

NOUN Convocation: Tinubu Commits To Improving Open, Distance Learning

The President and Commander-in-Chief, Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Visitor to the National Open University of Nigeria, President Bola Tinubu, GCFR, has reaffirmed his dedication to revolutionising open and distance learning in Nigeria.

He made the commitment at the 13th convocation of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN).

President Tinubu, said his administration would continue to support the institution for improved access, quality and relevance while speaking at the ceremony yesterday in Abuja.

The President was represented at the event by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics, National Universities Commission (NUC), Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu.

The president said the deployment of open learning approach is a major way of attaining

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 4, adding that government was committed to working with NOUN to provide an enabling environment to

Honorary Doctor of Business Administration on a prominent Nigerian entrepreneur and founder of Innoson Motors, Dr Innocent Chukwuma and



His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR
President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria

achieve the feat.

The convocation ceremony also witnessed installation of the Oba of Benin Kingdom, Oba Ewuare II, as the new chancellor.

The university also conferred

Honorary Doctor of Letters (D.Litt) on Hajia Hafsat Abdulwaheed Ahmed.

The president said, “Available statistics have shown that the deployment of the open and distance learning approach,

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The Representative of the President and Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) Academics, NUC, Dr. Noel B. Saliu with other Principal Officers of the National Open University of Nigeria, during the Convocation

particularly in the tertiary education sub-sector, is the major link to achieving SDG 4 by the year 2030.

“This administration will continue to promote the open and distance learning approach as one of the strategies to improving access to higher education.

“Government is therefore, committed, through the federal

ministry of education and NUC to provide the enabling Environment to ensure a good delivery of this mode of education in Nigeria.”

On his part, the vice chancellor of the University, Prof Olufemi Peters said the convocation was held simultaneously across the 36 states and the FCT.

According to him, the

convocation ceremony further provides the institution an opportunity to celebrate the graduation of 22,175 students across undergraduate and postgraduate levels on diverse disciplines. Of these 15,768 achieved undergraduate qualification, while 6,407 earned postgraduate qualifications.

“At the undergraduate level, a total of 22 graduated with first-class; 1,885 with second class (upper division); 8,434 with second class (lower) division; 3,786 with third class, and 169 with pass degrees.

“Of the 6,407 students who graduated at the postgraduate levels, 2,362 students obtained the Postgraduate Diploma; 4,039 students got master’s degrees and 6 students obtained the PhD degrees.

“I am also happy to announce that 4 of the doctoral graduates are from our flagship World Bank assisted Africa Centre for



Dr. Noel B. Saliu
Delivering the Visitors Address



Prof. Olufemi Peters
Vice-Chancellor, NOUN

Excellence for Technology Enhanced Learning (ACETEL),” he said.

The minister of State for Education, Dr Tanko Sununu, decorated Oba Ewuare II as the chancellor on behalf of the president at the 13th Convocation/Investiture ceremony of the university

yesterday in Abuja.

Chief Press Secretary to the Oba of Benin, Osaigbovo Iguobaro, in a statement made available to journalists on Saturday in Benin City, said the Royal Father was also conferred Honoris Causa, Doctor in Public Administration of the National Open University of Nigeria.

In Oba Ewuare’s acceptance speech after subscribing to the university’s oath, formally constituted the convocation for award of first degrees, post graduate degrees and other categories of awards/ certificates.

The chancellor also called on the Federal Government to consider a robust funding for the university and implored the government to be cautious of establishing a university with dual roles to ensure that standards are upheld.

Oba Ewuare II who promised to carry out his responsibility diligently, also appealed to the government to include NOUN graduates into the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) scheme by amending the Act that established the university.

The traditional ruler advised the graduands in the University to be



A cross section of some of the graduands at te NOUN Convocation

exemplary as NOUN Alumni and explore entrepreneurship.

The Oba commended the university's management for its

commitment to quality services.

Photo Gallery

Images from the NOUN Convocation



The installment of the Oba of Benin, Omo N'oba N'Edo, Uku Akpolokpolo, Ewuare II as the Chancellor, NOUN



Honorary Doctorate Degree conferred on Hajiya Hafsatulwaheed, Accomplished Author, Philanthropist and Women Rights Advocate



The Best Graduating Student of the 13th Convocation, NOUN, B.Sc Mass Communication, Faculty of Social Sciences, Mrs. Inegbedion Aruoriwo



Some of the Graduands from the 13th NOUN Convocation



Other Graduands from the 13th NOUN Convocation



More Graduands from the 13th NOUN Convocation

FG's Committee on Certificate Racketeering to Submit Report Soon-HME

The Federal Government has stated that the committee instituted to investigate certificate racketeering in the education sector would be submitting its report in a few days.

