

FG Exempts Varsities from IPPIS, Ratifies New University for Abuja

The Federal Executive Council (FEC) has called for prompt action on its earlier decision to remove public universities from the Integrated Payroll and Personnel Information System (IPPIS) platform.

university staff salaries.

ASUU argues that the system fails to accommodate the unique peculiarities of the academic environment. Additionally, the Council has

the first in a planned network of Pan-African Institutes of Science and Technology.

Its primary mission will be to educate and train African scientists and technologists, thereby boosting



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, (at the middle of the circle) sandwiched by other members of the Federal Executive Council (FEC), during its meeting at the Council Chambers, State House, Abuja.

According to report circulated to news media, the Council has instructed the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF) to expedite the implementation of this decision made several months ago.

This move aims to address a long-standing grievance of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), which has consistently opposed the use of IPPIS for

ratified the approval for the establishment of a new National University of Science and Technology (NAUST) in Abuja.

This decision follows an initial approval granted by former President Muhammadu Buhari on May 28, 2023, during the final days of his administration.

The new university is set to be a pioneering institution, marking

the continent's capacity in these critical fields.

Meanwhile, the move to exempt universities from IPPIS and the creation of the new university signal significant steps towards resolving long-standing issues within Nigeria's higher education system and advancing scientific and technological education in the region.

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JAMB Pegs Cut-off mark at 140 for Varsities, 100 for Polytechnics, Others

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, JAMB, has approved 140 as the cut-off mark for 2024 admission into the nation's universities and 100 for Polytechnics and Colleges of Education (COEs), respectively.

The National Minimum Tolerable UTME Score (NTMUS), popularly known as the cut-off mark, for 2024 admission into tertiary institutions was arrived at last Thursday during the 2024 Annual Policy Meeting on admissions, which was held at the National Judicial Institute (NJI) Headquarters, in Jabi, Abuja.

The meeting was held following the successful conduct of the 2024 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), where a total of 1,989,668 registered candidates sat for this year's UTME.

Out of the 1,989,668 registered candidates, 80,810 were absent, while a total of 1,908,858 sat for the UTME within six days of the examination.

The Policy Meeting was Chaired by the Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, OON, which decided the benchmark following recommendations by the heads of institutions.

The Registrar and Chief Executive Office of JAMB, Professor Is-haq Oloyede, who announced the

cutoff marks, explained that individual institutions were at liberty to raise their minimum benchmark approved at the policy meeting but could not go below what was approved for various institutions.



Prof. Tahir Mamman
Honourable Minister of Education

Meanwhile, after the protest that greeted his decision to benchmark entry year into tertiary institutions in the country to 18 years, the Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Mamman has rescinded the decision.

He said his decision that only candidates who have clocked 18 years be offered admissions now takes effect from 2025.

To this effect, the Minister said heads of tertiary institutions could be allowed to admit candidates who are 16 years of

age.

The Minister had to rescind the earlier decision and bow to the pressures, following the argument that students under the age of 18 had already registered, sat, and

passed the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination, UTME, and were awaiting admission.

Leading the motion, Vice Chancellor of Elizade University Professor Kayode Thadius Ijiadunola who got massive support from other Heads, Registrars, and Admission Officers participating in the Policy Meeting, proposed 16 as the minimum age requirement for admission into tertiary institutions.

He said, "What happens to those who have written this year's



Prof. Is-haq Oloyede
The Registrar/CEO, JAMB

exams and passed their exams? We reject 18 years as the minimum age requirement and are proposing 16 years.”

While the hall erupted in support of 16 years as a minimum requirement, the Registrar of JAMB, Professor Is-haq Oloyede, also asked where parents and candidates were rushing to.

Professor Oloyede said: “The only point is they have taken examinations and at that time they were not told or aware and

therefore if we want to enforce it, it should be from subsequent years.”

The Minister in response had said, “I can work with that but I want to remind you of one thing, even that argument cannot stand if we want to go by the law which states 6-3-3-4 as our system of education.

