

Iran Admits 4.8m into Universities in one year — 250,000 to read medicine

A total of **164,445** females and **81,660** males were admitted to read medicine in **2016-2017** academic session out of a total number of **4.8** million candidates admitted in all Iranian Universities.

More females were also admitted into Human Sciences, Basic Sciences, Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences and Art.

Male Candidates outnumbered females only in Engineering where 1,148,044 males were admitted against 355,260 females.

Briefing the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, when he visited the Iranian Ministry of Science, Research and Technology in Tehran where he went to attend



Great Cleric, Chairman of Al-Mustapha International University and Chairman of the Supreme Council of Jami'ul Mudarriseen, Iran, Prof. Ayatallah Alireza Arafii (right) presenting a souvenir (plaque) to Prof. Rasheed (left)

D18 meeting which was however postponed, Mr. F. Talebi, the Deputy of Centre of International Scientific Cooperation in the Ministry said that with a population of **80** million, Iran had a total of **2,750** Universities

including campuses and a literacy rate of **97** per cent.

He told the NUC Scribe that two ministries were responsible for regulating Science, Research and Technology in Iran. "The Ministry

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of Science, Research and Technology regulates universities offering courses in Basic Sciences, Human Sciences, Engineering, Art, Agriculture, Research Centres and all Science and Technology Parks, while the Ministry of Health and Medical Education regulates medical education and all Medical Universities, Medical Research Centres and oversees the integration of the delivery of health services in the country.”

Mr. Talebi further said that the country has an office of the Vice-Presidency for Science and Technology that does not have any university or institution under it, but was mainly responsible for supporting “the technological development and science based companies.”

He said that Iran had **70** Research Centres, Science and Technology Parks which were spread across the country, even in border cities and that women constituted 50

percent of Iranian Students and **24** percent of Faculty members of all universities.

On Vocational training in Iran, the ministry official said there was currently over **850,000** students undertaking different vocational studies in **900** branches of University of Technical and Vocational Training in different parts of the country.

He revealed that at the moment, Iran had implemented **17** mega projects under the Supervision of the Deputy of Science and Technology of Presidency and **47** national mega projects under the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology. “Some of these National Mega Projects are: Manufacturing Supercomputers, Research in Ocean-Liner, Production of radio pharmaceuticals, National accelerator, mass production of Micro-Alec, and manufacturing and launching of small satellites,”

Explaining the quality prospective of the country’s universities, Mr.



Group photo with officials of the Ministry



Talebi said that in 2016, Iran was ranked 16th in the world and 2nd in Scientific publication growth rate by SCOPUS and ISI Rankings, adding that in the 2017 Times and Thomson Reuters rankings, **13** Iranian Universities were rated among top world universities and **206** Iranian Scholars were among top one (1) percent of World Scientists.

Mr. Talebi informed Prof. Rasheed that Iran was interested in exporting its achievements in science and technology to other countries and was ready to enter into joint bilateral and multilateral programmes with other countries, adding that as a friend to Iran, Nigeria was a priority to them and they were interested in opening universities in Nigeria, encourage staff-student exchanges, enter into collaborations with universities and offer more admissions to Nigerians to do their PhDs in Iran.

Responding, Professor Rasheed said that the NUC was desirous of



TUMS Vice-Chancellor for Global Strategies and International Affairs, Dr. Ramin Kordi (left) presenting a souvenir to Prof. Rasheed

seeing more research collaborations between Nigeria and Iranian universities, having Iranian academics in Nigerian universities and hoped that his visit would open up discussions between academics in the two countries.

The NUC scribe said that because Iran was advanced in Medicine, Pharmacy, and Technology; he deliberately included visiting Iranian universities in order to

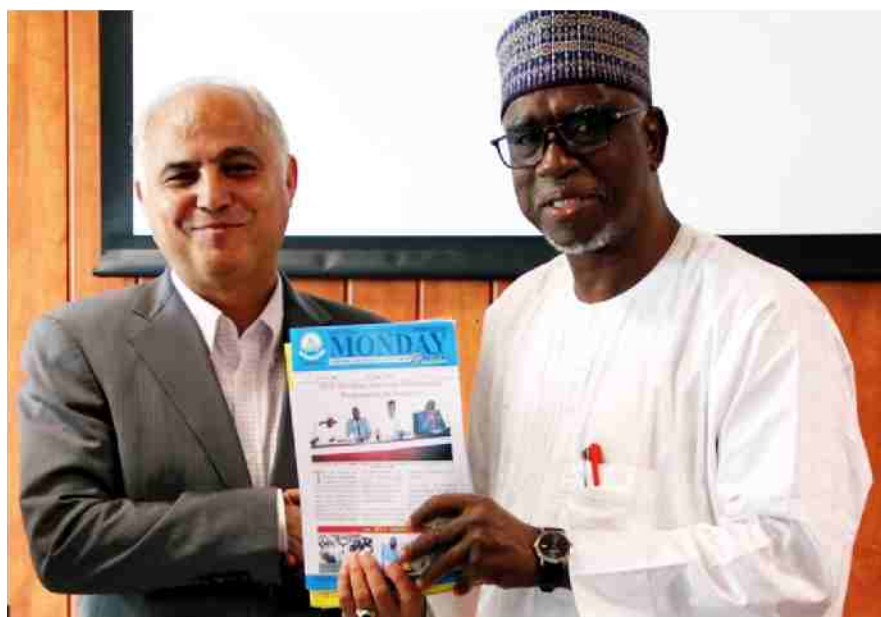
explore areas of collaborations between them and Nigerian universities.