Speaking in an interview on Channels Television last Wednesday, the Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, said the committee has completed its sittings on the matter and the report ready to be submitted soon.

It would be recalled that the Federal Government following an investigative report by Daily Nigerian Newspaper titled “UNDERCOVER: How DAILY NIGERIAN reporter bagged Cotonou varsity degree in 6 weeks”, set up a committee to investigate the matter.

The six-man Committee, headed by the Chairman, Board of Trustees (BOTs) Committee of Vice-Chancellors, Professor J. D. Amin had as members the Acting Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris Maiyaki and representatives from the Office of the National Security Adviser, Ministry of Youths, Ministry of Foreign

Affairs, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the committee were to examine the veracity of the

question.

The committee's terms of reference also include reviewing existing policies and procedures related to



Prof. Tahir Mamman
Honourable Minister of Education

allegations of degree certificate racketeering within both foreign and local private universities in Nigeria.

The Committee was also expected to also review the role of any Ministry, Department and Agencies (MDA) or its officials; including identifying such officials in facilitation of the recognition and procurement of the fake certificate in

accreditation and certification to identify weaknesses contributing to the issue; Other terms include, “Examine the rules, procedures and processes for recognition and accreditation of foreign universities and programmes by the Federal Ministry of Education.

“Establish if unapproved foreign institutions (Degree Mills) exist or not in Nigeria in



Dr. Yusuf T. Sununu
Honourable Minister of State for Education

whatever form with their identities and locations, if any.

“Make appropriate recommendations for review of any rules, procedures, processes to prevent re-occurrence and sanctions for identified erring officials;

“Make other recommendations that will strengthen the system of recognitions, accreditations, and quality assurance of degrees in Nigeria;

“Examine the extant rules, procedures and processes for granting of provisional licences

to new universities by the National Universities Commission (NUC);

“Examine the procedures and processes for periodic accreditation of programmes in the universities by the NUC and examine their effectiveness in quality assurance of the programmes,” he said.

The Committee was also expected to examine whether or not private universities established in the last 15 years have in place prescribed facilities, appropriate management structure, adequate funding of programmes, and requisite staff.

The Minister, while commenting on the report of the panel, said he has not seen the content of the committee’s report.

“I understand that they are about to submit their report in

the next few days. The committee has completed sitting. They are basically



Prof. Jibrin D. Amin
Chairman of the Committee on Fake Degree Allegations

doing the editing work. Very soon, we will have it.

“I cannot comment on it (report) yet because the report is not before me, but it appears there is a problem (certificate racketeering),” he said.

Salary Arrears: SSANU, NASU Members to Likely Get Half Pay – Minister

Amid ongoing negotiations, members of the Senior Staff Association and Non-Academic Staff Union of Nigerian Universities (SSANU and NASU) are set to receive a

portion of their withheld salaries, pending President Bola Tinubu’s endorsement of salary arrears payment.

Speaking on Channels Television’s Politics Today

last Wednesday amidst other burning issues in the Education sector, the Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman disclosed that if approved, government employees



Prof. Tahir Mamman
Honourable Minister of Education

affected by the withholdings would receive half of their due wages.

Professor Mamman clarified that while academic staff experienced strikes in 2022, non-academic staff faced



Comrade Mohammed H. Ibrahim
National President, SSANU

different circumstances, warranting distinct considerations.

When asked what has delayed the payment to NASU and SSANU members, Professor Mamman said, “No, it has not been approved.

“There is a court judgement on no work, no pay. The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) getting four months’ pay was actually a discretion and decision on the part of the President. So, it doesn’t automatically transfer (to NASU and SSANU) but the matter is under consideration.”

“I don’t think it is safe to put a time on it but it’s safer to say that we are on it and we are pushing.

And in any case, the non-academic staff, they were not

on strike for the same period with the academic staff -about four months or so. So, if they are getting payment, it is going to be half of that (payment), if the President will follow his precedent with the academic staff.”

Speaking on the claim of discrimination by NASU and SSANU, the minister said, “That cannot be right, there is no rating. These are people working in the same terrain, they are doing different things but all working towards the same goal.

“I believe what happened was a communication problem initially, it wasn’t deliberate to exclude them from that benefit.”



Dr. Makolo Hassan
President, NASU

Ag ES Receives University of Waterloo Ontario Canada Delegation

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, last Tuesday received in audience a delegation led by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja, Professor Aisha Maikudi,

He informed the team that the functions of the Commission included: Laying down Minimum Academic Standards, Granting approval for the take-off of new academic programmes, Accreditation of all degree programmes and

Federal Government, 63 owned by States and 149 others by private individuals.

