

NUC Partners CoL to Host Graduate Employability Strategies Workshop



Ag. ES Addressing Participants at the Conference

The National Universities Commission (NUC), has, in collaboration with the Commonwealth of Learning (CoL), Vancouver, Canada, organised a Stakeholders' Capacity Building Workshop for Graduate Employability Strategies and Framework from Thursday, 24-Saturday 26, October 2024, at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium, NUC.

Delivering his welcome address, the Acting Executive Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, commended the Commonwealth of Learning (CoL), Vancouver, Canada for collaborating with NUC and for

their unwavering passion to providing effective ways to develop employability skills for graduates of Nigerian Universities.

He noted that in today's rapidly evolving job market, the gap between higher education and employability has become increasingly pronounced. He stated that mainstreaming graduate employability refers to the integration of employability skills and career readiness into academic curricula by ensuring that graduates are not only knowledgeable in their fields but also equipped with the practical skills and competencies demanded

by employers.

Mr. Maiyaki added that various dimensions have been adopted by the National Universities Commission (NUC) as part of the Commission's efforts towards strengthening the capacity of Nigerian universities in preparing students for the workforce, identifying the importance of soft skills, internships, and real-world experience, as well as collaboration between educational institutions and industry.

He said, embedding employability into the educational framework, has helped the Commission to seamlessly transit graduates from academia to the professional world, ultimately enhancing their prospects for success in a competitive labour market and urged all participants to delve deep into the interesting subject and explore current challenges, best practices, and innovative strategies that can help institutions effectively prepare their graduates for the realities of modern employment.

The Acting Executive Secretary

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assured that NUC was continuously committed to upholding global best practices and adapting to emerging trends in education, while facilitating increased access to quality higher education for millions of students, given the palpable gap that exists between the soaring demand for university education and the capacity of the existing approved Nigerian universities to accommodate the teeming applicants.

The Commission has also helped through its collaboration with development partners and other education stakeholders like the World Bank, sponsoring the African Centres of Excellence, the ACE Impact and the Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement (SPESSE) Project, as well as the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), which has commenced sponsorship plans for trailblazing projects, under the African Medical Centre of Excellence (AMCE) initiative, to develop an 8-floor, 500-bed state-of-the-art hospital in Abuja



Ag.. ES with Prof. Jane from COL Vancouver

among others.

He added that in a bid to further enhance its effort at producing globally competitive, employable and fit-for-purpose graduate in Nigerian Universities, the National Universities Commission embarked on a curriculum reengineering on 13 February, 2021 and published in December, 2022, in which the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) document was reviewed to develop the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) in which the NUC developed 70% core courses and 30% was developed by the universities in line with their peculiarities.

He outlined some of the specific features of the CCMAS to include: introducing the Triple Helix Model that took cognizance of the academia, industries and the Federal Government relationships to successfully realign university education for creativity, employability and nation building, ICT-oriented and artificial intelligence compliant, skills acquisition, soft skills, entrepreneurship, evolving technology, critical thinking, space science, life-long learning and innovative.

In her remarks, the Adviser, Higher Education at Commonwealth of Learning (CoL), Prof. Jane-Frances Agbu, expressed her delight for the opportunity the National Universities Commission had given stakeholders to reflect on, brainstorm and proffer solutions to the problem of unemployability of graduates in the country.

She informed participants that CoL which was based in Vancouver, Canada, was established in 1987 by the Commonwealth Heads of



Prof. Jane-Frances Agbu from Commonwealth of Learning Vancouver, Canada



The Ag. ES, Prof. Jane-Francis, Prof. Juliet and Some NUC Directors

Government with the vision to create and widen access to opportunities for learning, making use of the potential offered by distance education and by the application of communication technologies to education with a mission to help governments, institutions and organisations expand the scale, efficiency and quality of learning by using appropriate open, distance and technology-based approaches.

She stated that there were currently 56 member countries of the Commonwealth, 21 of which are in Africa, and specifically, 7 in West Africa.

