

## Functional Education System, Key to Unlocking Nigeria's Potentials — PMB at UNILAG 50th Convocation.

**P**resident Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, has reiterated that his administration believes in the imperative of sound and functional education system for national development, as it is the panacea for developing and unlocking the potentials of Nigeria's large population.

He said in his speech at the 50th convocation ceremony of the University of Lagos that the role of intellectuals in undertaking cutting-edge research that would address the challenges of development.

“We acknowledge that our advancement as a nation will be driven by a robust human resource base. Education is our hope for developing the innate treasures of Nigeria's large human population. It should be our collective determination to do our best to guarantee a peaceful and stable future for Nigeria through education”.

The President who was represented by the Executive

Adamu Rasheed mni, MFR, FNAL, assured that government

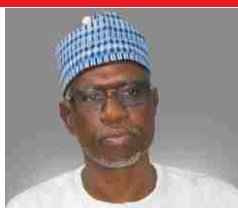


**Muhammadu Buhari**  
President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces

Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar

would continue to interface with unions in a bid to ensure stable

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higher education sector that would contribute to the nation's global competitiveness.

He also expressed government's determination to encourage universities to forge closer working relationship with industries to bridge the gap between theory and practice, with a view to producing graduates who were competent and relevant to national development needs.

The President noted with satisfaction, the activities of UNILAG's Entrepreneurship and Skills Development Centre (ESDC) and its efforts towards ensuring that the ideas of student entrepreneurs were successfully brought to the market. He acknowledged that it was in line with government's desire that Nigerian universities became breeding grounds for world-class enterprises as obtainable in the developed world.

He charged the graduands on nation building, enjoining them to apply their acquired knowledge to the noble cause of national development.

"As you make your way into the world beyond the ivory tower, let me assure you of our administration's commitment to ensuring that the skills and strength of our teeming youth population are productively engaged. While many of you will be gainfully employed in the public and private sectors shortly after your national youth service, some of you may choose to explore the entrepreneurial route by

founding and co-founding small and medium scale enterprises. Whichever path you choose to explore, be assured of my administration's resolve to support to all the way".

Speaking on the 2019 general elections, the Visitor noted that it portrayed the nation's choice of democracy as the system of government by which it hoped to achieve all-round development.

He said that government was committed towards ensuring that the sacredness of that choice was preserved, stressing that with



L-R: Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Wale Babalakin; Chancellor, Shehu of Borno, Alh. (Dr.) Abubakar Ibn Umar Garbai El-Kanemi; Representative of the Visitor and E.S, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed and Vice-chancellor, UniLag, Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipe

each policy enunciated and every programme executed, government would ensure that democratic culture was firmly rooted and its legacies further consolidated.

He also reemphasised that his administration would not waver in its commitment towards due process, rule of law, curbing corruption securing lives and property as well as rehabilitating

and upgrading critical infrastructure.

"We will continue to be unrelenting in enthroning hard work, honesty and placing the welfare of our citizens before everything else. We must all join hands to take Nigeria to the next level of progress. The positive change we seek begins with each of us".

He commended the University for upholding the noble tradition of admitting some of its best retired academics into the Emeritus Professors' club as he also

congratulated the honorary degrees awardees.

In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe intimated that his administration was committed towards making UNILAG greater than the best, through pursuing uncompromising academic standards, ensuring local and global networks, innovative fund-







raising mechanisms, transformational and transnational leadership and accountability in all university processes.

He said that the university's faculties had worked tirelessly to attract more grants to enhance research and teaching and over N1 billion been won in grants by various academic staff.

He also informed that the university had won the World Bank award of Africa Centre of Excellence (ACE)-Impact grant worth over \$4.5 Million to the Centre for Drug Discovery, Herbal Medicine Development and Regulatory Science.

He said that the university had also benefitted from the INSPIRED project award of 2.3 million euros for collaborative research among five institutions including Leiden University Medical centre (LUMC), Netherlands, Delta University of Technology, Netherlands, Universities of Ibadan and Gabon as well as UNILAG. He said that Vitafoam Nigeria Plc had donated a Polyurethane Laboratory worth over N20 million to the Central Research Laboratory. He added that the university's collaboration.

Professor Ogundipe further announced that the university had a strong team of researchers working on cyber-security and as part of the benefits for their work; the university was recently admitted into the Global Epic, an international group of 21 institutions which co-create

and adopt world-changing solutions to cyber-security all over the world.