He also noted that despite the giant stride in the development of universities and towards expanding access to university



A Deputy Vice Chancellor and member of the University of Abuja team, Prof Aisha Maikudi, who led the delegation with the Acting Executive Secretary, Mr Chris Maiyaki

comprising experts from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada and those of her university, which came to seek support and blessings of the Commission towards strengthening their collaborations.

Addressing the delegation, Mr. Maiyaki noted that the NUC was the arrowhead and supervisory body for all degree-awarding institutions in Nigeria which included universities and Inter-University Centres (IUCs) and affiliate institutions.

Providing guidelines for the establishment of private universities, amongst others.

The Acting Executive Secretary highlighted that from an advisory body in the Cabinet Office in 1962, the NUC became a full-fledged regulatory body in 1974 with six universities, otherwise known as the First Generation universities and that as at today, the Commission superintended over the activities of 272 universities across the country, with 61 owned by the

education in the country, the system, like any other sector of the economy, had its own challenges.

He stressed that with about 2 million enrolments annually, the Nigerian University System (NUS), had about 75,000 academic staff, causing a huge gap between demand and supply; short fall of Ph.D degree holders in the system, as well as lack of adequate deployment of ICT in teaching and learning.

He said: “despite these challenges, the NUS has



The meeting of the Acting Executive Secretary with the University of Waterloo, Ontario Canada and University of Abuja delegation in session

continued to display attributes that make it truly international as can be seen, as Nigerian students continue to dominate the university educational space in many countries including (Canada) and parts of Europe, coming out with good and productive grades.

“This is a testament to the fact that Nigerian youths see university education as a tool for a productive and prosperous life,” he stated.

Mr. Maiyaki emphasised that the

visit was coming at a time when the Commission was undergoing various reforms such as the implementation of the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS), and the launch of a new Transnational Education (TNE) Policy.

The TNE Policy, he said, provided guideline for all interested international players in Nigeria’s higher education

sector and enabled Nigerian universities to leverage on the opportunities provided by the TNE.

The Acting Executive Secretary affirmed that NUC and indeed the entire NUS was open to foreign partnerships, provided it was of benefit to the institution and by extension the country at large.

Responding, a member of the visiting University of Waterloo Ontario, Canada delegation and



A cross section of the visiting delegates from the University of Waterloo, Ontario Canada



Some of the NUC Management Team and the University of Abuja Officials at the partnership meeting

Associate Vice –President (Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti Racism), Dr. Chris Taylor, informed their host that the University was a leading research intensive institution with special interest in entrepreneurship and innovation and was internationally renowned for its cutting- edge research in the field of mathematics and computer science.

He stated that the University of Waterloo was established in 1960 and currently with six Faculties namely, Arts, Mathematics, Sciences, Engineering, Health and Environmental Science and was commonly referred to in Canada as “the Silicon Valley of the North,” due to its consistency in creating the next-generation digital products and services.

Dr. Taylor stressed that the reason for the visit was to foster collaboration with scholars from the University of Abuja, create a connection and establish a network of Alumni of former students of Waterloo here in Nigeria.

He stated that, NUC being the foremost regulatory body for universities in the country was courted to provide a seal on the collaborations.

He assured that the Canadian University team would continue to work with the Commission as they make progress in their quest to contribute to the development of university education in Nigeria.

Also, lending her voice, a member of the team from Waterloo, Dr Naila Keleta-Mae, stated that as one of the foremost research institutions in Canada, the University in 2022 raked in 200 million dollars research grant.

She added that Waterloo was the only University that allowed researchers owned their intellectual properties while fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

In her words: “The researchers are allowed to work in the laboratory with their students

and conduct their research, and the outcome of the research is commercialised as the intellectual property of the researcher”.

Dr. Keleta-Mae noted that with such arrangement at Waterloo, Nigerian researchers would find an enabling environment to carry out researches and own their intellectual property.

In the University of Waterloo team were: Heath Love Assistant, Professor Paul Uso and EDIA Waterloo, Professor Paul Ugor.

At the meeting were the NUC Director of Executive Secretary’s Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu; Acting Directors of: Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Imoroa; Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE), Mr. Ashafa Ladan; Public Affairs (DPA), Mallam Haruna Lawal Ajo and Human Resources (DHR), Mrs. Victoria Omorodion.

Others from the University of Abuja (UniAbuja) were the Vice-

Chancellor, Academics, Professor Aisha Sanni Maikudi; Dean, Post-Graduate School, Professor Moti Ukerfor; Dean of Science,

Professor A. S Dankishiya; Dean of Engineering, Professor Ozisis Idris Ibrahim; Principal Assistant Registrar (PAR),

International Centre, Mr Ibrahim Abubakar.