“It won’t stand, but for practical reasons, for this year, I will allow it to stand.”

Reiterating the Minister’s decision amidst a resounding applause, Professor Oloyede added, “We thank the Minister for conceding but from next year we will enforce it.”

Earlier, the Minister while delivering his address as chairman of the 2024 Joint Admissions Matriculation Board’s (JAMB) Policy Meeting on Education called for enforcement of 18 years as the new minimum admission age for admission into tertiary institutions in the country.

Immediately after the Minister of Education, Professor Tahir M a m m a n made the announcement, the stakeholders who turned out their members from across tertiary institutions in the country, voiced resistance which turned the session into a rowdy one.

However, normalcy was restored later with the intervention and truce called by the agreement of the JAMB Registrar and the Minister of Education to allow



L-R: Deputy Senate President, Senator Jibrin Barau, Seating 3rd Front row with other stakeholders at the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Policy Meeting with Heads of Institutions Honourable Minister of State for Education



A cross section of the Heads of Institutions and their Admission Officers at the Policy Meeting held in Abuja

the 16 years subsist this year.

In his remark, the Deputy Senate President, Distinguished Senator Jibril Barau said the ceremony not only celebrated their collective achievements but also served as a testament to the unwavering dedication.

He added that it also served as hard work and promotion of excellence that had become the hallmarks of the nation's tertiary admission

processes.

At the event, the Merged 2021 and 2022 National Tertiary Admission Performance Merit Award (NATAP-M) were presented to deserving Tertiary Institutions at the Hairat Ade Balogun Auditorium, Body of Benchers Headquarters, Jabi, Abuja; venue of the event.

Meanwhile, the University of Ilorin (UNILORIN) emerged

the best institution at the Joint Admission Matriculation Board (JAMB) National Tertiary Admissions' Performance-Merit Award (NATAP-M Award) for the year 2021 and 2022.

UNILORIN was awarded a N500 million prize after securing 12 points in the overall category of five elements of the award.

Ahmed Bello University (ABU), Zaria emerged second best



Other Stakeholders at the Meeting

institution with 11 points and got a cash prize of N75 million while Borno State University came third with nine points and a cash prize of N50million.

Also Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna emerged as best Polytechnic with 12 points and got N50 million prize at the sectoral awards while Federal College of Education, Zaria emerged as the best College of Education with 11 points and won N50 million prize in the year under review.

For Innovation Enterprise Institutions, PEFTI Film Institute, Lagos emerged winner with six points and a cash prize of N10 million.

Professor Is-haq Oloyede, said the overall award prize was increased to N750million to help winner achieve tangible result with the money.

He said any institution that emerged overall winner cannot win it again until after five years to enable the price go round.

The Registrar disclosed that this year, the Board remitted over N3.5 billion to the Federal Government and also set aside the N750 million that should be given to the winning institutions.

JAMB also received several Goodwill messages from various regulatory bodies which included those of the National Universities Commission (NUC), delivered by Mr Chris J. Maiyaki; National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), Professor Mohammed Idris Bugaje; National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), Professor Paulinus Chijioke Okwelle; National Youths Service Corps (NYSC), Brigadier-General, Yusha'u Dogara Ahmed; and Chairman,

Senate Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFUND, Distinguished Senator Dandutse Muntari, among others.

Other dignitaries at the event included the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Hon. (Dr.) Yusuf Sununu; Managing Director of Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), Akintunde Sawyer, among others.

The JAMB Policy Meeting is an Annual Stakeholders meeting usually convened yearly before the commencement of the Admissions year.

The Policy Meeting was preceded by a One-Day Training for Admission Officers of Tertiary Institutions on Central Admission Processing System (CAPS) for the upcoming Admission Cycle.



A panoramic view of the Stakeholders listening with rapt attention at the JAMB Policy Meeting of the Heads of Institutions held in Abuja

IIOE Chinese Delegation Visits NUC

A delegation from the International Institute of On-line Education (IIOE), China, an affiliate Institute linked with the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), led by Professor Jiansheng Liang last Wednesday paid a courtesy visit on the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki in his office.