He informed the ministry officials that there were about two million Nigerians enrolled into various programmes in the **164** universities in the country and that tuition was free in all federal universities in Nigeria.

The Ministry organised a tour of three universities for Professor Rasheed.

At the Tehran University of Medical Science, (TUMS), the Vice Chancellor, for Global Strategies and International Affairs, Dr. Ramin Kordi told the NUC Scribe that TUMS traced its origin to **1852** when the first Modern Centre for Medical Education was established as part of the Institute for Higher Education, Dar-ol-Fonoon.

He however explained that the School of Medicine as the first school of University of Tehran was established in 1934 and by 1986 all



Prof. Rasheed presenting some copies of Monday Bulletin to Dr. Ramin Kordi





Meeting with Officials of the Tehran University of Medical Science

medical and associated schools of University of Tehran carried on their activities independently as Tehran University of Medical Sciences (TUMS).

He said that TUMS was “the oldest and most well-known medical centre in Iran and admits student around the globe”.

He revealed that TUMS had more than **90** research centres, **1,650** faculty members and graduates about **13,000** students annually in various “levels and majors,” with **12** Schools, **16** Teaching and

Treatment Hospitals covering a population of more than three million people and providing students with ample opportunity to put their knowledge into practice.”

TUMS had received the first rank among universities in Iran for many years and had proved itself in the international arena, receiving notable awards in the region, Asia and around the world”, he added.

Professor Rasheed was later conducted round TUMS School

of Dentistry where the Vice-Dean of Global Strategies and International Affairs, Pouyan Aminishakib, D.D.S, in a presentation told the Executive Secretary that the School had three separate campuses, **13** educational departments with MSc. in 8 disciplines, PhD in two disciplines and specialty in 8 disciplines.

He said further that the School has 10 Separate Clinics, an Integrated Oral Health Care System and a Dental Laboratory Technology School and five research Centres.



Group photo with officials of TUMS. Prof. Rasheed is 5th right while the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Kordi is 4th left



He listed the 13 department of the school as follows:

- Community Oral Health
- Dental Bio materials
- Endodontics
- Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine
- Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry
- Periodontics, Prosthodontics
- Restorative Dentistry and
- Dental Laboratory Technology.

At the Al-Zahra University, an all female institution, a presentation on the university was given by the Director of International Academic Collaboration, Associate Professor Parichehr Hanachi who told Professor Rasheed that Al-Zahra was the only comprehensive women university in Iran and was



Prof. Rasheed (right) receiving a souvenir (plaque) from the Director International Academic Collaborations of Al-Zahra University, Dr. Hanachi

founded in 1964.

She said that with a student population of about 12,000, the university had **51** under-graduate and **114** post-graduate programmes housed in **10** faculties, adding that the university had two campuses in Tehran and publishes **18** Academic Journals.

The Director said that Al-Zahra University had international students from **10** countries and had signed MoU's with **70**

countries and that in its faculty of Art, it runs degrees in Arabic, Russian, French and Persian, while in its faculty of education it offers counseling, Psychology and Information Technology.

Professor Hanachi said that Nano Physics was also offered in the university and that the Biological Science Department was very strong, especially its Biotechnology programme.

She said that the institution's Theology Faculty had five



Group photo with some Academic Staff of Al-Zahra University, first right is Charge d' Affairs of Nigeria's Embassy in Iran, Mr. Magaji Saidu Barda



departments that offered BA, MA, and PhDs in Islamic Philosophy, Qur'an Science and Hadith, Islamic Law, History of Religion and Islamic Civilization.

The Director called on the NUC Scribe to ensure collaborative research, student and faculty exchanges between Nigerian and Iranian universities and encourage especially PhD students to apply to the universities and promised that incentives would be given to Nigerian students wishing to study in Al-Zahra University.

Responding, Professor Rasheed described Al-Zahra as a unique university because not many countries have a university exclusively devoted to women and said that his commission would encourage some rich Nigerians and organisation to consider establishing a women only university in Nigeria.

He promised to encourage some women academics to undertake their post-graduate studies in the

university and said he would send a small team of women academics to attend a workshop on linguistics coming up by the last quarter of the year in the university as a way of opening up conversation between them.

In the holy city of Qom, Professor Rasheed visited the Al-Mustapha University, the Qom Shrine, the Great Library of Ayatollah Al-Uzma Mar'ashi Najafi and the Al-Mustapha Open University.

At the Al-Mustapha University, Professor Rasheed was told that the focus of the university was Islamic Science and that it offered courses in Qur'an and Hadith philosophy and wisdom and History.

After a tour of The Great Library of Ayatallah Al-Uzma Mar'ashi Najafi, Professor Rasheed was informed that the founder of the library, the late Ayatallah Al-Uzma Marashi Najafi lived for 96 years and worked hard through his personal efforts to save every income he got to buy

dated precious Islamic and Religious books and manuscripts in their thousands to establish the library which has over 22 departments including the the Manuscript Treasury which holds thousands of volumes and titles making it one of the richest book treasury in the Islamic world.

Other departments in the library include the Printed Book Treasury, the Rare and old Printed Book Archive, the Photographic Books Archive, the Printed Foreign Book Archive, The Archive of World Library Catalogues, Micrography Department the Laboratory and Book Repair Department and the Encyclopedia Department.

