# NIS to Establish Institute of Migration Studies for W/Africa

## -Plans Special Visas for Academics, Intellectuals

he Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) has concluded arrangements to establish a multilingual training institute for migration and border management in affiliation with some Nigerian Universities at its facility in Tuga, Kebbi State.

Disclosing this when he paid a courtesy call on the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR, the Comptroller-General of the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS), Muhammad Babandede, MFR, said that the institute which would be degree awarding would lay more emphasis on postgraduate studies and research and would equip its officers and men with modern skills and knowledge on border security and migration in order to tackle the challenges of illegal migration through the West African Sub-region to parts of the world.



Comptroller-General, NIS, Mohammed Babandede, MFR; and Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR

He said that the institute would boost efforts to curb illegal and irregular migration and would be in the overall interest of all countries, in the Sub-region noting that as a leading country, Nigeria was already in touch with other countries within and outside Africa on the

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The CGI and ES (2nd and 3rd left) and managements of the two organisations addressing region.

need to collaborate on addressing illegal migration, which, he said, was posing a global security threat.

He informed the Executive Secretary that NIS had been producing some border commanders and men dedicated to manning the borders. He solicited for the guidance of the NUC in actualising the establishment of the Tuga institute.

He hinted that many of the ECOWAS countries and United Nations Organisation were favorably disposed to the idea realising that it was not just enough to tighten security on individual borders but to also address the problem from the source (countries of origin). He said the institution, when established, would provide the required training to not just officials of the Service in Nigeria but the entire West African Sub-

He also disclosed that the Service was preparing to issue special visas to Academics from other countries, whose services might be required by the Nigerian University System, adding that the idea was to ensure that intellectuals were encouraged to come and lecture or conduct

research that would lift the

country's knowledge industry. He added that the special visa would not only ensure the importation of essential talents, but, would also, promote the rapid development of the nation's economy, through knowledge. He observed that there were many developed countries in the World that developed to their present level by operating a special



Prof. Rasheed receiving a souvenir from the Mr. Babandede while Mal. Ibrahim Dan'iya watches



visa regime to entice intellectuals into their countries, disclosing that the Service was reviewing its visa policy to achieve this.

The Comptroller General said that talent investment in a country was as essential as financial investment as it guaranteed the transfer of technology and skills for rapid development. He said that as a service that was responsible for the movement of persons in and out of Nigeria, it was necessary for it to adopt global best practices and approach in its operations in order to enjoy global confidence, adding that immigration law had become a global discourse due to its importance to economic development and World security.

CGI, Babandede said that the Service was undergoing a comprehensive reform that would ensure a positive reputation for

Nigeria, beginning with its website, which now contains information on how to obtain passports and visas, residency permit amongst others. He noted that many countries, consider Nigeria as an exporter of persons through illegal routes. He stated that with the number of Nigerians travelling through the sea and desert routes with its attendant risks, it was important for the Service to put measures in place towards checking illegal migration. He described as national embarrassment, a situation where airport staff would be soliciting for chocolate and other forms of inducement from travelers some of whom were visiting Nigeria for the first time. This, he said was capable of smearing the image of the country.

The Comptroller General thanked the Executive Secretary for his support to the Service especially in providing advice that had aided most of its activities, including its strategic retreat that birthed the Strategic Plan (2016-2020) and for recommending some academics who had been working with the Service. He said that the document contains the roadmap for the NIS.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Executive Secretary commended the efforts of the Comptroller General at reforming the Service particularly, for his courage at introducing far-reaching policies such as the withdrawal of Diplomatic Passports from former political office holders and retired civil servants as well as the directive for the arrest of defaulters and for protecting the laws of the country by ensuring that foreign companies did not flood Nigeria with foreigners. Other of his initiatives included the posting of senior officers of the Service who had stayed too long in a particular area and the ease of



Immigration Officers at the meeting





obtaining passports and visas as well as the trans-border crimes.