Another achievement, he said, was the collaboration with the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA), with the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on training of scholars in Master's degree in Cyber Law to strengthen the regulation of cyber-security in Nigeria, making UNILAG to be the first university in Nigeria to train professionals in Cyber Law.

He said that the university also

stated that the UNILAG Business would soon take-off and would run short executive courses and professional degree programmes with experienced industry personnel as facilitators. Also, the UNILAG Microfinance Bank which would be an additional source of revenue would soon commence operations.

The bank would help members of staff and the university community to access loans to meet some of their financial needs through home ownership, small scale enterprises, school fees and car purchase among others.



**Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed and Founder Zenith Bank Mr. Jim Ovia who received an Honourary Degree at the convocation**

held the first UNILAG annual Robotics competition last year to encourage students to develop interest and skills in digital innovations. He said that the university was also repositioning its Distance Learning Institute to operate 100% Open Distance learning to increase its student intake.

The Vice-Chancellor further

He said that the Bank of Industry (BOI), had approved the sum of 250 million naira to support the Entrepreneurship drive of the university which had been adjudged by the Senate Committee on Tertiary Institutions as one of the best. He added that the UNILAG TV, the first campus television station in Nigeria had hit the airwaves on Star Times Channel



184 on test transmission.

He disclosed that as part of the university's community service, it had undertaken steps towards

Professor Ogundipe summed that the convocation ceremonies graduated a total of 12, 843 students comprising 7, 438 (57.9%) first degrees and 5, 405

Pharmacy with degrees not classified.

The event also featured conferment of Emeritus



Cross section of guests and graduands

impacting the society by empowering young female students with coding application skills under a three-month programme tagged-Young Coders Application Development (YCAD). The programme was to test run with 50 girls from International school, University of Lagos and 100 from selected secondary

(42.1%) postgraduate degrees.

Out of the number in the first degree category, a total of 133 graduands finished with First Class Honours; 957 graduated with Second Class Upper Division; 1,507 with Second Class Lower Division; 582 with Third Class and 32 with Pass degrees. Another 144 graduated

Professorship on the university's former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sulaiman Adeniyi Adekola, Honorary degrees were also awarded to some eminent personalities including Mr. Jim Ovia, CON, a Businessman and Founder, Zenith Bank, PLC; Alhaji Lateef Olufemi Okunnu, SAN, CON, a lawyer and former Nigeria Commissioner (Minister) for



Cross section graduands

schools in Lagos would benefit from the programme this year.

in Medical disciplines and

Works and Housing.





## FCC Dept. Pays Advocacy Visit to NUC

The newly established Department of Socio-Economic and Infrastructural Development, Federal Character Commission (FCC), led by the Director, Mr. Dipo Akinsola, last Thursday, visited the National Universities Commission (NUC) on sensitisation and advocacy visit bordering on its mandate, as specified in paragraph 8 (1) b of Section C, third schedule of Nigeria's Constitution.

distribution of amenities and facilities across the country, through this approval.

The Director noted that most Nigerians were aware of the Commission's first mandate that covered the enforcement of compliance on employment, while not being conversant with its responsibility to work out formulae in areas of infrastructural facilities distribution. The Department, he

of staff, admission of students, municipal services and distribution of capital projects in the institutions.

He argued that the FCC intended to partner with NUC by getting involved in the areas of admission procedure for placement of students in the universities as well as securing the fair and equitable distribution of amenities to these universities based on its mandate.



ES, NUC, represented by DRI&IT, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf (3rd right); the Director, Socio-Economic and Infrastructural Development, FCC, Mr. Dipo Akinsola with other members of his delegation and the NUC Management

Briefing the Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, Mr. Akinsola highlighted that the FCC since the last 22 years had been carrying its first mandate of ensuring fair and equitable distribution of manpower among the 36 states and FCT.

He recalled that only last year, the President gave legal backing to its second mandate, that borders on equitable and fair

said, only took off effectively four weeks ago. According to him, this lacuna led to the decision of the new Directorate to embark on advocacy to all of its identified stakeholders. NUC, he said, was critical and one of the biggest partners that it was willing to work with, as the universities was under its purview.

Mr. Akinsola said the FCC was aware that the universities through the NUC offer social services, in terms of recruitment

Responding, the Executive Secretary, represented by the Director, Research, Innovation and Communication Technology (DRICT), Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf, acknowledged the visitors for finding time to sensitise the NUC on its line of duty, especially as it borders on enforcement of equitable distribution of social services to the citizens.