Mr Maiyaki and the leader of the delegation from UniAbuja, Prof Maikudi and her counterpart from the University of Waterloo, Dr Chris Taylor (8th, 9th and 10th right) in a group photograph with other members of the visiting delegation and some of the NUC Management Team

TETFund to Upgrade NOUN Study Centres with Fibre Optics

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has stated that it would upgrade all the Study Centres of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) with fibre optics to transmit information and data with the speed of light.

The Vice-Chancellor of NOUN, Professor Olufemi Peters, said this during a pre-convocation news conference on Monday, ahead of its 13th convocation, slated for April 13, in Abuja.

Fiber optics, or optical fiber, refers to the technology that transmits information as light pulses along a glass or plastic fiber. Professor Peters said the rate of technological advancement at

NOUN attracted the offer from TETFund.

departments have video components to assist our students,



Arc. Sonny Echono
Executive Secretary, TETFund

“Right now, our academics all over the faculties and

and we deploy this with ease.

“And because of the manner in which we deploy technology, TETFund has offered to assist us with fibre optics in all our study centres across the country.

“It is a testimony to where we are in terms of technology,” Peters said.

He said that a lot of Nigerians were yet to understand how the university operates in spite of its years of existence in the country.

The Vice-Chancellor of NOUN noted that the institution had brought development to many towns and villages where the university had its study centres.

“The forthcoming convocation would be an opportunity to showcase what the institution can do with technology,” he said.

Professor Peters said that 22,175 students in various disciplines across the country would be graduating on April 13.

He said the graduating students would join the convocation via technology from its 120 study centres across the country.

“Of this number, 15,768 are undergraduate degrees, while 6,407 are postgraduate degrees, with the Faculty of Social Sciences producing the highest number of graduates.

“Twenty-two of these students are first-class; 2,362 are PGD graduates; 41 are Masters; and six are leaving the institution as PHD holders.



Prof. Olufemi Peters
The Vice-Chancellor, NOUN

“This is an indication that the school is gradually moving towards establishing a more robust postgraduate school,” he stated.

Professor Peters said, the interesting part of the convocation would be the conferment of an investiture on the university’s new Chancellor, His Royal Majesty, Oba of Benin, Ewuare II, with a doctorate degree, and his installation as the Chancellor.

He said that the convocation lecture would be delivered by the Vice Chancellor of the Open University of Tanzania, Professor Elifas Bisanda, with the topic “Is western education still relevant for Africa?”

The NOUN VC said the lecture would direct Nigeria and Africa in general to areas that would be useful to citizens.

He added that the lecture would be followed by the conferment of honorary doctorate degrees on the Chief Executive Officer of Innoson Motors, Dr. Innocent Chukwuma, and the first female novelist in Northern Nigeria and an eminent activist, Hajia Hafsat Abdulwaheed.

“Dr. Chukwuma is a well-known Nigerian entrepreneur and founder of Innoson Motors, and his creativity and commitment to local content are one of the reasons the university considered it fit to honour him.

“The second person, Hajia Hafsat, has dedicated her work to promoting education, particularly for girls, and she believes in the transformative power of literacy to uplift communities and break the circle of poverty.

OAU Research Team Win TETFund Grants

The Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU) Ile-Ife received 16 of the 85 research proposals earmarked for funding in the 2023 grant cycle.

The selected proposals underwent a screening process organised by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), which began in March 2023 with the submission of 4,287 concept notes from potential applicants.

The recipients are; Agbalajobi Damilola Taiye, N32, 167,500, Oyebanji Bukola Olanike N26, 814,275.02, Olaposi Titilayo Olubunmi N9, 831,900.84, Adeboye Omotayo Babawande N22, 345,229.19, Akinlo Olayinka N35, 000,000.00, Olasunkanmi Lukman Olawale N22, 45,229.19, Alimi Taiwo Taiwo N35, 752,366.70, Oke Adekola Olayinka N26, 5,513.19, Odetunde Marufat Oluyemisi N24, 861,736.38, Atere Cornelius Talade N24, 132,847.52, Rahaman Moruf Aderole Omar N35, 752,366.70, Idowu Peter Adebayo N34, 500,000, Ige Oladeji Oluremi N38, 500,000, Kehinde Temitope N26, 224,360.97 Salawu Mary Kehinde N28, 000,000 and Oluwajobi Akinjide Olufemi N18, 991,397.98.

At the presentation ceremony that was held for 10 out of the 16 staff members whose proposals were approved by the TETFund National Research Fund. These 10 are the first tranche of recipients of



Prof. Bamire Adebayo Simeon
Vice-Chancellor, OAU

60% of the total grant allocated to the university.

The Principal Investigators (PI) received letters on behalf of their teams at a ceremony held on the Floor 'O' Complex.