The International Institute of Online Education (IIOE) is a global collaborative initiative to strengthen the teacher's competency for Higher Education Institutes in developing countries and improves access to quality higher education resource.

Briefing the delegation on the evolution of university education, the Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Maiyaki told the delegation that their visit to the NUC coincided with the period of significant expansion of the Commission's activities aimed at further increasing access to university education.

Giving insight on the emergence of NUC, he recounted that the Commission was established in 1962 as an administrative unit in the Cabinet Office and eventually became a statutory agency in 1974.

Chronicling the history of university education in Nigeria, he explained that this dated back to 1948 with the establishment of University College, Ibadan, followed by the founding of the first

indigenous university, the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, in 1960; and subsequently the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; University of Lagos, Lagos as well as Obafemi Awolowo

and 149 Private universities.

He explained that Nigeria, currently faced significant problem of access as universities available could hardly cater for the demand



The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki presenting copies of the Guidelines on Transnational Education Policy to the Visiting International Institute of Online Education Chinese delegation leader, Prof. Jiansheng Liang when the team paid him a courtesy visit.

University, Ile-Ife, in 1962 and University of Benin in 1970, which marked the culmination of the first-generation universities.

He said the Mid-70's was the period that the government responded massively to the demand for tertiary education, which saw the emergence of second-generation universities and later supplemented by the establishment of private Universities in 1999.

Nigeria, the Acting Executive Secretary said, boasts of 274 Universities as at today, comprising 62 Federal, 63 States

for university education.

The NUC scribe also lamented that the system witnessed an annual enrolment of over 2 million prospective individuals seeking university admission with the existing institutions only able to accommodate between 500,000 and 700,000 candidates.

Stressing on the need to address this gap, he reiterated that the NUC remained unwavering in its commitment towards facilitating the establishment of additional universities across Nigeria.

This strategic initiative, he said,



The Acting Executive Secretary and his management team in a round-table meeting with the visiting International Institute of Online Education Chinese delegation

was aimed at bolstering accessibility and meeting the escalating demands for tertiary education and drew attention of his visitors to the fact that despite the presence of 149 Private universities, they could only cater for approximately 10 percent of the Nigerian university population.

Mr. Maiyaki added that the developmental trajectory of these private institutions also required granting them time to mature and expand their capacity in order to effectively contribute to the educational landscape.

On the recent achievements of NUC, he highlighted the launch of the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) which was a collaborative effort involving the academia and industry stakeholders.

He recounted that the process commenced in 2018 and was finally launched in 2023, highlighting the importance of the curriculum in shaping the educational landscape.

On the roles of the Commission in

the NUS, the Acting ES listed them to include: setting Minimum Academic Standards, conduct of accreditation to academic programmes, Resource Verification for new programmes, Inspection and Monitoring of universities, formulating policies, and processing the licensing of the establishment of private universities.

He informed the IIOE Chinese delegation that the NUC had recently introduced guidelines on Transnational Education (TNE), encompassing six competitive models.

While introducing the delegation, the Vice-Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, Professor Kabiru Bala, whose institution is designated as the International Institute of Online Education National Centre, informed the Acting Executive Secretary that the University is hosting the Global IIOE Rotating Presidency Unit 2024, to which he assumed office this June 2024.

He said the ABU in partnership with the IIOE will be hosting the one-day national dialogue, which will take place at the Communication and Digital Economy Complex, Mborah, Abuja, Entitled “National Dialogue on Consensus Framework Towards a Policy/Guidelines Roadmap for Nigerian Higher Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.”

The event the VC said, is part of an effort to empower policy-makers, educators, learners and researchers to fully take the advantages of artificial intelligence in teaching, learning, and research.