He observed that Government was going beyond the issue of



recruitment to ensuring that facilities were evenly distributed, explaining that this was exemplified by government giving all states ample opportunity to have federal universities in their domain.

Professor Rasheed stressed that justice and equity would guarantee sustainable economic development as long as the FCC applied the right mechanisms. He argued that projects must not only be based on needs, but even spread. He assured the team that

The executive secretary, therefore, informed the delegation that the University Autonomy Act, make it mandatory for universities to run as semi-autonomous institutions.

Harping on the request for inclusion in the admission process for students in the Nigerian University System (NUS), the NUC scribe advised the FCC to banish such idea, insisting that it would not fly. The universities, he stated, had a stakeholder's forum where

the wrong path. On this premise, he advised FCC to educate itself more about the criteria for admission of students so as to be well-informed of what it could do.

The Director was accompanied by the Head of Education Sector, Mr. Alade James Murayo; Head, Transport Sector, Mr. Garba Ibrahim; Members of Education Sector, Mr. Obi Chukwueke and Omogbemhe Elizabeth Odufa; Head, Agric Sector, Mr. Ibrahim Musa Karim; Assistant Head Education Sector, Mr. Uche



Meeting in session

NUC doors were always opened, advocating that Nigerian people should demand value for money on every project.

While urging the FCC to ensure equity and fairness in the discharge of its functions, Professor Rasheed observed that there seemed to be information gap on the part of the FCC's new Directorate, as it failed to realise that NUC with its present status does not meddle into admission of students in the universities.

decisions on University Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) cut-off marks were decided for the national level, while universities also have some peculiarities that guided them such as Merit, Catchment Areas and programme quota, among others.

According to him, except the FCC draw a distinction between its mandate and anticipated limit of operations, with regards to the universities, it might thread on

Chigozie and Head, Information and Communication Technology, Mr. Ahmed Abdulrahman.

At the meeting were the Directors of Accreditation, Dr. Noel Saliu; Open and Distance Education (DODE), Dr. Olamide Esther Adesina; International Cooperation and Liaison Services (DICLS), Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. Chris Maiyaki; Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mr. Boniface Odum and Students Support



Services (DSSS), Dr. Mrs. Maryam Sali.

The Deputy Directors of Legal Services and Corporate Services, in the Executive Secretary's

Office, Barrister Moses Awe and Mr. John Mairafi, respectively, were present at the meeting.

## NUC Committed to Review of Medical Curriculum —— *Prof. Rasheed*

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, FNAL, last Thursday reinstated the Commission's commitment to the review of Medicine programme curriculum, to bring it at par with global best practices and standards.

He said this when he received the members of the Association of Nigerian Physicians in Americas (ANPA), who paid him a courtesy call to rekindle their interest and support to the review of Medical Sciences curriculum which started way back in 2011.

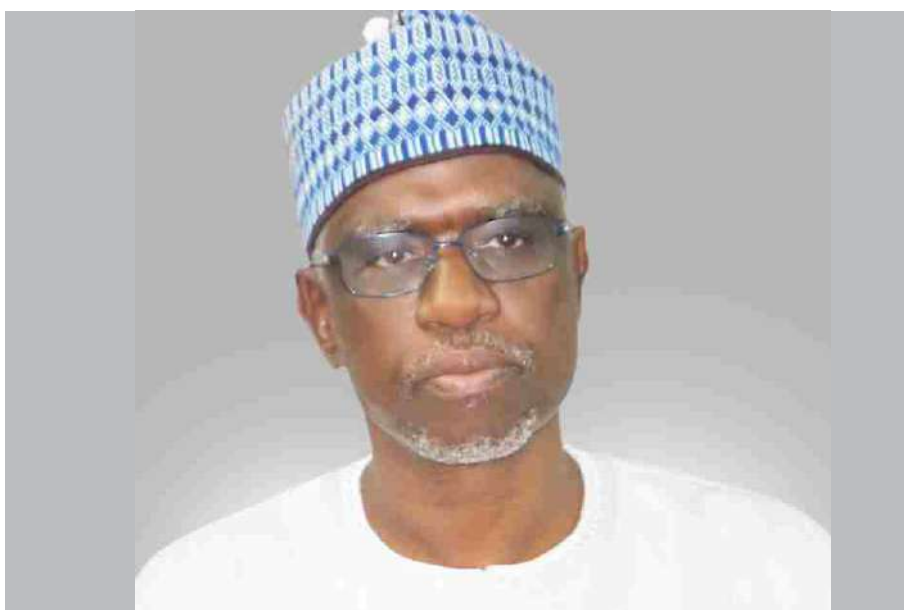
Professor Rasheed, who was represented by the Director of Accreditation, Dr Noel Salihu noted that it was an aberration for the Federal Ministry of Health (FMH) to venture to review and implement a new curriculum for the Medical Sciences programme.