He described him as one of the hopes of the country, who is passionate about leading a just, fair and equitable Immigration Service, despite the sensitive nature of the assignment. He noted that the media reports on the Service has been positive in the past one year. He, therefore, expressed the readiness of the Commission in working with the NIS under his leadership for the overall benefit of the country.

Professor Rasheed informed the visitors that the Commission was currently processing over 300 applications for the establishment of private universities including those of the Nigerian Army, Navy, Air force and Road Safety. He said that access to university education was still a challenge hence the Commission welcomes every genuine efforts at establishing a university in the country.

He advised the Service to consider a name or title that would give its training institute an international outlook such as the West Africa Training Institute in order to attract grants, foreign students and international patronage as well as emerge as a Centre of Excellence. He said with the name, West African Training Institute, it would be affiliated to both universities in Nigeria and other countries in the sub-region. He said that one of the criteria for ranking universities globally is its diversity in knowledge seekers and givers. He observed that the institute could either be a Postgraduate institute or a regular institution which degrees could make it an international reference point.

The Executive Secretary expressed happiness at the NIS proposal for special visas to academics, noting that the efforts would facilitate the free movement of academics from other countries to Nigeria and positively impact the nation's Ivory Towers. He said that the

Commission would soon hold a meeting of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian universities to discuss modalities for the placement of Gambian student in Nigerian Universities under the student exchange programme. He said that the programme would not only encourage staff movement and students training but would also promote regional or cross border academic corporation.

He promised to invite the Immigration boss to address Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian universities at its next meeting in September on the proposal. At the meeting were the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mal. Ibrahim Dan'Iya; Directors of the Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Chris Maiyaki, Corporate Communication, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai; Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Essien Usendiah; Student Support Services, Dr. Ruquyyat Gurin, Academic Planning, Dr. GB. Kumo.



Babandede and Prof. Rasheed (4th and 5th Left), in a group photograph with management of the two organisations





# **Accreditation Potent Tool for Quality Assurance**

- Prof. Rasheed



Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed addressing the Panel Members. Behind him are: L-R are Mrs. Hadiza Abdulrahman, Dr. Biodun Saliu, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai and Mr. Haruna Ajo

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, has described the NUC Accreditation of academic programmes in the Nigerian University System (NUS) as a veritable means of repositioning the NUS. He stated this at the coordination meeting of panelists for the May/June 2017 accreditation of programmes in Nigerian Universities held on Wednesday, 14 May, 2017, at the NUC Auditorium. He described the exercise as a peer review mechanism stressing that the

coordination meeting was organized to acquaint panel members with critical scenarios through simulations, aimed at sharpening their skills towards improving the exercise.

Professor Rasheed advised the panel members not just to go and accredit, but to be mindful of critical scenes like inter-personal disputes and ranglings amongst staff, which according to him, could have a direct impact on the learning outcome of the students. Other areas he advised them on were staffing and library holdings adding that the

staff mix by rank has been reviewed to reflect current realities in the NUS and in line with global best practices.

He also expressed his intension to strengthen the Inspection and Monitoring mechanism in the Commission to allow for post accreditation visits as well as the regularisation of the Universities academic calendar. He stressed that he would also restructured some of the quality assurance programmes of the Commission to align it with current developments.





A cross section of Panel Members, 2nd right is Prof. Rasheed

The Executive Secretary reminded the panelists that they had been carefully selected based on their integrity and advised them to justify the confidence reposed on them as partner in the NUS. Going through the simulation session with the panel members, Director, Quality Assurance, Dr. Biodun Saliu stated that the exercise was intended to ensure high quality academic programmes in Nigerian Universities. He reiterated that the Commission would continue to guide against any act that would directly or indirectly compromise the integrity of the exercise.