Also speaking, the Director, IIOE Nigeria National Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Professor Muhammad Bashir Mu’azu, said, specifically, the objective of the national dialogue is to examine the potential benefits of incorporating AI technologies in teaching, learning, and research to improve innovation, global competitiveness and preparedness for the future



R-L: The NUC Acting Directors of: Human Resource (DHR), Mrs Victoria Omorodion; Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Barr. Samuel Adejoh; Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mrs. Hauwa Amos; Open, Distance and e-Learning (DODEL), Dr. Funmilayo Morebise and Academic Planning (DAP), Mr. Abubakar Girei at the round-table discussion

workplace.

“It is to also identify challenges related to the responsible, ethical and safe use of AI and cybersecurity concerns within the higher education landscape.

He also pointed out that the ABU UNESCO IIOE national centre remained the first to domesticate the issue of teacher professional development trainings for micro certifications.

He said ABU, was collaborating with the UNESCO IIOE to co-develop two courses of the teacher professional development while the University had also benefited from some smart classrooms donations since 2022 from the Institute.

Meanwhile the dialogue will be declared open by the Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, OON, while Professor Mu’azu, will

make a presentation on “AI in Higher Education: Ethical Challenges and the Need for a Governance Framework”.

Speaking at the event, Professor Liang the leader of the Chinese team, who spoke through an interpreter, UNESCO-ICHEZ Consultant, Mr. Roger Yanwen Jieo said the major mission of IIOE is to Cultivate highly skilled and technically proficient talents; Foster collaboration between the TVET sector and private sectors;



L-R: Prof. Jiansheng Liang, UNESCO ICHEZ Consultants, Roger Yanwen Jieo and Chao Wang at the meeting



The Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria team, hosting the National Centre collaborating with the Chinese Institute on the UNESCO ICHEZ international Institute of Online Education Project in Nigeria.

and recruit and train masters in technical and pedagogical fields.

Others include the conduct of applied research and development as well as Implementation of effective community engagement initiatives and making of a pioneer of innovative development in global TVET sector.

In the Chinese Delegation were, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Admin), Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Professor Ahmed Doko Ibrahim;

IIOE Nigeria National Centre Director, Professor Muhammed Bashir Muázu; IIOE Nigeria National Centre Officer, Professor Emmanuel Adewale Adedokun; IIOE Facilitator, Professor Ahmed Abubakar and another UNESCO-ICHEZ Consultant, Mr. Chao Wang.

At the meeting were the NUC Acting Directors of: Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal.

Faruk Lawal; Academic Planning (DAP), Mr. Abubakar Girei; Finance and Administration (DFA), Mrs. Hauwa Amos; Accreditation (DA), Engr. Abraham Chundusu; and Open Distance and e-Learning (DODEL), Dr. Funmilayo Morebise. The Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu, was represented by Deputy Director, Procurement in the Directorate of Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. Jubril Momoh.



Mr. Chris J.Maiyaki; the Vice-Chancellor, ABU, Prof. Mohammed Bala and Prof. Jiang, 6th, 5th and 7th from right, pose for photograph with other Visiting teams from China and ABU, Zaria alongside some members of NUC Management.

Ag. ES Receives Association of Retired Directors of FME

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, penultimate Monday, received in audience the President and Executive members of the Association of Retired Directors of the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) who paid a courtesy visit to him in his office to seek collaborations.

In his welcome remarks, the Acting Executive Secretary warmly welcomed the visitors on behalf of the NUC Management and staff.

He emphasised the importance of acknowledging the past as the foundation for the present and future, expressing regret that the system, the retired Directors dedicated their productive years to work for was not adequately addressing their welfare.

He recognised them for their significant contributions to the development of Nigeria's education sector and expressed his happiness that they have a platform to support each other's welfare.

The Acting Executive Secretary highlighted the NUC's tradition of involving retired Deputy Executive Secretaries, Directors, and Deputy Directors in national assignments, as this practice benefits everyone involved. He noted the importance of

mutual support and expressed his high regard for the Association, acknowledging

globally.

He acknowledged that the



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

their dedication and contributions.

He congratulated them on their retirement especially for leaving service in good health and expressed gratitude to the Almighty God for this blessing, which elude many others.