The ten PIs who received awards are: Dr. Oyebanji Bukola Olanike, Professor Oluwajobi Akinjide, Dr. Agbalajobi Damilola, Dr. Atere Cornelius, Dr. Adeboye Omotayo, Dr. Salawu Mary, Dr. Oladeji Oluremi, Prof. Idowu Peter, Dr. Olasunkanmi Lukman and Dr. Olaposi Titilayo.

During the ceremony, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation, and Development, Professor Akanni I. Akinyemi, congratulated the grant recipients and urged them to uphold high research ethics and principles in their work.

He emphasized the importance of pursuing excellence as representatives of the University in their respective fields and assured them of his unwavering support throughout the research process.

The Chairperson of the TETFund Office at Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Prof. Yinka Akinlo also congratulated the beneficiaries and provided guidance on how the PIs can navigate the research process smoothly. She assured them of the necessary support from the fund.

At the meeting included the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation, and Development Professor A.I. Akinyemi; the chairperson of the TETFund Office at OAU, and the 10 Principal Investigators who received the first tranche of the grant.



INTER-MINISTERIAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE ON DEGREE CERTIFICATE MILLS

**Federal Ministry of Education
Federal Secretariat, Phase 3,
Abuja.**

11th March, 2024

CALL FOR MEMORANDA FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Following the recent publication of allegations of certificate racketeering involving some foreign institutions, especially in Cotonou, Benin Republic and other countries, the Federal Ministry of Education has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to investigate the allegations with a view to providing lasting solutions to the problem. The Committee was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister of Education on Tuesday, 9th January, 2024 with the following Terms of Reference:

- i. Examine the veracity of the allegations of degree certificate racketeering within both foreign and local private universities in Nigeria;
- ii. Review the role of any MDA or its officials (including identifying such officials) in the facilitation of the recognition and procurement of the fake certificate in question;
- iii. Review existing policies and procedures related to accreditation and certification to identify weaknesses contributing to the issue;
- iv. Examine the rules, procedures and processes for recognition and accreditation of foreign universities and programmes by the Federal Ministry of Education;
- v. Establish if unapproved foreign institutions (Degree Mills) exist or not in Nigeria in whatever form with their identities and locations if any;
- vi. Make appropriate recommendations for review of any rules, procedures, and processes to prevent re-occurrence and sanctions for identified erring officials;
- vii. Make other recommendations that will strengthen the system of recognition, accreditations and quality assurance of degrees in Nigeria;
- viii. Examine the extant rules, procedures and processes for granting provisional licenses to new universities by the National Universities Commission (NUC);
- ix. Examine the procedures and processes for periodic accreditation of programmes in the universities by NUC and examine their effectiveness in quality assurance of the programmes;
- x. Without prejudice to the periodic accreditation exercise of the NUC, examine whether or not Private Universities established in the last 15 years have in place prescribed facilities, appropriate management structure, adequate funding of programmes, requisite staff (nature of staff – full-time, contract, adjunct, visiting, other types).

2. Memoranda from the general public are, therefore, solicited to provide information to the Committee to help it make appropriate recommendations to address the menace in line with its Terms of Reference and any other information that will be useful to the Committee. Submission should be forwarded in soft copy to the Committee's email: fakecertcommittee@education.gov.ng not later than 25th March, 2024.

3. Thank you.

Prof. J.D. Amin
Committee Chairman



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION, ABUJA



RE: ABOUT 100 FAKE PROFESSORS JUST UNCOVERED IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES – NUC A REBUTTAL

The attention of the National Universities Commission (NUC) has been drawn to news items, circulating on the social media, some national dailies and television stations, to the effect that the Commission has just “discovered over 100 fake Professors in Nigerian Universities”. The NUC wishes to deny these media reports categorically and unequivocally. They are fake, untrue and a figment of the imagination of the author(s), all happening at an unsuitable time, when the nation is awaiting the outcome of the investigation into the fake certificate saga from universities in some neighbouring countries. The Commission therefore finds this development as unfair to all stakeholders.

Specifically, the fake news items have been circulating in two forms – (i) as a link to a 2019 online news item; and (ii) as a separate list of names of the alleged fake Professors in various Nigerian Universities, which was not the case. We consider these unfounded publications as ill-conceived and a ploy by unscrupulous persons to create in plausible a tone, disquiet, panic and provoking outcries at both the national and international levels.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Commission can confirm that it initiated in 2019 a laudable project, with the intent of compiling and publishing a list of full Professors in the Nigerian Universities System (NUS) through the use of an online portal to collate the requisite data. During the exercise, the NUC found anomalies, such as Associate Professors being listed as full Professors. It is essential to also state clearly that the Commission as a responsible Federal Government Agency, does not engage in half-baked exercises capable of tarnishing the image of Nigeria and the NUS. That was why the Commission deemed it necessary to share the collated data with the Nigerian Universities for the purpose of authentication by the competent authorities as to who qualifies to be a full professor. Based on the verified data, the Commission then in a landmark accomplishment, first published the list of full Professors who participated in the exercise in 2019. It was understood that this