According to her, COL continues to organise its work through three pathways of change which are: building national resilience for ODL-where they work with government to develop and implement ODL processes, there is an existing collaboration with NUC in this regard, specifically for OER and currently graduate employability.

The second pathway of change is - "Strengthening Institutions" where

COL supports partner institutions to strengthen ODL systems in Nigeria towards building resilience ODL/OER.

The third pathway of change was "improving lives and livelihoods" and here, COL provides learners, especially from disadvantaged groups, access to learning resources for improved livelihoods, that entails working in the area of LLL for farmers, HE and Teacher.

She opined that the discourse on graduate employability cannot be over emphasised because, Higher Education, which in most cases, is an expensive venture, is expected to provide pathway for greater opportunities for learners, and learners are bound to ask, whether the venture is worth it.

Unlike the early 80s, where a university degree almost guaranteed an easy transition into a white-collar job in Nigeria, today's reality proves different, as more than just a degree is required to make transition into the modern work environment.

She lamented on how graduate employability is now a mounting concern for education institutions

globally, especially the sub-Saharan Africa, having the youngest population in the world.

She said, with emerging complexities in the world of work, including issues relating to skill mismatch, companies were constantly rethinking what they do and how they work, which is why they need employees who can flex, stretch and evolve to meet the challenges yet imagined.

She concluded that as higher education stakeholders, we must pause to ask, are learners fit for the purpose of employability?

This, she said, makes the workshop an opportunity to dialogue on emerging issues of graduate employability and explore strategies for ameliorating the nagging concern.

Goodwill messages were delivered by: Barrister Chris Ugwuala from the Abuja Chamber of Commerce, Professor Sunday Mlanga from ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State, representing the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities.



The Ag. ES with Participants in the Conference in a Group Photographs

The major highlights of the Workshop included paper presentation featuring: “Strategies Towards Main-streaming Graduate Employability: Insight from NUC,” a presentation by Mr. Maiyaki, who was represented by Malam Ashafa Ladan; “Checking Workshop Objectives and Expected Outcomes” presented by Prof. Obhahajie Juliet Inegbedion; “Commonwealth of Learning and

its focus” presented by Prof. Jane-Frances Agbu; Graduate Employability: Clarification of Concept and Models for Implementation” presented by Prof. Jane-Frances Agbu; and “Status Review on Graduate Employability: Preliminary Findings”, presented by Prof. Obhahajie Juliet Inegbedion. A total of 12 papers were presented and critiqued by the participants,

there was also engagement with students who formed the fulcrum of everything on the table about Graduate Employability and what expectations they had from other stakeholders. It also featured parallel discussions sessions among participants who were broken into four groups to elicit their deep thoughts on various issues that came up during the paper presentations.

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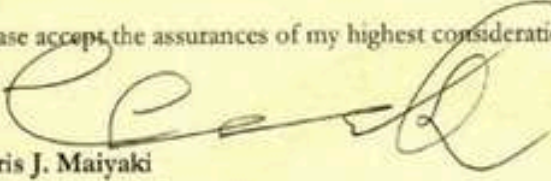
RE: END OF TENURE OF SOME VICE-CHANCELLORS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

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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28th May, 2024

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. Ilyasu
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
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 Distant Learning Centres in Nigerian

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

CATEGORIES OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

- Conventional Universities:
- Specialised Universities:
- Military Universities:

APPROVED STATE UNIVERSITIES

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| 1. | Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt | 1979 | 24. | Olunegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State | 2008 | 47. | Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafesa | 2018 |
| 2. | Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma | 1980 | 25. | Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State | 2005 | 48. | Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State | 2019 |
| 3. | Abia State University, Uturu | 1981 | 26. | Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagan | 2005 | 49. | University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State | 2019 |
| 4. | Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu | 1982 | 27. | Umari Musa Yar'Adun University, Katsina | 2006 | 50. | Bamidele Olumilua University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - Ekiti State | 2020 |
| 5. | Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye | 1982 | 28. | Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State | 2006 | 51. | Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State | 2020 |
| 6. | Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti) | 1982 | 29. | Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Alhoro | 2006 | 52. | University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State | 2021 |
| 7. | Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos | 1983 | 30. | Osun State University, Osogbo | 2006 | 53. | University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State | 2021 |
| 8. | Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso | 1990 | 31. | Taraba State University, Jalingo | 2008 | 54. | Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State | 2021 |
| 9. | Imo State University, Owerri | 1992 | 32. | Kwara State University, Ilorin | 2009 | 55. | Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Oto/ Ijanikin, Lagos State | 2022 |
| 10. | Benue State University, Makurdi | 1992 | 33. | Sokoto State University, Sokoto | 2009 | 56. | Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State | 2022 |
| 11. | Delta State University, Abraka | 1992 | 34. | Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ekpaden | 2010 | 57. | Shehu Shagari University of Education, Sokoto, Sokoto State | 2022 |
| 12. | Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko | 1999 | 35. | Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumoluoneni | 2010 | 58. | State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State | 2022 |
| 13. | Kogi State University, Anyigba | 1999 | 36. | Bauchi State University, Gadau | 2011 | 59. | University of Ilesa, Osun State | 2022 |
| 14. | Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa | 2000 | 37. | Maitama Sale University, Kano | 2012 | 60. | Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, Oyo State | 2022 |
| 15. | Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli | 2000 | 38. | Technical University, Ibadan | 2012 | 61. | Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education, Kumbotso, Kano, Kano State | 2023 |
| 16. | Aliko Dangote University of Science & Technology, Wudil | 2000 | 39. | Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa | 2013 | 62. | Kogi State University, Kabba, Kogi State | 2023 |
| 17. | Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki | 2000 | 40. | Ondo State University of Medical Sciences | 2015 | 63. | Abdulkadir Kure University, Minna, Niger State | 2023 |
| 18. | Nasarawa State University, Keffi | 2002 | 41. | Edo University, Iyambo | 2016 | | | |
| 19. | Adamawa State University, Mubi | 2002 | 42. | Kingsley Ozumba (K.O) Mbadwe University, Imo State | 2016 | | | |
| 20. | Gombe State University, Gombe | 2004 | 43. | University of Africa, Toru-Orua | 2016 | | | |
| 21. | Kaduna State University, Kaduna | 2004 | 44. | Borno State University | 2016 | | | |
| 22. | Cross River University of Technology, Calabar | 2004 | 45. | Moshood-Absola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta | 2017 | | | |
| 23. | Plateau State University, Bokkos | 2005 | 46. | Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo | 2017 | | | |