He said it was the exclusive rights of the NUC to lay down Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS)

for all degree programmes in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

The Executive Secretary acknowledged that the initiative of ANPA was in line with the ongoing reforms in the Commission. Sighting that as

medical students and had started to review the Curriculum. It is our view that NUC cannot do it alone that is why we continue to work with all critical stakeholders to come up with a globally acceptable and globally competitive Curriculum".



**Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed**  
Executive Secretary, NUC

part of the reforms, the Curriculum for Medical Sciences and other programmes were been reviewed.

In his words: "We are aware of the deficiencies in the Curriculum been used to train our

Lending his voice, NUC Director of Academic Planning (DAP), Dr. Gidado Kumo remarked that following the Commission's resolve to review the medicine Curriculum, the NUC management visited some leading and high profiled universities in





Sudan and Egypt. He added that what the team saw was an eye opener as to how the programme should be reviewed in Nigeria.

“We noticed that in Egypt, they have discarded some aspect of the curriculum and upgraded some aspect in line with current realities. For example, while we still run the six years MBBS plus one year clinical practice, other countries now run five years MBBS plus two years clinical practice, laying more emphasis on the skills component of the training. It is important that we accommodate these changes in order to upgrade the proposed curriculum in line with global standard,” he said.

review was concerned, time was of the essence, stressing the need for a patch-review in order to fast-track the process and ensure the quick implementation of the new curriculum.

He explained that it was a herculean task for medical students to find placement at the time they want to undergo the one year clinical training, adding that the curriculum review should also address such.

In his capacity as Director of Accreditation, Dr. Saliu assured the ANPA delegation that the Commission, with the approval of the Executive Secretary would convene a critical stakeholders

In her speech, ANPA President, Dr. Chermine Emelife recalled that the interest of the association to lend its support to the review of the Medical Sciences curriculum started in 2011.

According to her, ANPA in collaboration with the (FMoH) and NUC set up a committee to review the curriculum of the Medical Sciences discipline. The outcome of the review, she noted, was forwarded to the then Minister of Health for approval and implementation.

The ANPA President observed that the reviewed curriculum was only partially implemented by the University of Ibadan, with other



**Dr. Noel Saliu middle and the ANPA President with other members of the association and NUC management team**

Contributing, the NUC Director of Research, Innovation and Information Technology, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf, stated that as far as the curriculum

meeting to holistically address the problems affecting the training of medical students in the country.

universities not following suit. She argued that the failure to carry NUC along in the curriculum review process led to the difficulty in its implementation.





Dr. Cherminé, however, noted that the unimplemented curriculum reviewed years back had already become outdated. In view of this, she said, ANPA insisted that the right measures must be taken in the training of Medical students in the country, leading the association to seeking a way forward with NUC, as the driving force.

According to her, “we need to bring our medical students to speed on current development in the Medical profession and the only way out is to improve the Curriculum in line with global best practice in our ever changing world”.

She described as obsolete the curriculum currently been used

to train medical doctors in the country, explaining that it was not in tune with current realities where the world was moving fast in the field of Medicine with ground breaking innovations and technologies in use. She insisted that Nigeria could not afford to lag behind.

She said: “As we speak this is already affecting our medical doctor seeking to practice abroad, as they are subjected to competency test or are made to undergo additional training to enable them meet up with current development in the field”.

She stated that in view of the need to correct the anomalies, ANPA had to retrace its steps to the Commission, to ensure that its

attempt at revamping the Medical Profession in Nigeria produces the desired

In the ANPA delegation were Professor Ajovi Scott-Emuakpor, Dr. Babajide Bamgboye, Dr. Stanley Okoro and Pharmacist Teresa I. Poudos.