would be succeeded by a continuous process of updating the list of full Professors. It is important to state at this point that all the issues pertaining to the 2019 verification of full Professors in Nigerian Universities were concluded in 2019. Since then, the Commission has entrenched a more reliable system of generating the list of full Professors in the NUS. The Commission is also conscious of the fact that some of the academics not captured in the 2019 exercise may now have matured and progressed to become full Professors; this being the reason why it continuously updates the list of full Professors in the NUS.

The National Universities Commission questions the rationale behind recycling this stale 2019 news of an activity it initiated, conducted and laid to rest in the same year. The purpose and objective of resurrecting in 2024 (more than 4 years later) this-no-longer-fresh news, is clearly intended to generate unnecessary controversy at an unsuitable time, whilst lacing it with a false list of fake Professors.

The National Universities Commission owes it a solemn duty to protect and guard the integrity of the many hardworking and committed academics in the NUS, who have earned national and international respect and recognition. Therefore, the Commission has been saddled with the vital and strategic responsibility by its enabling laws, to uphold the sanctity of quality in all aspects of our University Education delivery.

The Commission wishes to use this medium to advise Government officials at all levels, members of the NUS, the international community, and the public, to please disregard these items of fake and stale news which have long been laid to rest in 2019. All information concerning the role of the NUC in the regulation of the NUS can be found on our official website www.nuc.edu.ng. Further enquiries can also be made via the Commission's official email address: info@nuc.edu.ng

Please be assured of our highest considerations, at all times and best wishes for a much more fulfilling and prosperous 2024.

Signed.

Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary
National Universities Commission



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Federal Secretariat, Phase III, Abuja

Press Release

SUSPENSION OF EVALUATION AND ACCREDITATION OF DEGREE CERTIFICATES FROM THE BENIN AND TOGO REPUBLICS.

The attention of the Federal Ministry of Education has been drawn to the commendable work of investigative journalism that led to the publication by the Daily Nigerian Newspaper dated 30th December 2023 titled "UNDERCOVER: How DAILY NIGERIAN reporter bagged Cotonou varsity degree in 6 weeks, participated in NYSC scheme". This was also carried in various social media.

2. This report lends credence to suspicions that some Nigerians deploy nefarious means and unconscionable methods to get a Degree with the end objective of getting graduate job opportunities for which they are not qualified.

3. The Federal Ministry of Education vehemently decries such acts and with effect from 2nd January 2024 is suspending evaluation and accreditation of degree certificates from Benin and Togo Republics pending the outcome of an investigation that would involve the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria and the two countries, the ministries responsible for Education in the two countries as well the Department of State Security Services (DSSS), and the National Youths Service Corps (NYSC). The Ministry therefore wish to call on the General Public to support its efforts, show understanding and provide useful information that will assist the Committee in finding lasting solutions in order to prevent further occurrence.

4. The Ministry has also commenced internal administrative processes to determine the culpability or otherwise of her staff for which applicable Public Service Rules would be applied.

5. The issue of degree mills institutions, i.e institutions that exist on paper or operate in clandestine manner outside the control of regulators is a global problem that all countries grapple with. FME has been contending with the problem including illegal institutions located abroad or at home preying on unsuspecting, innocent Nigerians and some desperate Nigerians who deliberately patronize such outlets. Periodically, warnings have been issued by the Ministry and NUC against the resort to such institutions and in some instances, reports made to security agencies to clamp down on the perpetrators. The ministry will continue to review its strategy to plug any loopholes, processes and procedures and deal decisively with any conniving officials.

6. The Ministry had always adopted the global standard for evaluation and accreditation of certificates of all forms which relies on receipt of the list of accredited courses and schools in all countries of the World.

7. The Ministry wishes to assure Nigerians and the general public that, it is already putting in place mechanisms to sanitise the education sector, including dissuading the quest for degree certificates (locally or from foreign countries) through a re-invigorated focus on inclusivity: reliance on all skill sets as directed by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR.

8. The Federal Ministry of Education is committed to collaborating with stakeholders, including civil society organizations, to consistently enhance the Nigerian education system and we value the public's understanding and patience as we strive to address these issues.

9. The Federal Ministry of Education wishes all Nigerians a happy new year. A year in which we would all work together to strengthen our education sector.