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| 1. | Babcock University, Ehinlan-Renzo, Ogun State | 1999 | 33 | Salem University, Lokoga, Kogi State | 2007 | 65 | Crown-Hill University, Erynkorin, Kwara State | 2016 |
| 2. | Madonna University, Okpa, Anambra State | 1999 | 34 | Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti - Ekiti State | 2009 | 66 | Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2016 |
| 3. | Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State | 1999 | 35 | Godfrey Okoye University, Ughwoma-Nike, Enugu State | 2009 | 67 | Kola Dais University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2016 |
| 4. | Bowen University, Iwo, Ogun State | 2001 | 36 | Nigerian-Turkish Nile University, FCT Abuja | 2009 | 68 | Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State | 2016 |
| 5. | Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State | 2002 | 37 | Obafemi University, Ipernaodi - Osun State | 2009 | 69 | Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State | 2017 |
| 6. | Covenant University, Ota, Ogun State | 2002 | 38 | Paul University, Awka, Anambra State | 2009 | 70 | Precious Cornerstone, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2017 |
| 7. | Pan-Atlantic University, Lekko-Express Way, Lagos State | 2002 | 39 | Rhema University, Obeana-Aja, Rivers State | 2009 | 71 | PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State | 2017 |
| 8. | American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State | 2003 | 40 | Wellspring University, Eruobanosa, Edo State | 2009 | 72 | Ariba University, Oyo, Oyo State | 2017 |
| 9. | Ajays Crowther University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2005 | 41 | Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State | 2011 | 73 | Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ibeju-Lekki, Lagos | 2017 |
| 10. | Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State | 2005 | 42 | Baze University, FCT Abuja | 2011 | 74 | Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano, Kano State | 2018 |
| 11. | Al-Qalam University, Katina, Katina State | 2005 | 43 | Landmark University Omu-Aran, Kwara State | 2011 | 75 | Greenfield University, Kasaram-Kaduna, Kaduna State | 2019 |
| 12. | Bells University of Technology, Ota, Ogun State | 2005 | 44 | Glorious Vision University (formerly Samuel Adegboye University), Ogora, Edo State | 2011 | 76 | Dominion University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2019 |
| 13. | Bingham University, New-Karu, Nasarawa State | 2005 | 45 | McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajoke, State | 2012 | 77 | Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State | 2019 |
| 14. | Caritas University, Enugu, Enugu State | 2005 | 46 | Elizade University, Ilasu-Mokin, Ondo State | 2012 | 78 | Westland University, Iwo, Osun State | 2019 |
| 15. | Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State | 2005 | 47 | Southwestern University Oka Owa, Ogun State | 2012 | 79 | Topfath University, Mikpotak, Akwa-Ibom State | 2021 |
| 16. | Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State | 2005 | 48 | Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State | 2012 | 80 | Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State | 2021 |
| 17. | Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2005 | 49 | Gregory University, Urua, Abia State | 2012 | 81 | Maranatha University, Lekki, Lagos State | 2021 |
| 18. | Kwararafa University, Wikari, Taraba State | 2005 | 50 | Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State | 2015 | 82 | Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State | 2021 |
| 19. | Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State | 2005 | 51 | Christland University, Orwole, Ogun State | 2015 | 83 | AL-Isqaniya University, Samaila, Kano State | 2021 |
| 20. | Renaissance University, Enugu, Enugu State | 2005 | 52 | Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State | 2015 | 84 | Madame University, Irma, Edo State | 2021 |
| 21. | University of Mikar, Mikar, Benue State | 2005 | 53 | Hallmark University, Ijebu-Itele, Ogun State | 2015 | 85 | Ihavilla University, Nde-Ikom, Cross River State | 2021 |
| 22. | Novena University, Oguame, Delta State | 2005 | 54 | Kings University Ode-Omu, Osun State | 2015 | 86 | Claretian University of Nigeria, Nekede, Imo State | 2021 |
| 23. | Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State | 2006 | 55 | Michael & Cecilia Ibu University, Orhode, Delta State | 2015 | 87 | Kad-Kusan University, Vom, Plateau State | 2021 |
| 24. | Ventus University, Abuja, FCT | 2006 | 56 | Mountain Top University, Makogu, Oba, Ogun State | 2015 | 88 | Noik University, Kachia, Kaduna State | 2021 |
| 25. | Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State | 2007 | 57 | Ritman University, Ikot Ekpepe, Akwa-Ibom State | 2015 | 89 | James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State | 2021 |
| 26. | African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, FCT | 2007 | 58 | Summit University, Offa, Kwara State | 2015 | 90 | Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State | 2021 |
| 27. | Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State | 2007 | 59 | Edwin Clerk University, Kiagbodo, Delta State | 2015 | 91 | Capital City University, Kano, Kano State | 2021 |
| 28. | Fountain University, Oshogbo, Osun State | 2007 | 60 | Hezekiah University, Umuodi, Imo State | 2015 | 92 | Alhassan Pateng University, Pang, Kwara State | 2021 |
| 29. | Obong University Obong Niak, Akwa-Ibom State | 2007 | 61 | Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State | 2016 | 93 | University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State | 2021 |
| 30. | Tanwan University, Umuaya, Anambra State | 2007 | 62 | Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State | 2016 | 94 | Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State | 2021 |
| 31. | Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo State | 2007 | 63 | Clifford University, Omennta, Abia State | 2016 | 95 | Eduoko University, Bida, Niger State | 2021 |
| 32. | Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State | 2007 | 64 | Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State | 2016 | 96 | Phalomah University, Kuje, Abuja | 2021 |