More Panel members

## Prof. Rasheed Advises Bursars Against Late Budget Submissions



L-R: Bursar, UnilLag, Dr. Lateef Odekunle; Bursar, ABU Zaria, Mr. Yahaya Hassan; Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed and Deputy Executive Secretary, Mr. Ibrahim Dan'Iya

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR, has charged members of the Association of Bursars of Nigerian Universities to commence preparation for the 2018 budget to avoid late submission. He gave the advice last Thursday, during a courtesy call on him by members of the Association of Bursars of Nigerian Universities. He reminded them that the Federal Government had instructed that the 2017 budget would elapse by December of this year in order to give room for the implementation of the 2018 budget very early next year.

Professor Rasheed cautioned universities on capital expenditure for the current year, stating that since the Budget would elapse in six months time, it would be proper for them to prioritize and embark on only feasible projects within the limited available resources in order not to be indebted to contractors. He explained that due to the current economic situation of the country, it was important for all sectors to show understanding with the Federal Government.

The Executive Secretary advised the Bursars to work closely with the Director of Finance of the NUC in order to have a more coordinated budgeting system in the overall interest of the NUS. This, he said, would help the system not only to have a uniform system of operation, but would also, address unnecessary disparity. He said although universities received direct funding from the Federal Government, the Commission had on many occasions being invited by

the Accountant-General of the Federation and other relevant Ministries to clarify some issues.

Professor Rasheed also advised the Bursars to be objective and frank in discharging their duties, especially in bringing Presidential Directives, Extant Laws and Circulars to the attention of the Vice-Chancellor as Chief Financial Advisers to the Vice-Chancellors in order to prevent financial embarrassments. He disclosed that if there was a close working relationship between the Bursars and the Director of Finance of NUC, the Commission could be publishing the budgets and allocations of universities in line with the spirit of transparency of the present administration and also safeguard the integrity of the university system. He explained that university autonomy did not insulate



it from being accountable to the Federal government from which it derives its funding, adding that a u t o n o m y c o m e s w i t h responsibility.

The Executive Secretary directed the DFA of NUC to convene a meeting of the Bursars and furnish them with all the circulars relating to finances from the Federal Government. He assured them that some of the circulars would be discussed with the Vice-Chancellors during the September retreat to also keep them abreast of government policies and regulations.

In his remarks, the leader of the delegation and Bursar, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Mr. Yahaya Hassan, thanked the Executive Secretary for the reception and advocated for a common database in the NUS noting that the

introduction of the uniform accounting system was to ensure uniformity in accountability. He maintained that if the platform could work for the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Banking sector in general it could also work in the NUS.

This, he said, would not only ensure the survival of the system but its sustenance. He decried the dwindling allocations to universities, noting that the job of Bursars had become increasingly difficult due to paucity of funds. He added that they had become more of liability managers than managers of the finances. He appealed to the Vice-Chancellors to see them as their financial advisers, whose aim is to assist them actualise the overall goal of the institution so as to prevent financial embarrassment. He said that for every debit, there must be a corresponding credit to

ensure the sustenance of the system. He said the Association has been organising regular training for Bursary staff to sharpen their skills and keep them abreast with financial regulations.

At the meeting were the Deputy Executive Secretary, Administration, Mal. Ibrahim Dan'Iya; Directors of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi and Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Chris Maiyaki. Others were the Deputy Directors, Information, Mr. Haruna Ajo and Protocol, Mrs. Lydia Imorua.

In the delegation were, Bursars of University of Lagos, Dr. Lateef Odekunle; University of Abuja, Mr. Ahmad El-Yaqub and Federal University, Lokoja, Mr. Alhassan Sheikh Ibrahim.



L-R: Mr. Dan'lya; Dr. Odekunle, Mr. Hassan; Prof. Rasheed, Bursar, Fed. Uni. Lokoja, Mr. Alhassan Ibrahim and Mr. Sam Onazi

## NUC Faults Bill on NIHOTOUR



L-R: Representative of the Senate President, Senator Philip Aduda; Chairman of the Committee, Senator (Pharm.) Matthew A. Urhoghile; Deputy Chairman of the Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Senator Abubakar Ahmadu; Senator Rose and Anyawu

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has faulted the Bill seeking to establish the National Institute For Hospitality and Tourism (NIHOTOUR), with powers to set standards, approve, train and accredit programmes in the universities.

The Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, represented by the Director, Corporate Communication, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai, stated last week at a Public Hearing on the Bill at the Senate Committee Room. He noted that the Bill, if passed, would contravene the Laws establishing the NUC with Powers to set Minimum Academic Standards, Accredit Programmes and deaccredit where necessary.

He maintained that Section 4 (1) (b) (i) and (iii) of the NUC Act empowers the Commission to prepare, after consultation with all the State Governments, the universities, the National Manpower Board and such other

bodies as it considers appropriate, periodic master plans for the balanced and co-ordinated development of all universities in Nigeria and such plans shall include, the general programmes to be pursued by the universities, in order to ensure that they are fully adequate to meet national needs and objectives; recommendations for the establishment of new academic units in existing universities or the approval or disapproval of proposals to establish such academic units.



Representative of ES and Director, Corporate Communications NUC, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai (right) and Principal Legal Officer,
Barr Folorunso Ariyo



He, therefore, appealed to the Committee to expunge the offending provisions from the Bill. The mandate of the Institute, he suggested, should be confined to the professional qualification of members of the Institute and regulation of practice.

In a related development, the Honourable Minister of Information and Culture, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, who was represented by Dr. Paul Adalikwu, in his submission described the proposed Bill as overwhelming and overreaching the mandate for which the NIHOTOUR was established. He said that the mandate of NIHOTOUR was principally to be a training institute. The Minister was also of the opinion that the Bill tended to jettison the legality of other parastatals by giving NIHOTOUR the position of both Trainer and Regulator of every thing relating to tourism, thereby

encroaching on the rights of the private sector and other stakeholder. According to him, this is very unhealthy for the growth of tourism. Earlier, in a welcome remarks, the Chairman of the Committee. Senator (Pharm.) Matthew A. Urhoghile explained that the Institute for Hospitality and Tourism was an existing Institution under the Ministry of Information and Culture. It was established in 1988 as a result of a tripartite agreement between United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Federal Government of Nigeria.

He said the Committee after series of meetings and interactive sessions decided to hold a one-day public hearing to harvest from key stakeholders and the general public. There were various presentations from stakeholders both private and public. Vice Chancellor of Kano State University of Science and

Technology, Wudil, Professor Shehu was among the speakers who, supported NUC's position for the revisiting of the proposed Bill.

NIHOTOUR speaker, and the Director of Planning, Momoh M. A. also supported the proper realignment of the bill to cater for the majority views.

Senate President Dr. Bukola Saraki. represented by the Senate Minority Whip, Philip Aduda, who declared the Public hearing open, said that the essence was to provide for an act for the establishment of National Institute for Hospitality and Tourism aimed at putting in place a legal and institutional framework that shall train man power in the hospitality and tourism practices. He explained that the purpose of the bill was to maintain standards as well as to open up the Tourism and Hospitality industry in order to make it more competitive.



Stakeholders at the Public Hearing



## Servicom Xrays Quality Service at **NOUN Study Centres**



National Coordinator, SERVICOM, Mrs. Akamejeli presenting the report to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Administration, Prof. Nebath Tanglang while Dr. Adesina watches

The Service Compact with all Nigerians (SERVICOM) office in the Presidency, reviewed the impact of service delivery of the Eight Sturdy Centres of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), with a view to ensuring a more student focused services in the centres. Speaking during the formal presentation of the Servicom Compliance Evaluation Reports to the Management of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Vice-Chancellor, NOUN, Professor Uba Abdallah Adamu and witnessed by the Directors of the Eight Centres, the Head of Servicom at the Presidency, Mrs. Nnena Akamejeli said that the overall objective was not to criticise the university, but to ensure a citizen-focused service delivery in the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and to recommend ways and

measures of addressing any noticeable gaps for the wellbeing of the system.