Responding to some issues, the Acting Executive Secretary who thanked the President and the Executive for their visit, while addressing unemployability of Nigerian graduates stated that Nigerian graduates remained among the best in the world, with many excelling as leading scholars in their respective disciplines

unemployable graduates were a small minority and assured that efforts were being made to improve the system.

He expressed his pleasure with the developments in the association and prayed for God's help for the members in their new phase of life.

He thereafter, assured them of the NUC's support in fulfilling their vision but requested them to document their request and present it formally to the Commission for consideration.

Earlier, in her remarks, the President of the Association of Retired Directors of the Federal Ministry of Education (FME),

Mrs. Uwem Asomugha expressed her sincere gratitude to the Acting Executive Secretary for stabilizing the National Universities Commission in the past one year.

She mentioned that the Association, established about 20 years ago, focuses on the welfare of retired directors of the FME.

Mrs Asomugha said that this year, the Association conducted its first election, which brought in the current executive and a redefined focus. The association comprises over 200 members across the country and beyond, with a renewed vision aimed at intervention.

She stated that their visit to the NUC was to raise awareness about their vision and to

collaborate closely with the Executive Secretary and his management team in critical areas requiring interventions. She emphasised that they possessed the technical expertise to contribute to the system.

Acknowledging the current issues within the University system, the President mentioned that the association was ready to offer services such as mentoring, and training on sexual abuse, drug addiction, cultism, the effects of JAPA, and many other areas.

She also highlighted their focus on addressing the unemployability of graduates if given the opportunity.

She emphasised the need for the NUC to involve the association in strategic meetings, noting that the association was in the process of publishing a magazine and sought the Commission's support for their publication.

Other members of the Association that accompanied the President to the meeting included Mrs. Ori Okojoku, Mal. Danjuma Ali and the the Secretary General, Mr. Awa Arua.

At the meeting was an Assistant Chief Personnel Officer in the Acting Executive Secretary's Office (NUC), Mr. Efe Ehioghae.



L-R: A member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Retired Directors of Federal Ministry of Education, Mal. Danjuma Ali; President of the Association, Mrs Uwem Asomugha; Mr Chris J Maiyaki; another executive officer, Mrs. Ori Ojoku and the Secretary-General, Mr.Awa Arua.

Gov Alia Appoints NUC's Dr. Pillah, Benue Poly Council Chair

The Deputy Director, Programme Planning in the Directorate of Academic Planning (DAP), National Universities Commission (NUC), Dr. Victoria Terkumbur Pillah, has been appointed by the Benue State Governor, His Excellency, Hyacinth Alia, as the Council Chairman of Akperan Orshi Polytechnic, Yandev.

The appointment underscores her extensive contributions to education and academic planning in Nigeria.

Dr. Pillah and her team of other new appointees were sworn in last Friday by the Benue State Governor, His Excellency, Rev. Fr. Hyacinth Alia, which took place at the Old Banquet Hall, Government House, Makurdi.

In a statement released to newsmen and sighted by the Monday Bulletin team, the Chief Press Secretary to the Benue State Governor, Sir Tersoo Kula, MNIPR, said the newly appointed members were selected on merit and were to attend the swearing in ceremony of the Chairmen and Members of Governing Councils of the Benue State Tertiary Institutions, alongside their families and invited guests.

The NUC family felicitates with the Deputy Director,

Programme Planning for this great recognition and for bringing honour to the Commission.



The Governor of Benue State, His Excellency, Rev Fr. Hyacinth Alia congratulating the NUC Deputy Director, Programme Planning and appointee as Chair, Governing Council of Akperan Orshi Polytechnic, Yandev, Benue State, Dr Victoria Pillah during the swearing-in ceremony.

The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, had sent a congratulatory message to the appointee for being found worthy to serve the state at this auspicious time and charged her to fly the flag of the NUC high in the discharge of her responsibilities as the new Council Chairman, describing it as a call to duty.

Born on November 13, 1968, in Taraku, Benue State, Dr. Pillah is married to Sir Patrick Pillah of Ushongo Local Government. Her educational journey includes Holy Ghost Primary School and

Government Army Day Secondary School in Makurdi.