The library which has a sitting capacity of 2000 also houses a printing house, a computer department and several others.

At the Headquarters of the Al-Mustapha Open University (MOU) the Vice-President, Relation and International Affairs, told Professor Rasheed that Al-Mustapha Open University was the greatest Open University in



Group photo with Chairman, Al-Mustapha International University, Ayatallah Araf (4th left), Prof. Rasheed is 3rd left and Ibrahim Yakasai 3rd right





Cyberspace and that it teaches seven different languages.

He said that MOU offered 7000 degrees, 5000 short term courses in 14 different languages and had students from over 100 countries and was hundred percent online, adding that “we have no religious limitation.”

At the end of the tour of Qom, Professor Rasheed was received at the Headquarters of Al-Mustapha International University by its Chairman who is also the Chairman of the Supreme Council of Jami’ul Mudarariseen (the Comprehensive Islamic Seminary Schools in Iran), the great cleric, Professor Ayatallah Alireza Araf, who gave a brief review of education in Iran in Al-Mustapha University and in Qom.

According to him, Qom was the centre of Islamic knowledge in Iran, the region and the world and that there was over 200 Islamic Centres in Qom and over 50,000 international students from 130 countries.

On Al-Mustapha International



Prof. Rasheed admiring a post-graduate classroom in Al-Mustapha University, Qom

University, the Chairman said, that the institution was a Centre of Excellence in Islamic Philosophy, Sufism, Religion and Sects, Comparative Religion and Research in all aspects of Islam.

He said ten international languages were taught in the University and that all Mazahibs (Schools of Thoughts) were also taught and 50 magazines were produced in different languages.

The chairman said the university had over 4000 lecturers and 10,000 African students studying in the university inside Iran, adding that the university had

branches in Ghana and Niger and was seeking for the opportunity to open one in Nigeria.

Ayatallah Araf revealed that 10 countries were waiting to have a branch of Al-Mustapha opened in their countries.

In his response, Professor Rasheed said “we are happy to see the deep commitment to knowledge and civilization in Iran and we are going back home with a very positive impression, adding that we found the Iranian society very tolerant, cultured and very accommodating.

He told the great cleric that “we welcome Al-Mustapha University in Nigeria and assured that the NUC would work very hard to foster collaboration between Nigeria and Iranian Universities within the shortest possible time.

He further pledge that NUC would fast track the application to open up a university in Nigeria by Al-Mustapha International University anytime it received such application.



Prof. Rasheed and Ibrahim Yakasai inside the Manuscript Treasury of The Great Library of Ayatallah Al-Uzma Mar’ashi Najafi in Qom



Photo Gallery (TUMS)



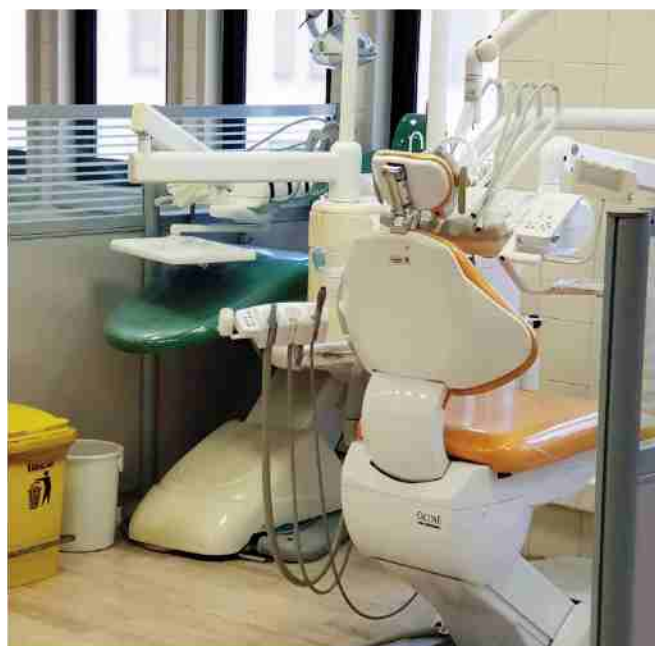
School of Dentistry, TUMS



Vice Dean of Global Strategies TUMS, Dr.Pouyan (middle) and other officials



Prof. Rasheed (holding Ipad) being conducted round the dentistry department in TUMS



Some Dental Chairs in TUMS



Microscopes



Dentures





Photo Gallery (Al-Zahra)



Outside the Faculty of Social Sciences and Economics in Al-Zahra Women University



Inside a Lecture Theatre in Al-Zahra University



Inside the Library Building of Al-Zahra University



Reading room at Al-Zahra University Library



A session in Al-Zahra Women University



Photo Gallery



HE Ambassador Hamzat Ibrahim (left) and ES Prof. Rasheed



Lunch in honour of Prof. Rasheed by HE Hamzat Ibrahim



Group photo with staff of Nigerian Embassy in Tehran, 4th left is HE Ambassador Hamzat Ibrahim, Prof. Rasheed is 4th right



The Finance Attache, Mrs. Mary Akpan (2nd right) presents a gift to Prof. Rasheed (2nd left) on behalf of all staff of the Nigerian Embassy in Iran. The Ambassador HE Alh. Hamzat Ibrahim (3rd right) and others look on.