Signed

Mrs. Augustina Obilor-Duru
Acting Director, Press and Public Relations
2nd January, 2023



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

Approved Open University and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

Open Universities in Nigeria

List of approved Open Universities in Nigeria, Five Open Universities currently operating in the NUS are as follows:

1. The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which has 72 study/resource centres nationwide
2. Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT
3. Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State
4. West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria, Twenty Universities in the NUS, currently have the approval of the National Universities Commission to operate distance learning centres as follows:

1. Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan.
2. University of Lagos, Distance Learning Institute.
3. University of Abuja, Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education.
4. University of Maiduguri, Centre for Distance Learning.
5. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Centre for Distance Learning.
6. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola, Centre for Distance Learning.
7. Ladoko Akintola University of Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre.
8. Distance learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
9. Lagos State University Open and Distance Learning and Research Institute.
10. Joseph Ayo Babalola University Centre for Distance Learning.
11. University of Nigeria, Nsukka Centre for Distance and e-Learning.
12. Federal University of Technology Minna, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.
13. Babcock University Ilisan-Remo, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.
14. University of Ilorin, Centre for Open and Distance Learning.
15. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti - Open and Distance Learning Centre.
16. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Open and Distance Learning Centre.
17. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Porthacourt, Institute of Distance Education.
18. Usmanu Danfodio University Centre for Open and Distance Education (CODE), Sokoto
19. Enugu State University of Science and Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre, Agbani
20. University of Benin Centre for Distance Learning, Edo State
21. Igbinedion University, Okado Centre for Distance Learning
22. Federal University Akure, Open and Distance Learning Centre
23. Mountain Top University Centre For Open Distance and e-Learning
24. University of Port-Harcourt Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning
25. University of Calabar Open and Distance Learning Centre
26. Covenant University Ota, Centre for Distance e-Learning

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

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

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

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

Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary, NUC
Announcer



LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA**FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES**

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	47	Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State	2021
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	48	Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Bauchi State	2021
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	49	Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State	2021
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	50	King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State	2022
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	51	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2023
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	52	Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State	2023
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	53	African Aviation and Aerospace University, Abuja, FCT	2023
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	54	National University of Science and Technology, Abuja, FCT	2023
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	55	Federal University of Agriculture, Bassam-Biri, Bayelsa	2023
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	56	Federal University of Health Sciences, Kwale, Delta State	2023
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	34	Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	57	Federal University of Health Sciences, Kastina	2023
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	58	Federal University of Agriculture, Mubi	2023
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	59	Federal University of Education, Zaria, Kaduna State	2023
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	60	Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Owerri, Imo State	2023
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	61	Federal University of Education, Kano, Kano State	2023
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013	62	Adeyemi University of Education, Ondo State	2023
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013			
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	41	Nigeria Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State	2018			
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	42	Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna	2018			
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	43	Nigerian Army University, Bui	2018			
21	Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, Benue State	1988	44	Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State	2020			
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	45	Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State	2020			
23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	46	Federal University of Technology, Babura, Jigawa State	2021			

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



43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016	52	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021	61	Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education, Kumbotso, Kano, Kano State	2023
44	Borno State University	2016	53	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021	62	Kogi State University, Kabba, Kogi State	2023
45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017	54	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021	63	AbdulKadir Kure University, Minna, Niger State	2023
46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017	55	Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Oto/Ijanikin, Lagos State	2022			
47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018	56	Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State	2022			
48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019	57	Shehu Shagari University of Education Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022			
49	University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State	2019	58	State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State	2022			
50	Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - Ekiti State	2020	59	University of Ilesa, Osun State	2022			
51	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020	60	Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, Oyo State	2022			

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State	1999	28	Fountain University, Oshogbo, Osun State	2007	55	Michael & Cecilia Ibru University, Owhode, Delta State	2015
2	Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State	1999	29	Obong University Obong Ntak, Akwa Ibom State	2007	56	Mountain Top University, Makogi/Oba, Ogun State	2015
3	Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State	1999	30	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwalbom State	2015
4	Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State	2001	31	Wesley University, Ondo State	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
5	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State	2002	32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
6	Covenant University, Otta, Ogun State	2002	33	Salem University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2007	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
7	Pan-Atlantic University, Lekki-Express Way, Lagos State	2002	34	Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti - Ekiti State	2009	61	Anchor University Ayobo, Lagos State	2015
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State	2003	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	62	Arthur Jarvis University Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
9	Ajayi Crowther University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	36	Nigerian-Turkish Nile University, FCT Abuja	2009	63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016
10	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2005	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu - Osun State	2009	64	Coal City University Enugu, Enugu State	2016
11	Al-Qalam University, Katsina, Katsina State	2005	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	65	Ojaja University Ilorin, Kwara State	2016
12	Bells University of Technology, Otta, Ogun State	2005	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
13	Bingham University, New-Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	67	Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
14	Caritas University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
15	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	42	Baze University, FCT Abuja	2011	69	Spiritana University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
16	Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State	2005	43	Landmark University Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	70	Precious Cornerstone, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	44	Glorious Vision University (formerly Samuel Adegboyege University), Ogwa, Edo State	2011	71	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State	2017
18	Kwararafa University, Wukari, Taraba State	2005	45	Mcperson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	72	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
19	Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005	46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	73	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos	2017
20	Renaissance University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	47	Southwestern University Oku Owa, Ogun State	2012	74	Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2018
21	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	48	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	75	Greenfield University, Kasarami-Kaduna, Kaduna State	2019
22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	49	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	76	Dominion University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	77	Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State	2019
24	Veritas University, Abuja, FCT	2006	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	78	Westland University, Iwo, Osun State	2019
25	Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State	2007	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	79	Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwa-Ibom State	2021
26	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, FCT	2007	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu-Itele, Ogun State	2015	80	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State	2021
27	Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State	2007	54	Kings University Ode-Omu, Osun State	2015	81	Maranatha University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
						82	Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State	2021