She furthered her studies at the

College of Education in Minna, Usman Danfodio University in Sokoto, and the University of Agriculture in Makurdi, where she earned a degree in General Agriculture, an MSc in Animal Production, and a PhD in Animal Nutrition.

Dr. Pillah's three-decade-long career includes significant roles at the National Universities Commission (NUC), where she served as a licensed Academic Planner, and as Deputy Director of Programme Planning.

She has also been a senior visiting lecturer at the Federal University of Technology, Minna.



Dr. Pillah being congratulated with a handshake from close associates and well-wishers after receiving her letter of appointment.

Her leadership roles extend to serving on the governing councils of Augustine University, Ilara-Epe, Merwar International University, and the

Nigerian Council of Food Science and Technology.

Her new role as Council Chairman of Akperan Orshi Polytechnic, Yandev, reflects

her dedication to academic excellence and is anticipated to bring substantial improvements to the institution's academic standards.



Dr. Pillah with other appointees into the Governing Councils of the Benue State Tertiary Institutions being administered with the oath of allegiance to duty, while their relatives and friends watch with keen interest at the ceremony.

CODAPNU Gets Corporate Office at NOUN

At an elaborate gathering recently, the dream of the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU), to acquire a befitting office as secretariat was fulfilled with the approval of the Vice Chancellor of National Open University

Officer and the DAP of Joseph Ayo Babalola University (JABU), Dr. D.O. Alabi; DAP, University of Abuja (UNIABUJA), Professor Olugbenga Wasii Gabadeen; DAP of Baze University, Professor Mani Ibrahim Ahmad; DAP of African Aviation and

NUC vicinity but it did not work out due to required spaces for many units and directorates.

According to her, while building on the efforts of the previous executives of CODAPNU, the incumbent members continued to pursue the cause of securing a



The Representative of the Vice-Chancellor, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) and Registrar of the Open University, Mr. Oladipo A Ajayi handing over the keys to the Corporate Office of the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODPANU) to the Chairperson, Prof. Bolanle Aishat Akinwande, while other executives of the Committee watch on.

(NOUN), Abuja, Professor Olufemi Peters, of a space for the Committee within the campus.

The event was described by the officials of CODAPNU as very remarkable and a memorable milestone recorded in the history of the Committee.

The CODAPNU team was led by the Chairperson and Director, Academic Planning (DAP) of Ladoké Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomoso, Oyo State, Professor Bolanle Aishat Akinwande, accompanied by her executives including the Public Relations

Aerospace University, Professor Yahaya Zayyana Ibrahim and the host DAP of NOUN institution, Professor Gregory Okagbare.

For several years, CODAPNU has been in need of a good and central administrative office that would serve as the secretariat for the Committee for smooth administrative, documentation, and governance-related functions.

In a solemn speech, the Chairperson remarked that the past leadership of the committee tried all within their powers to secure one in the time past within

space for CODAPNU secretariat. She explained that the journey of securing the office space at NOUN started precisely on Wednesday 6th July 2022, with a visit of CODAPNU executives to the Management of NOUN.

She recalled that the then Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, was very passionate about it and showed full support to the cause when he was informed during a courtesy visit to his office on the same day.

Meanwhile, the feat which was achieved under her leadership was



L-R: The Vice-Chancellor, NOUN, Prof. Olufemi Peters second from left, Prof. Bolanle Aishat Akinwande and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Technology, Innovation and Research, NOUN, Prof. Godwin Akper, in a group photograph with other officials of the University and some of the executive members of CODAPNU.

consummated with the handing over of the keys to the two allocated rooms to CODAPNU executive by the Registrar of NOUN, as directed by the Vice-Chancellor.

In addition, an Officer, Mr. Lawal Kamaladeen, was assigned to serve as CODPANU's administrative staff.

The Chairperson, on behalf of all members, expressed sincere appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for the kind gesture and thanked the

Registrar and other Principal Officers of NOUN for their support.