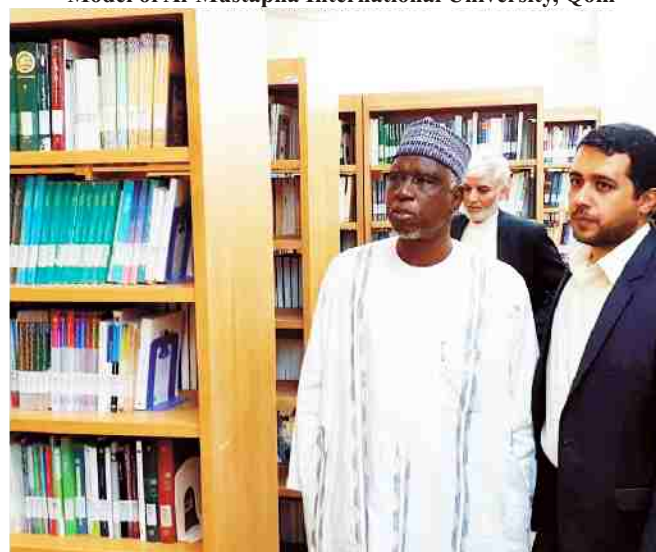
Photo Gallery (Al-Mustapha International University, Qom)



Prof. Rasheed (2nd left) being received at the reception of Al-Mustapha University, Qom



Model of Al-Mustapha International University, Qom



Inside the Library of Al-Mustapha International University



Inside a Lecture Theatre in Al-Mustapha University





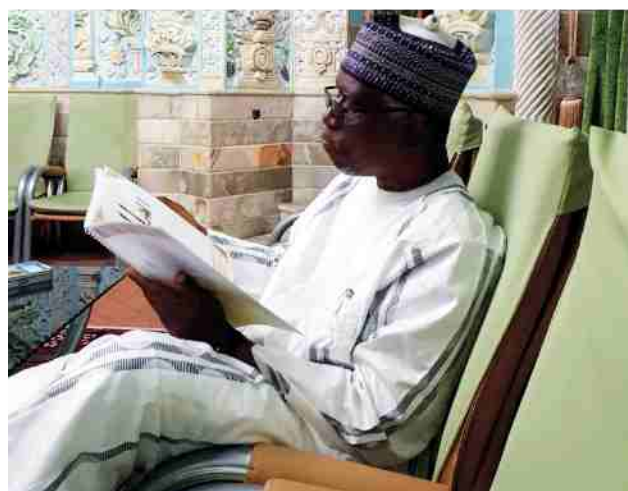
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L-R: Prof. Rasheed, Tour guide at the Shrine in Qom Hujjatul Islam Alireza and Ibrahim Yakasai



Executive waiting room at Qom Shrine



Executive Secretary at the Executive waiting room



At the Al-Mustapha Open University. L-R: Guide from Iran Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amin Javad, VC MOU, Mohsen Ghanbari, Prof. Rasheed and Ibrahim Yakasai



Proposed Claretian University Submits Documents to NUC

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, has assured that the Commission would continue to work towards making Private universities more attractive to the public.

He gave the assurance when the proprietors of proposed Imo Claretian University, Nkwerre, Imo State, visited the Commission for submission of basic documents for take-off.

Giving an overview of the Nigerian University System (NUS) with 164 universities, Prof. Rasheed appreciated the phenomenal growth of private universities to 75 in less than 20 years. He explained that three of the private universities were joint ownership under Public-Private Partnership (PPP), which he said, was a unique emerging structure in the system.

He said that with the impressive role they were playing in the NUS, the commission was working towards ensuring that private universities were more attractive to the public.

He reiterated that investment in university education should not be seen as a profit-making venture, but service to humanity, as could be seen from the noble cause for the establishments of the Ivy league universities and others around the world which had outlived their founders.



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed receiving vital document for the proposed Claretian University from Senior Technical Assistant to Imo State Governor, Barr. Simion Ikenna

He decried the recent outflux of Nigerians to foreign universities, especially in neighbouring countries while there were enough private universities in Nigeria with better standards that could admit them. He noted that most of the foreign universities patronised by Nigerian students were not accredited and of low standard, saying that in some of those foreign institutions, Nigerians constituted the highest percentage of students as ordinarily, their citizens would not patronise such universities.

He said that NUC as a regulatory agency for university education in Nigeria, was committed towards ensuring better university education that could be comparable to any standard at global level. To ensure standard in the NUS, he said that NUC had identified and clamped down on illegal degree-awarding institutions. and that the Commission was working with

the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) on the activities of degree mills in Nigeria,

Prof. Rasheed pointed out that Government had continued to create enabling environment that encouraged both public and private investors in education and that the Commission welcomed the partnership between Imo State government and the Claretian Missionary Order for the establishment of the university.

He reminded them that character and learning were basic qualities of university education, stressing that the traditional requirements for graduation were those enviable qualities. He expressed optimism that the proposed university would imbibe discipline as a watchword with the hope of producing good crop of men and women of integrity that would impact humanity and change the society.





Meeting session

He also enjoined the proprietors to consider the relationship between environment and learning, in order to begin planning and investing in quality structures that would be distinctive and befit the status of a standard university. He counselled that it would be better to have a small well-designed modern and focused university in terms of facilities and programmes that would be attractive to modern scholars and address the challenges facing the society.