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83	AL-Istiqama University, Sumaila, Kano State	2021	120	Azman University, Kano, Kano State	2023			
84	Mudiame University, Irrua, Edo State	2021	121	Huda University, Gusau, Zamfara State	2023			
85	Havilla University, Nde-Ikom, Cross River State	2021	122	Franco British International University, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023			
86	Claretian University of Nigeria, Nekede, Imo State	2021	123	Canadian University of Nigeria, Abuja, FCT	2023			
87	Karl-Kumm University, Vom, Plateau State	2021	124	Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
88	Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021	125	Gerar University of Medical Sciences, Imopè-Ijebu, Ogun State	2023			
89	James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021	126	British Canadian University, Obudu, Cross River State	2023			
90	Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2021	127	Hensard University, Toru-Orua, Bayelsa State	2023			
91	Capital City University, Kano, Kano State	2021	128	Phoenix University, Agwada, Nasarawa State	2023			
92	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021	129	Wigwe University Isiokpo, Rivers State	2023			
93	University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State	2021	130	Hillside University of Science and Technology, Okemesi Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023			
94	Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021	131	University on the Niger, Umunya, Anambra State	2023			
95	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021	132	Elrazi University of Medical Sciences, Kano, Kano State	2023			
96	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021	133	Venite University Iloro - Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023			
97	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021	134	Shanahan University, Onitsha, Anambra State	2023			
98	ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021	135	The Duke Medical University Calabar, Cross River State	2023			
99	North-Eastern University (Formerly Pen Resource), Gombe, Gombe State	2022	136	Mercy Medical University, Iwara, Iwo, Osun State	2023			
100	Al-Ansar University, Maiduguri, Borno State	2022	137	Cosmopolitan University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
101	Margaret Lawrence University, Galilee, Delta State	2022	138	Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2023			
102	Khalifa Isiyaku Rabi University, Gadon Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State	2022	139	West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2023			
103	Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State	2022	140	Amaj University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
104	Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State, Kano, Kano State	2022	141	Prime University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
105	Saia University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	142	El-Amin University, Niger State	2023			
106	Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State	2022	143	College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023			
107	Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra State	2022	144	Jewel University, Gombe, Gombe State	2023			
108	Newgate University, Minna, Niger State	2022	145	Nigerian University of Technology and Management, Apapa, Lagos State	2023			
109	European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT	2022	146	Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
110	Northwest University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	147	Al-Bayan University, Ankpa, Kogi State	2023			
111	Rayhaan University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State	2023	148	Lighthouse University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2024			
112	Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2023	149	African School of Economics, FCT, Abuja	2024			
113	Sam Maris University, Supare, Ondo State	2023						
114	Aletheia University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State	2023						
115	Lux Mundi University, Umuahia, Abia State	2023						
116	Maduka University, Ekwegbe - Nsukka, Enugu State	2023						
117	Peaceland University, Enugu, Enugu State	2023						
118	Amadeus University, Amizi, Abia State	2023						
119	Vision University, Ikogbo, Ogun State	2023						



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

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

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

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



This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
MOSES		YARO	15 April
NAFISATU	MUSA	HASSAN	16 April
JUMMAI	HANNAH	BUBA	17 April
CHINYERE	DYMPNA	EKECHUKWU	18 April
CHRISTOPHER	ONINYE	IYEOROR	18 April
KAYODE	SUNDAY	ODEDINA	19 April
OLUWATOYIN	MISITURAT	OLUMODEJI	19 April
SOLOMON		YOHANNA	20 April
PATRICK	LAWRENCE	EWAH	20 April
ESTHER	UZOAMAKA	OGBONNAYA-ORJI	21 April
JUBRIL	ABU	MOMOH	21 April
RAMATU		ACHIMUGU	21 April

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Best Wishes for the week



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