Present at the meeting were the NUC Directors of Open and Distance Education (DODE), Dr. Olamide Esther Adesina; Executive Secretary’s Office (DESO), Mr Chris Maiyaki;; Establishment of Private University (DEPU), Mallam Hamza Abdullahi as well as Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mr. Boniface Odum.

## Barr. Onuoha Retires from Service

The Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) Administration, National Universities Commission (NUC), Barr Victor U. Onuoha last Monday marked his 60th birthday with staff, which also marks his exit from the Commission, after attaining the mandatory retirement age in Civil Service.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, said that the celebrant gave his best and was involved in series of activities for the Commission which he handled with distinction. He expressed thanksgiving to the Almighty



**Barr. Victor Onuoha**  
Deputy Executive Secretary, NUC

God that the Deputy Executive Secretary was retiring in good health and without a dented record to his name. He urged the retiree to always see himself as a member of the NUC family, even at retirement.

Two Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian universities, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Abuja, Professors Abdallah Adama and the Renaissance University, Enugu State, Professor who spoke about the strength of Barrister Onuoha in his distinguished career at individual basis, unanimously described him as a jolly good fellow. According



to them, he excelled in many assignments, including top-level Committees, and can be best described as a great Ambassador of the NUC in the course of his services.

They also described Barr Onuoha as a traditional man to the core with candour and humility that should be emulated. Both Vice-Chancellors wished him well in

(LLB) from the University of Abuja as well as Higher Diploma (HND) from the Federal Polytechnic, Idah.

He joined the services of the National Universities Commission in April 1987 as Higher Executive Officer and rose through the ranks to the position of Deputy Director in January 2007.

Since October, 2014, he brought his vast knowledge and wealth of experience to bear in the discharge of his duties as a Director, Management Support Services by ensuring that issues of staff welfare, including promotion and staff development were handled in a timely manner and fashion.

Barr Onuoha hails from Imo State and had, during his stay in the Commission exhibited deep



**Prof. Rasheed and Barr. Onuoha flanked by some NUC Directors and other Management staff cutting the birthday cake**

her future endeavours.

The retiring Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) was appointed into his position with effect from 1st January, 2019, following his nomination by the NUC Board chaired by Emeritus Professor Ayo Banjo.

Barrister obtained a Masters Degree in Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Lagos and a Bachelor of Law

He was the Acting Director in the then NUC Liaison Office, Lagos before his appointment as substantive Director, Lagos Liaison office in October, 2013.

Prior to his appointment as Director, he had served in various divisions/units of the Commission including Protocol and Public Relations Office, Management and General Services, Establishment Matters as well as Corporate Services.

knowledge of his responsibilities and the Nigerian Universities System. He represented NUC in several Boards and Governing Councils of Nigerian Universities including Renaissance University, Enugu. He held the office of the Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration) with decorum, fairness and enthusiasm.

Monday Bulletin wishes him good health and greater services to the nation in his retirement.





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## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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

**T**he 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 Eleven 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.
8. Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
9. Lagos State University Open and Distance Learning and Research Institute
10. Joseph Ayo Babalola University Centre for Distance Learning
11. University of Nigeria, Nsukka Centre for Distance and e-Learning







## 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 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. Modibbo 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, 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, 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
- 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.

**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 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**







## LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

### PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999	27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
2	Madonna University, Okija	1999	28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999	29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007	55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owrode, Delta State	2015
4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001	30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007	56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
5	Covenant University, Ota	2002	31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002	32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002	33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007	59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003	34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016
10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005	36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009	62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009	63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016
12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016
13	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005	42	Baze University, Abuja	2011	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	43	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017
18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	44	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011	70	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005	45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	71	Precious Cornerstone University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005	46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	72	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Portharcourt, River State	2017
21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	73	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
22	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005	48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	74	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos State	2017
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012	75	Skyline University, Nigeria Kano State	2018
24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	76	Greenfield University, Kasarami Kaduna State	2019
25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	77	Dominion University, Ibadan Oyo State	2019
26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	78	Trinity University, Laloko Ogun State	2019
						79	Westland University, Iwo Osun State	2019







## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed "Degree Mills" have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act 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, Mbaize, 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, Arochukwu, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuhia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.
- 9) L.I.F.E Leadership University, Benin City, Edo State.

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

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

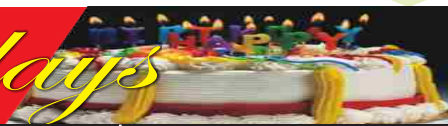
**\* This list of illegal institutions is not exhaustive.**

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