
21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owbrode, Delta State	2015	90	James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
22	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015	91	Maryam Abacha American University Of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2021
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpen, Akwa Ibom State	2015	92	Capital City University, Kano, Kano State	2021
24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015	93	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021
25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007	59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015	94	University Of Offa, Offa, Kwara State.	2021
26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015	95	Mewar International University Nigeria, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021
27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007	61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016	96	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021
28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016	97	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021
29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007	63	Clifford University, Owerrinta, Abia State	2016	98	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021
30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007	64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016	99	Anan University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021
31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016			
32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016			
33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007	67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016			
34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016			
			69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017			



# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

## *PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT*

### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The 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:

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or 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.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine’s University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos 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
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its 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.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 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
- 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in 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.
- 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study 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
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- 57) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 58) Gospel Missionary Foundation (GMF), Theological University. 165 Iselo road, Cele bus stop, Egbe-Ikotun, Lagos.

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.

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

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 Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
OGBONNA	JOHN	OPARA	31 January
OMOH	BENITA	OKPEKU	31 January
ABDULLAHI		UMAR	31 January
QUEEN	IJEOMA	BARRAH	31 January
VICTOR	EBHODEGHE	IWOBHO	01 February
ZAKARI		JOSHUA	02 February
HADIZA	UMAR	BUHARI	02 February
YAKANUMBU	TATABE	MUSTAPHA	03 February
BABA		SALEH	03 February
MOSES		OMOGO	03 February
FUNMILAYO	OLUSHOLA	KOLADE	04 February
MUHAMMED	RAIYANU	GARBA	04 February
IBRAHIM	DANTSOHO	ABDULLAHI	04 February
GRACE	ULOEGO	OFEOSHI	06 February
NAZIF	JAMILU	SULEIMAN	06 February
AUWALU		UMAR	06 February

*Wishing You Many happy returns!*

*Best Wishes for the week*



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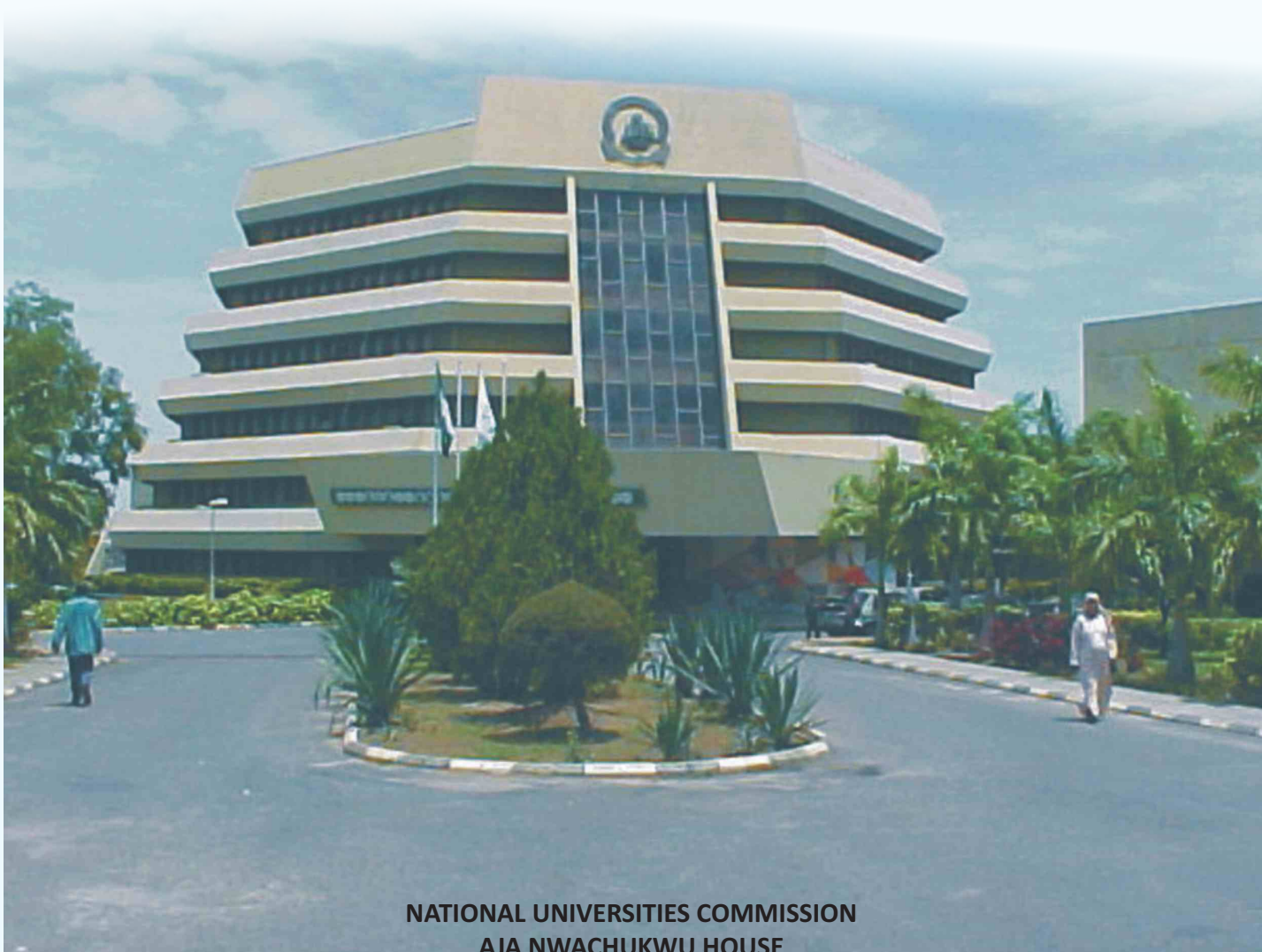
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