Prof. Rasheed further advised that since the priestly order had similar universities in some parts of the world, the proprietors should be mindful of structural development in terms of facilities and quality of programmes so as to be at par with their counterparts in other branches.

He added that in line with global trend on internationalisation of university education, the proposed university may interact with other branches through staff exchange programmes, so there was need to be mindful of quality

and standard. He advised that the university should strive to be identified for something spectacular that would make stakeholders and the university community proud to be associated with it.

On the issue of partnership between Imo state government and Claretian missionary order, Prof. Rasheed harped on the need for a clear and defined Terms of Agreement that would be understood by both parties, stating the role of each in the partnership, especially that of the state government.

He said that due to inconsistencies in government policies, there should be definite clarifications and proper documentation of the agreements. By doing so, it would save the intended university from future administrative issues that may be inimical to its growth and progress. He also said that the Terms of Agreement should be publicised to inform the public of what role each party would be playing in running the university,

so as to avoid adverse misinterpretations.

The Executive Secretary said that NUC would review the submitted documents for possible gray areas and implications and revert to them as soon as possible.

He expressed the Commission's appreciation to the Governor of Imo State, Owelle Rochas Okorocha for his vested interest in university education, emphasising that education was not only for enlightenment, but a tool for development as no society could advance without university education. He appealed to the state government not to see the venture as a political project but rather, an educational initiative that would benefit mankind.

The representative of Imo State Governor and his Special Technical Adviser, Hon. Ikennah Emeh, said that the present government in Imo state was committed to education as it had been running free education programme from primary to secondary school level. He stated



that in recent years, Imo state had been having the highest number of applicants for Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) and Imo State University did not have the carrying capacity for the teeming qualified candidates. This he said, led to the establishment of Eastern Palm University and the desire to partner with credible organisations such as Claretian missionary society for the establishment of the proposed university.

He declared that Imo state was not going into the partnership for financial gains but for the spirit of providing access to quality education, disclosing that the government had committed a matching grant of 100 million naira towards the commencement of the university.

In his remarks, the Catholic Bishop of Bauchi, Most Rev. Fr. Hilary Dachelem commended the Executive Secretary and the Management of NUC in ensuring that quality and standard were maintained in the NUS. He said that contrary to public opinion that one must know someone

before things could be done, the reception and professional guidance accorded the delegation by NUC had proven otherwise.

He said that where mediocrity was said to be the order of the day, he was impressed that there were still credible individuals and agencies that were working tirelessly towards making Nigeria a greater nation. He pointed out that insistence on standard was for the good of the country as anyone could fall victim of mediocrity in one way or the other. He thanked the Commission for encouraging the partnership and Imo State government for making the vision to be realised.

The Provincial Superior, Catholic Imo Diocese, Rev, Fr, Simeon Nwobi disclosed that the university would start on a small but impactful level, with concentration on science, technology and innovation with reference to agriculture and health sciences.

He said that the university would also take international dimension, hoping that NUC

would subsequently allow it to utilise technology through online studies, to chart a new course towards imparting skills and innovation. He added that the institution had among its goals, to produce critical thinkers and skilful graduates through its General studies programme. He further informed that similar branches of Claretian universities are found in Brazil, Spain, Italy, Philippines and some Asian Countries. He thanked the Commission for rekindling their faith in establishing the university, pledging that when approved, the university would operate within the regulatory provisions of NUC.

The Chairman of Council, Eastern Palm University and former Ambassador to Singapore, Mrs. Nonye R, Okpara, maintained that education should be everybody's business as the government could not successfully handle it alone. She said that PPP was the beginning of the revolution in university education and part of the way forward in providing and gaining access to quality education. She commended NUC for its openness and strict position on ensuring quality and standard



Prof. Rasheed (middle) with members of the NUC Management and the Claretian University delegation



in the NUS, especially on the closure of illegal universities. She assured that when given the opportunity, the proposed university would not disappoint the Commission nor compromise on standard.

In their respective comments, the Management staff of NUC, expressed confidence in the partnership, as Governor Okorocha was known for his remarkable support towards

education through the Rochas Foundation. They said that though access and funding were major challenges in the NUS, they should not be detrimental to quality and standard. They urged the university to support NUC's quality assurance drive by undertaking regular internal quality assurance mechanisms. They expressed hope that the university would be inspiring and entrepreneurial in nature.

Also in the delegation was the Rector, Imo state Polytechnic, Rev. Fr. Wence Madu.

NUC members in attendance were Directors, Accreditation, Dr. Noel Saliu; Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Chris Maiyaki; Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Essien Usendiah; Establishment of Private Universities, Mr. Abdullahi Hamza and Ag. Director, Student Support Services, Dr.(Mrs) Maryam Sali.

Prof. Rasheed Becomes Fellow of Physiotherapy Society

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR, FNAL*, was recently conferred with Fellow of the Nigeria Society of Physiotherapy (FNSP), the highest award for a non-member, for his selfless service and support in advancing the cause of the Society and Physiotherapy profession at large.

While expressing appreciation for the award, Prof. Rasheed informed the delegation that copies of the curriculum for Physiotherapy programme currently undergoing review, would be sent to Vice Chancellors of Universities for their input.