She said that the Federal Government was concerned about the quality of service provided to her citizens hence the establishment of SERVICOM to support MDAs in developing and implementing service charters as well as evaluating the performance of MDAs. She further explained that the exercise was conducted using the SERVICOM index which is a set. of business-relevant key performance indicator that provides a standard method for measuring performance against service standards defined by the MDAs. This, she stressed, was to enable MDAs measure their performance in terms of customer satisfaction and improved service delivery. The

Service index consists of six dimensions including: policy commitment; service delivery; customer; organisational effectiveness; accountability and innovation. She said that the assessment was carried out using the customer service window, interactions with some Management members, staff and partners.

Mrs. Nnena commended the University for issuing certificates to students on convocation day and for putting in place deliberate measures to reward hard-working staff. She also commended the Police and Prison Special Study Centres for the introduction of the free-tuition to inmate students. She, however advised the University to decentralise some of its activities to the study centres in order to reduce the incidents of missing scripts/results and to fast track the process for correction of names as well as provide adequate information to students on the state of the portal, whenever there was such challenge. The institution, she said, should also fast-track the process of responding to student complaints especially in the area of refund to those who have excess money in their e-wallet. She also advised the University to always set target for all faculties and Departments, with a view to measuring performance and to ensure the regular payment of facilitators so as to boost their morale.





DODE, Dr. Adesina delivering the ES's address

In his remarks the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR, represented by the Director, Open and Distance Education, Dr. Esther Olamide Adesina, said that the NUC, through the quarterly meetings of the Parastatals SERVICOM Committee (PSC) provided an avenue for universities to network and share ideas that could assist in improving service delivery. He Commended SERVICOM for the exercise and advised the university to take steps to address the observations.

Similarly, the Director, Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Chris Jibreel Maiyaki, represented by the Head of SERVICOM, Mr. Abayomi Ayansola said that the NUC had continually evolved strategies for the delivery of quality university education, through Resource Verification, Programme Accreditation and implementation of the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS).

Responding, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration,

Similarly, the Director, Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Chris Jibreel Maiyaki, represented by the Head of SERVICOM. Mr. Abayomi observation.

Professor Nebath Tanglang thanked the SERVICOM and promised that the university would study the reports and address the observation.

The Study Centres evaluated were: Special Study Centres of the Nigerian Police Force and Kuje Prisons; Abuja Model Study Centre; Benin Study Centre; Katsina Study Centre; Makurdi Study Centre; Awka Study Centre, Yola Study Centre; Lagos Liaison office, Ikeja study Centre and Mcarthy Study Centre.



Some nordal officers at the meeting



## Photo Gallery W ES inspects NUC Premises





















## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION IPSAS IMPLEMENTATION



## Introduction:

The Federal Executives Council at its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011 setup a Sub-Committee to provide a roadmap for the implementation of IPSAS in the three tiers of government 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 Manageme
     Easy Comparison
  - Competitive Advantage