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| 97 | Khadija University, Maja, Jigawa State | 2021 | 117 | Peaceland University, Enugu, Enugu State | 2023 | 137 | Cosmopolitan University, Abuja, FCT | 2023 |
| 98 | ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State | 2021 | 118 | Amadeus University, Amazi, Abia State | 2023 | 138 | Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State | 2023 |
| 99 | Pen Resource University, Gombe, Gombe State | 2022 | 119 | Vision University, Ikogbo, Ogun State | 2023 | 139 | West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2023 |
| 100 | Al-Arsar University, Maiduguri, Borno State | 2022 | 120 | Azman University, Kano, Kano State | 2023 | 140 | Amaj University, Abuja, FCT | 2023 |
| 101 | Margaret Lawrence University, Galilee, Delta State | 2022 | 121 | Huda University, Gusau, Zamfara State | 2023 | 141 | Prime University, Abuja, FCT | 2023 |
| 102 | Khalifa Isiyaku Rabuu University, Gadon /Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State | 2022 | 122 | Franco British International University, Kaduna, Kaduna State | 2023 | 142 | El-Amun University, Niger State | 2023 |
| 103 | Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State | 2022 | 123 | Canadian University of Nigeria, Abuja, FCT | 2023 | 143 | College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna, Kaduna State | 2023 |
| 104 | Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State | 2022 | 124 | Mirva Open University, Abuja, FCT | 2023 | 144 | Jewel University, Gombe, Gombe State | 2023 |
| 105 | Sasa University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State | 2022 | 125 | Genar University of Medical Sciences, Inope-Ijebu, Ogun State | 2023 | 145 | Nigerian University of Technology and Management, Apapa, Lagos State | 2023 |
| 106 | Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State | 2022 | 126 | British Canadian University, Obudu, Cross River State | 2023 | 146 | Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT | 2023 |
| 107 | Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra State | 2022 | 127 | Hensard University, Toru-Orua, Bayelsa State | 2023 | 147 | Al-Bayan University, Anikpa, Kogi State | 2023 |
| 108 | Newgate University, Minna, Niger State | 2022 | 128 | Phoenix University, Agwada, Nasarawa State | 2023 | | | |
| 109 | European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT | 2022 | 129 | Wigwe University, Isiokpo, Rivers State | 2023 | | | |
| 110 | Northwest University, Sokoto, Sokoto State | 2022 | 130 | Hillside University of Science and Technology, Okenessi Ekiti, Ekiti State | 2023 | | | |
| 111 | Rayhaan University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State | 2023 | 131 | University on the Niger, Umunya, Anambra State | 2023 | | | |
| 112 | Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ibezin, Kwara State | 2023 | 132 | Eirazi University of Medical Sciences, Kano, Kano State | 2023 | | | |
| 113 | Sam Maris University, Supare, Ondo State | 2023 | 133 | Verute University Iboro -Ekiti, Ekiti State | 2023 | | | |
| 114 | Aletheia University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State | 2023 | 134 | Shanahan University, Orutsha, Anambra State | 2023 | | | |
| 115 | Lux Mundi University, Umualha, Abia State | 2023 | 135 | The Duke Medical University Calabar, Cross River State | 2023 | | | |
| 116 | Maduka University, Ekwegbe -Nsukka, Enugu State | 2023 | 136 | Mercy Medical University, Iwara, Iwo, Osun State | 2023 | | | |

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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. Westland University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
25. St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
26. EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
27. Atlas University, Ikot Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
28. Concept College/ Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
29. Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
30. Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
31. Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
32. Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
33. Houdegebe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
34. Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
35. Open International University, Akure
36. Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
37. Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State
38. Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
39. Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
40. Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State.

41. Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
42. Temple University, Abuja
43. Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
44. National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
45. University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
46. University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
47. Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
48. African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
49. Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
50. Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
51. Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
52. Career Light Resources Centre, Jos
53. University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
54. Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
55. 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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