He said that as part of the review, students on the programme would now spend six years for course work and clinicals and one year internship leading to the award of Doctor of



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed receiving the letter of conferment from the President of NSP, Dr. Rufai Yusuf Ahmad

Physiotherapy. Professor Rasheed stated that the review of the curriculum for physiotherapy programme became necessary in order to meet global best practices. He said that due to the changes in the curriculum, NUC would notify the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and the Head of the Civil Service of the

Federation respectively.

He stated that concerted efforts were being put in place to improve funding for Medical colleges, adding that NUC would continue to look into the issue of carrying capacity so as to encourage Medical colleges with required resource capabilities to increase their carrying capacities. He



stressed that most Medical Colleges in Nigeria had adequate number of teaching and technical staff as well as facilities to admit more than they currently do.

The NUC scribe however lamented that Nigeria was suffering from huge deficit of health practitioners due to challenge of access despite the overwhelming number of students seeking admission. This, he said, was because universities could not admit more due to the carrying capacity imposed on them.

He noted that it was an anomaly for Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN) to fix admission quota for Medicine and Surgery at fifty students per intake, while the Council was not backed by law. He assured that the Commission would continue

work towards achieving a university system that would be the dream of the nation.

Contributing, the Director of Academic Planning, Dr. Giddado Kumo, advised the NSP to be in synergy with MDCN to avoid conflicts of interest on the ongoing curriculum review of Physiotherapy programme. He said that NUC would provide a platform for the two bodies to discuss areas of concerns and proffer the way forward for Medical discipline.

In his response, the President of NSP, Dr. Rufai Yusuf Ahmad, thanked the Executive Secretary for identifying with Physiotherapists in Nigeria with regards to Doctor of Physiotherapy programme. He assured the Commission that NSP would use the opportunity to improve physiotherapy services

in public health, stressing that the award conferred on the Prof. Rasheed was the highest award given to non-members. He also informed that the investiture would take place at the opening ceremony of NSP forthcoming Annual Scientific Conference and General Meeting on 25th October, 2018, at Port-Harcourt, Rivers State,

The NUC Directors in attendance were; Director, Academic Planning, Dr. Gidado Bello Kumo; and Director, Establishment of Private Universities, Mr. Abdullahi Hamza.

Other members of the delegation include Prof. A.Y. Oyeyemi, Chairman, NSP Abuja chapter, Mr. Gado Charles; Public Relations Officer, Abuja Chapter, Mr. Aze Nnamdi, and Assistant Director, FCTA, Mr. A. Moses.



Prof. Rasheed and Dr. Ahmad (4th and 5th right) with NUC Directors of Academic Planning, Dr. Gidado B. Kumo (1st right) and Establishment of Private Universities, Mr. Hamza Abdullahi with some members of NSP delegation



Embassy Of The Islamic Republic Of Iran Abuja

Allameh Tabataba'i University (ATU) Persian Learning Summer School (2018)

The Persian Learning Summer School at Centre for Teaching Persian to Speaker of Other Languages (CTPSOL) is planned for those who learn Persian as a second/foreign language. This interactive program is for all various levels and helps Students become proficient in Persian by immersing them in a Persian speaking environment for one month.

Who can apply?

We are pleased to announce the call for application in CTPSOL's summer program as follows:

- ***All students of the following majors:***

- 1- Persian language and literature,
- 2- Iranian studies,
- 3- Middle Eastern studies,
- 4- Regional studies,
- 5- History,
- 6- Or other related fields in humanities.

- ***All other students who has enthusiasm for learning Persian.***

Syllabus:

On arrival at CTPSOL, students will be given a Placement test so that we can determine their Persian proficiency level and sort them in appropriate levels. During the four-week study, students will receive daily instructions from experienced and qualified teachers who will make sure that all students develop all language skills (speaking, reading, writing and listening), and savor Iranian culture and traditions.

Cultural Trips and Activities:

Daily trips and activities may include:

- Visits to Museums, historical sites – including famous palaces.
- Getting familiar with Persian calligraphy, Handmade Arts and Crafts, traditional foods etc.
- Meeting with remarkable Persian professors, poets and writers
- Traveling on parts of the Silk Road.

Registration:

For more information and registration, please visit our web-site

Ctpsol.atu.ac.ir and send your documents to atu.summerschool@gmail.com

Tuition fees:

Four – week courses: 600 Euros

Included in the price is:

- All classes, up to 30 hours per week
- Accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner every day
- Evening meals
- Excursions, recreation and sightseeing in Tehran and Esfahan
- Trip to some famous cities on the ancient Silk Road, including Esfahan, known as “half of the World”

Dates:

August 1 to September 1 (2018)





Call for Application for the ISESCO Research Grant for Young Scientists

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is in receipt of a call notice from the Islamic Educational, scientific and Cultural organization (ISESCO), in Rabat, Morocco, inviting suitably qualified teachers from the Nigerian Universities System (NUS) for the ISESCO Research Grants for Young Scientists.

The Research Grant is for young Scientists under the age of 40 in the following scientific areas: Nanotechnology, Health Biotechnology, Agricultural Biotechnology, frontier areas of Science and Technology, Applied Sciences and Biological Sciences for Masters and PhD categories respectively. The value of the research grant is \$10,000 USD to be paid for a period of two years to Researchers who hold a position in Public Sector University or Government research institute where project is proposed to be executed. Women researchers will be given priority.