- Quality
- Consistency
- Comparability

## IPSAS

TransparencyAccountability

## **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











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

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| S/N | INSTITUTIONS                                      | rear<br>Est. | S/N | INSTITUTIONS   | Year<br>Est. | S/N | INSTITUTIONS  | Year<br>Est. |  |
| 34  | Federal University, Ndufu-<br>Alike, Ebonyi State | 2011         | 34  | Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden               | 2010         | 34  | Afe Babalola University,<br>Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State  | 2009         |  |
| 35  | Federal University, Oye-Ekiti,<br>Ekiti State     | 2011         | 35  | Ignatius Ajuru University of<br>Education, Rumuolumeni | 2010         | 35  | Godfrey Ókoye University,<br>Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State                                      | 2009         |  |
| 36  | Federal University, Otuoke,<br>Bayelsa            | 2011         | 36  | Bauchi State University,<br>Gadau                      | 2011         | 36  | Nile University of Nigeria,<br>Abuja  | 2009         |  |
| 37  | The Nigeria Police Academy,<br>Wudil, Kano State  | 2012         | 37  | Northwest University,<br>Kano                          | 2012         | 37  | Oduduwa University,<br>Ipetumodu, Osun State  | 2009         |  |
| 38  | Federal University, Birnin-<br>Kebbi, Kebbi       | 2013         | 38  | The Technical University, Ibadan.                      | 2012         | 38  | Paul University, Awka,<br>Anambra State   | 2009         |  |
| 39  | Federal University, Gusau,<br>Zamfara             | 2013         | 39  | Sule Lamido University,<br>Kafin Hausa                 | 2013         | 39  | Rhema University, Obeama-<br>Asa, Rivers State  | 2009         |  |
| 40  | Federal University, Gashua,<br>Yobe               | 2013         | 40  | Ondo State University of<br>Medical Sciences           | 2015         | 40  | Wellspring University,<br>Evbuobanosa, Edo State  | 2009         |  |
|     |   |              | 41  | Edo University, Iyamho                                 | 2016         | 41  | Adeleke University, Ede,<br>Osun State  | 2011         |  |
|     |   |              | 42  | Eastern Palm University,<br>Ogboko                     | 2016         | 42  | Baze University, Abuja  | 2011         |  |
|     |   |              | 43  | University of Africa,<br>Toru-Orua                     | 2016         | 43  | Landmark University, Omu-<br>Aran, Kwara State  | 2011         |  |
|     |   |              | 44  | Borno State University                                 | 2016         | 44  | Samuel Adegboyega University,<br>Ogwa, Edo State  | 2011         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 45  | Elizade University, Ilara-<br>Mokin, Ondo State   | 2012         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 46  | Evangel University,<br>Akaeze, Ebonyi State   | 2012         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 47  | Gregory University,<br>Uturu, Abia State  | 2012         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 48  | McPherson University, Seriki<br>Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State                                   | 2012         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 49  | Southwestern University,<br>Okun Owa, Ogun State  | 2012         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 50  | Augustine, University,<br>Ilara, Lagos State  | 2015         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 51  | Chrisland University,<br>Owode, Ogun State  | 2015         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 52  | Christopher University,<br>Mowe, Ogun State   | 2015         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 53  | Hallmark University,<br>Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State  | 2015         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 54  | Kings University, Ode Omu,<br>Osun State  | 2015         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 55  | Michael and Cecilia Ibru<br>Uni., Owhrode, Delta State                                      | 2015         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 56  | Mountain Top University,<br>Ogun State  | 2015         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 57  | Ritman University, Ikot<br>Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State  | 2015         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 58  | Summit University,<br>Offa, Kwara State   | 2015         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 59  | Edwin Clark University,<br>Kiagbodo, Delta State  | 2015         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 60  | Hezekiah University,<br>Umudi, Imo State  | 2015         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 61  | Anchor University, Ayobo,<br>Lagos State  | 2016         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | -   | Arthur Jarvis University,<br>Akpabuyo, Cross River State<br>Clifford University, Owerrinta, | 2016         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 63  | Abia State Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State   | 2016         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 65  | Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State  | 2016         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 66  | Dominican University,<br>Ibadan, Oyo State  | 2016         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 6/  | Koladaisi University, Ibadan,<br>Oyo State  | 2016         |  |
|     |   |              |     |  |              | 68  | Legacy University, Okija,<br>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 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)
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal 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
- 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.
- 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
- Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko 51) 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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Wishing You Many happy returns! Best Wishes for the week.

CHIGBOGU OGBONNAYA ETU

## Sallah Greetings

The Executive Secretary, NUC,
Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR,
felicitates with the Management and staff of the
Commission as well as our esteemed readers on
the occasion of the Eid-El-Fitr celebration.
Wishing you happy Sallah.
Happy Eid-El-Fitr.

Singed:

Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR

**Executive Secretary, NUC** 



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