She noted with pride that and placed it on record that the former DAP of NOUN and the incumbent Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Technology, Innovation and Research), Professor Godwin Akper, set a strong foundation to bring the acquisition an office to fruition.

She stated that the incumbent

DAP, Professor Gregory Okagbare built on all his previous efforts and made it possible to have the handing over of the space to the executive.

She thanked all that made it happen, giving thanks to the Almighty God for His graciousness at this time, calling on members to ensure that the Committee;s activities is not allowed to wane but must keep moving forward.



The Directors of Academic Planning of Six Nigerian Universities, namely: African Aviation and Aerospace University, Abuja, Prof. Yahaya Zayyana Ibrahim; Baze University, Abuja, Prof. Mani Ibrahim Ahmad; Ladoko Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho, Prof. Bolanle Aishat Akinwande; Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State, Dr. D.O Alabi; University of Abuja, Prof. Olugbenga Wasiru Gabadele and National Open University of Nigeria, Abuja, Prof. Gregory Okagbare.

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Vice-Chancellors
All Federal Universities

RE: END OF TENURE OF SOME VICE-CHANCELLORS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

I write, further to previous communication Ref. No. NUC/ES/138/Vol. 65/88 and dated 27 May 2024, to convey the directive of the Federal Ministry of Education, vide its letter Ref. No. FME/TE/CU/130/T6/458 and dated 28 May 2024 (copy attached), to the effect that Vice-Chancellors of Federal Universities, who are rounding up their tenures, are to nominate, through the recommendation of their Senates, Deputy Vice-Chancellors that will oversee the Offices of the Vice-Chancellors, in a temporary capacity.

The Governing Councils, after their inauguration, will appoint Acting Vice-Chancellors for a period not less than 6 months, during which they will commence the process of appointing substantive Vice-Chancellors.

This Circular takes pre-eminence over our earlier communication on the same subject.

Please accept the assurances of my highest considerations, always.

Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary

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The Executive Secretary,
National Universities Commission,
Maitama,
Abuja,

END OF TENURE OF SOME VICE-CHANCELLORS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

Please refer to the above subject.

2. I am directed to inform you to kindly disseminate the following information to all the Vice-Chancellors whose tenure will be completed soon:
 - i. to nominate through the recommendation of the Senate a Deputy Vice-Chancellor that will oversee office of the Vice-Chancellor in a temporary capacity,
 - ii. the Governing Council after inauguration would appoint an Acting Vice-Chancellor for a period not less than 6 months during which the Council will commence the process of appointing a substantive Vice-Chancellor.
3. Please, accept the assurances of my warm regards and consideration.

Mrs. R.G. Iyasu
Director University Education
For: Honourable Minister



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION, ABUJA

PUBLIC NOTICE

A REBUTTAL ON KADUNA BUSINESS SCHOOL ENLISTED AS DEGREE MILL IN NUC MONDAY BULLETIN

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that investigations by the National Universities Commission (NUC), have revealed that the Kaduna Business School does not operate a degree mill.

Accordingly, the name of the Kaduna Business School (before now, enlisted as number 55 in the list of degree mills in Monday Bulletin) has been removed from the list of Illegal Universities operating in Nigeria.

Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary.

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
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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

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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-six 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	Mepheron 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	2007	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

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
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 Rabiun 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, Arochukwu, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.
- 9) L.I.F.E Leadership University, Benin City, Edo State.

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

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

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

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This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
CHIAMAKA	LOIS	OPARA	22 July
FATIMA		UMAR	22 July
SA'ADIYA	ABDULRAHMAN	SAMBO	26 July
OLUMIDE	OLUWABUSAYO	OLUMOYIN	26 July
OLUWAKEMI		ONILEDE	27 July
OLUWAYEMISI	MODUPE	ADENIJI	27 July
ADEBISI		ADEBAYO	28 July
VALENTINE	ONYEKA	EGESIMBA	28 July

Wishing You Many happy returns!

Best Wishes for the week



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