Admission Requirements for Masters Programmes:

Candidates must satisfy the following conditions:

- Undergraduate degree from a recognised university, with at least a second class upper division or its equivalent, in a relevant field;
- Certified copies of relevant certificates, transcripts (from University and high school), national I.D card and passport personal details page;
- Recommendation letters from 2 Professors
- Clear coloured passport size photograph (2cmx2cm)
- Maximum age of 30 years for male and 35years for female applicant.
- Candidates may be required to undergo written/oral examination after pre-selection.
- Candidates for the master in conference interpreting and translation programmes are

required to have excellent knowledge of at least two of African Union's official languages (Arabic, French, English and Portuguese).

Admission Requirement for Doctoral Programme:

Candidates must satisfy the following conditions:

- A masters degree in a relevant field from PAU or any internationally recognised University;
- Certified copies of relevant certificates, transcripts, and national I.D. card and passport personal details page.
- A 3 to 4 page research concept note (tentative title, research questions, objectives, significance of the research (etc);
- Recommendation letter from 2 Professors;
- Clear coloured passport size photograph (2cmx2cm)
- Maximum age of 35years for male and 40years for female applicants.

N.B Interested Researchers are required to meet the criteria and submit their projects on the specified research grant application form using the electronic version of the form from which can be downloaded directly from the ICPSR's website at: <http://www.scien4innovation.org/index.php/followships/>.

In addition, universities are to forward their nominees project proposals to the office of the **Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education** while soft copies are to be sent to abooalamin@gmail.com not later than Monday, 16th July, 2018 for endorsement and onward transmission to ISESCO.

FG Renames FUNAI as Alex Ekwueme Federal University Ndufu-Alike

The President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, has approved the renaming of Federal University, Ndufu-Alike (FUNAI), as Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State.

In view of the above, the National Universities Commission wishes to notify all stakeholders in the Education sector, including JAMB, NYSC, TETFund and other relevant agencies as well as the general public, of the change of name of the University.

All stakeholders and the general public are to kindly take note of the change of name, to enable proper communication with the university.

Signed
Management





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Notification of decision on papers, posters & projects: Sept 15, 2018

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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

ADVERTORIAL

NUC MAKES HISTORY IN RANKING OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)

The National Universities Commission has made history in conducting the first-ever ranking of Open Educational Resources (OER) held in institutional repositories. It is the first exercise of its kind in the world and it was initiated by the Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, mni, MFR for application in the Nigerian University System. The exercise showed that with 12,070 quality OER holdings presented by 50 universities for the inaugural exercise, Nigerian Universities are now among the best in Africa in OER. It is estimated that with full release of the OER holdings and participation by all universities, this number may quadruple in the next two years making the Nigerian University system the richest in OER in Africa. The OER ranking exercise is to be conducted twice a year.

Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning and research materials in any medium, digital or otherwise, that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adapt and redistribute by others with no or limited restrictions. They are technology-enabled, open provision of educational resources for consultation, use and adaptation by a community of users for non-commercial purposes. Materials that constitute OER include curriculum maps, course materials, textbooks, streaming videos, pictorial materials, multimedia applications, podcast, and any other materials that have been designed for use in teaching and learning environment.

The OER ranking exercise was conducted by the 12-member National Experts Group on OER Ranking (NEGOR) and a four-person team of external experts from outside Nigeria.

Fifty universities that participated in the inaugural edition were ranked by (a) ownership (federal, State and private) and (b) generation within ownership. The results are shown below.

2017 NUSOER RANKING

Federal-First Generation (out of 6 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	University of Lagos	1244	25
2	University of Ibadan	1015	25

Federal-Second Generation (out of 9 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	891	30
2	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Akwa	522	19
3	University of Port Harcourt	295	13
4	University of Maiduguri	795	12
5	Usmanu Danfodio University	532	10
6	Federal University of Technology, Minna	41	0

Federal-Third Generation (out of 11 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	University of Abuja	385	10
2	Federal University of Technology, Akure	354	5
3	Modibbo Adama University of Technology	32	0

Federal-Fourth Generation (out of 10 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike Ikwo	98	6
2	Federal University, Kashere	13	0

State Universities-First Generation (out of 21 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Lagos State University	375	16
2	Cross River University of Technology	142	4
3	Abia State University	53	1
4	Ekiti State University	9	0

State Universities-Third Generation (out of 12 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Edo University, Iyamho	563	25.1
2	University of Medical Science, Ondo City	679	19.4

Private Universities-First Generation (out of 23 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Covenant University	634	25
2	Redeemer's University	656	21
3	Babcock University	480	15
4	Crawford University	257	10
5	Afe Babalola University	221	5
6	Caleb University	92	5
7	Salem University	7	0
8	Al-Hikmah University	0	0
8	Bells University of Technology	0	0
8	Joseph Ayo Babalola University	0	0
8	University of Mkar	0	0

Private Universities-Second Generation (out of 20 universities)

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Mountain Top University	535	26.3
2	Landmark University	724	16
3	Wellspring University	131	6.9
4	Arthur Jarvis University	46	3.4
5	Adeleke University	117	2
6	Coal City University	65	1.1
7	Kings University	50	1
8	McPherson University	15	0
9	Edwin Clark University	2	0

Overall Ranking out of 160 Universities

Rank	University	Total Count	Total OER Score
1	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	891	30
2	Mountain Top University	535	26.3
3	Edo University, Iyamho	563	25.1
4	University of Lagos	1244	25
5	University of Ibadan	1015	25
6	Covenant University	634	25
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13	University of Port Harcourt	295	13
14	University of Maiduguri	795	12
15	Usmanu Danfodio University	532	10
16	University of Abuja	385	10
17	Crawford University	257	10
18	Wellspring University	131	6.9
19	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike Ikwo	98	6
20	Federal University of Technology, Akure	354	5
21	Afe Babalola University	221	5
22	Caleb University	92	5
23	Cross River University of Technology	142	4
24	Arthur Jarvis University	46	3.4
25	Adeleke University	117	2
26	Coal City University	65	1.1
27	Abia State University	53	1
28	Kings University	50	1
29	Federal University of Technology, Minna	41	0
30	Modibbo Adama University of Technology	32	0
31	McPherson University	15	0
32	Federal University, Kashere	13	0
33	Ekiti State University	9	0
34	Salem University	7	0
35	Edwin Clark University	2	0

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www.tetfund.gov.ng*Executive Secretary***A. B. Baffa, PhD.****To: All Heads of TETFund Beneficiary Institution****From: Executive Secretary, TETFund****Subject: Disclaimer****Date: November 13, 2017**

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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.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

Northwest University Kano, Now Yusuf Maitama Sule University

The National Universities Commission has been notified of the official change of name of former Northwest University, Kano, to Maitama Sule University, Kano,

The Commission therefore, wishes to notify all stakeholders in the Education sector, including Federal and States Ministries of Education, JAMB, NYSC, TETFund and other relevant agencies as well as the general public, of the change which took effect from 2nd August, 2017.

All stakeholders and the general public are to kindly take note of the change of name, to enable proper communication with the university.

Signed
Management





NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

The 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 Part-Time 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 State
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, Ogbomosho

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, Ebonyi 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
14. Federal University of Agriculture, Markurdi
15. Federal University, Lafia
16. Federal University, Dutsin-Ma

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, Ebonyi State
11. Benue State University, Makurdi, Benue State
12. Niger Delta University, Yenagoa, Bayelsa State
13. Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos State
14. 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.
19. Ladoke Akintola University of Science and Technology, Ogbomoso
20. Taraba State University, Jalingo
21. Gombe State University, Gombe
22. Bauchi State University, Gadau
23. Kwara State University, Molete
24. Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University, Lapai
25. Kaduna State University, Kaduna

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
9. Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State
10. Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State
11. Babcock University, Ilisan-Remo
12. Salem University, Lokoja
13. Madonna University, Okija
14. Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji
15. Caritas University, Enugu
16. Rhema University, Aba
17. Crawford University, Igbesa
18. Adeleke University, Ede
19. Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo
20. Bowen University, Iwo

Dr. Gidado B. Kumo
Director, Academic Planning
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





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FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

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

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	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho	1990	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	44	Borno State University	2016
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
15	Odumegwu Ojukwu University Uli	2000	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009			





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PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999	26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015
2	Madonna University, Okija	1999	27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015
3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999	28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001	29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007	54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
5	Covenant University, Ota	2002	30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007	55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owode, Delta State	2015
6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002	31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002	32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003	33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005	34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009	59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005	36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009	61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016
12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009	62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
13	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016
14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016
15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	42	Baze University, Abuja	2011	67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	43	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005	44	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011	69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017
20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005	45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	70	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	71	Precious Cornerstone University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
22	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005	47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	72	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Portharcourt, River State	2017
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	73	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007	49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012	74	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos State	2017
25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	75	Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano State	2018





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 Ilorin, Ilorin
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
27. Federal University, Dutsin-ma
28. Federal University, Ndufu-alike
29. Federal University, Oye-ekiti

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
26. Kaduna State University, Kaduna
27. Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijebu-ode
28. Osun State University, Osogbo

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
17. Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin (MSc. only)
18. Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State
19. Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu
20. Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo
21. Achievers University, Owo
22. Al-qalam University, Kastina
23. Baze University, Abuja
24. Bells University of Technology, Ota
25. Crawford University, Igbessa
26. Crescent University, Abeokuta
27. Fountain University, Osogbo
28. Landmark University, Omu-Aran
29. Novena University, Ogume
30. Salem University, Lokoja
31. Veritas University, Abuja

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.

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 SCOPU

7. Interactive meeting of SCOPU 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

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Illegal Degree Awarding Institutions (Degree Mills)

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 CAPE 3 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) Houdegebe 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, Arochuku, 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.

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



NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
ELESO JOE OGBHEMHE ELESO IMANA	6 AUGUST
SARAH SULEIMAN	6 AUGUST
NURUDEEN OLAJIDE LAMIDI	7 AUGUST
GLORIA CHIMECHEFULAM OPARA- EMEKA	8 AUGUST
IRENE OFANGBON	8 AUGUST
CHINEDU IFEMADU	8 AUGUST
NONYEBELE AKAZUE	9 AUGUST
LOVETH IFEOMAPETER EZE	9 AUGUST
OLUCHI AGATHA ONWUSIRI	10 AUGUST
TITILAYO FLORAAJILEYE	10 AUGUST
ROBERT OJO GBYIDE	10 AUGUST
BATHOLOMEW OBINWANNE OHANME	10 AUGUST
VICTORIA UNWYIN AKONGWUBEL	10 AUGUST
OSINACHI PEARL ONYEMA	11 AUGUST
HABIBAT IYABO AJAYI	11 AUGUST
HANNATU ALEX-NDULE OGUNNAIKE	12 AUGUST

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