

## FG Sacks Unizik VC, Dissolves Governing Council, Removes Pro Chancellor, University of Health Sciences, Otukpo



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR

**P**resident Bola Tinubu has announced the removal of the newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Professor Bernard Odoh, and the Registrar, Mrs. Rosemary Nwokike who were illegally appointed by the Greg Mbadiwe led Governing Council of the University. The Presidency announced this on Wednesday in a statement signed by the Special Adviser on Information and Strategy, Mr. Bayo Onanuga, titled ‘President Tinubu sacks Nnamdi Azikiwe University Council, VC and Registrar.’ The President has also approved

the dissolution of the Governing Council of the 33-year-old institution following reports that the council illegally appointed an unqualified vice-chancellor without following due process. The dissolved NAU Governing council, led by Greg Mbadiwe, included five other members: Hafiz Oladejo, Augustine Onyedebelu, Amioleran Osahon, and Gen. Funsho Oyeneyin (retd.). “The government was concerned over the council’s apparent disregard for the university’s governing laws in its selection process, therefore after the controversial appointment, the

Federal Government had to step in to address tensions between the university’s Senate and the Governing Council of the institution”, Onanuga said. Recall that the International Centre for Investigative Reporting ICIR reported the controversies that surrounded Odoh’s appointment as the vice chancellor and Rosemary as the registrar of the university. Odoh was appointed on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, by the university’s governing council led by the pro-chancellor and chairman of the council, Greg Mbadiwe, during an interview with the candidates shortlisted for the position of vice-chancellor. However, challenging the council’s move, the incorporated trustees of the Medical and Dental Consultants Association of NAUTH, Nnewi, along with Victor Modekwe, filed a lawsuit at the National Industrial Court of Nigeria (NICN), according to reports. The litigants sought an interlocutory injunction to prevent the 1st and 4th defendants/respondents, along with their agents, assigns, servants,

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representatives, or anyone acting on their behalf, from proceeding with the vice-chancellor's appointment process based on the publication from September 12, 2024, until the court hears and determines the case.

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) at the institution also, on October 29, filed a lawsuit challenging the appointments of Odoh and Ifeoma Nwokike as vice-chancellor and registrar, respectively. The Academic Staff Union of Universities had accused the Governing Council of the institution of failing to follow due process in the appointment of Odoh and had demanded that the FME dissolve the Council over acts of illegalities.

The claimants sought a perpetual injunction to prevent the duo from representing themselves as or carrying out the duties of the vice-chancellor and registrar of the university, among others. Subsequently, a memo from the Federal Ministry of Education declared Odoh's appointment as the institution's vice-chancellor null and void.

In a letter dated November 1 and addressed to the pro-chancellor/chairman of the

council, on behalf of the ministry's permanent secretary, it was stated that no appointments would be made without reconciling with the aggrieved parties within the institution. The letter, which also contained the annulment of the appointment of the university registrar described the process leading to her appointment as a "gross disregard for constituted authority.

In accordance with the university's founding act, an Acting Vice-Chancellor will be appointed, and a new Governing Council for the university will be constituted as soon as possible to ensure proper governance and adherence to the law.

In the same vein, the statement also added that, the President has approved the removal of Engr. Ohieku Muhammed Salami as the Pro-chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Federal University of Health Sciences in Otukpo, Benue State. The decision followed Salami's illegal actions, including suspending the vice-chancellor without following the prescribed procedures.

The statement said: "Despite the Federal Ministry of Education's call for the unlawful suspension to be revoked, Engr. Salami refused to

comply, instead, he resorted to abusive and threatening behaviour towards the Ministry's Directors, including the Permanent Secretary."

The Federal Government reiterated that the primary responsibility of university councils is to ensure the smooth operation of university activities in accordance with the act establishing each university and further warned the councils not to create distractions in their universities as his government is focused on improving the country's education standards.

Also on Wednesday, President Tinubu approved the immediate swap of the Pro-Chancellors and Chairmen of the Governing Councils for the Federal University Oye-Ekiti and Federal University Lokoja. In this reshuffling, Senator Victor Ndoma-Egba, currently serving as the Pro-Chancellor of Federal University Lokoja, will take over at Federal University Oye-Ekiti.

Kayode Ojo, who previously held a similar position at Oye-Ekiti, will assume the role in Lokoja. This strategic change is part of President Tinubu's initiative to foster diversity and national cohesion in the management of the country's universities.

## Senate Demands Increased Funding for Varsities

The Senate, on Tuesday, called on the Federal Government to increase budgetary allocations to federal universities in the 2025 budget to help address the brain drain plaguing Nigerian universities.

It also mandated its relevant committees to collaborate with the Ministries of Finance, Education, Health, and other relevant agencies to develop strategies to tackle infrastructural decay and improve the monthly

remuneration of lecturers.

The Senate's resolutions followed a motion sponsored by Senator Anthony Ani (APC, Ebonyi South), titled "Urgent Need to Address the Challenges of Increasing Cases of Brain Drain in the Nigerian



The Senate President, Senator Godswill Akpabio

University System.”

In the motion, Ani lamented that, according to the National Universities Commission report, many Nigerian universities operate with less than 50 per cent of the required academic staff due to brain drain.

He pointed out that the remuneration for Nigerian university lecturers was among the lowest globally, having not been reviewed in over 15 years, which no longer aligned with the current economic realities of the country. He further highlighted that many universities in other West African countries offered better working conditions than what was obtainable in Nigeria, describing

the situation as deeply troubling.

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Several senators, who contributed to the debate, noted that the problem extended beyond universities to other critical sectors, such as healthcare, where doctors and nurses were leaving in large numbers every year for better opportunities abroad.

In his remarks, after the debate, the Senate President, Godswill Akpabio, emphasised the severity of the issue, stating that, “Brain drain is a big problem not just in the education

sector but in other critical sectors like the health sector, where no fewer than 22,000 Nigerian health workers are in the United States of America alone. “We shall surely do our best to improve the situation for university teachers and others, in curbing this problem.”

## Kwara Governor Inaugurates KWSUED Governing Council

The Executive Governor of Kwara State, Malam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq has taken a crucial step toward realising the ambitions of the newly-established Kwara State University of Education (KWSUED) with the inauguration of its Governing Council. The 11-member Council,

led by a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Professor Shuaib Oba AbdulRaheem, OFR as Chairman and Pro-Chancellor, included a team of intellectuals and administrators, tasked with steering of the University, toward attaining excellence.

This milestone marked the official take-off of the University, having

having recently received a Letter of Recognition of the University as the 64th State owned University in Nigeria, from the National Universities Commission (NUC). The Governor described the development as essential to securing a sustainable educational future for Kwara and Nigeria.



At the inauguration, Governor AbdulRazaq outlined the vision for KWSUED as a “successor to the College of Education Ilorin,” aiming to equip the state with a first-rate institution devoted to educational disciplines.

“This University is a child of necessity,” he stated, stressing the institution’s importance in addressing new educational demands. He further challenged the Council to establish a high standard from the outset, with employment policies based strictly on need, affordability, and merit, so as not to burden the state’s resources.

Significantly, the Governor named the Olupo of Ajase-Ipo, Oba Ismail Yahya Alebiosu, as the Chancellor of the University, reinforcing the cultural and academic stature of the institution.

The event saw attendance from prominent figures, including State APC Chairman Prince Sunday Fagbemi, Deputy Chief of Staff Princess Bukola Babalola, and Commissioner for Tertiary Education Dr. Mary Arinde, who



The Executive Governor of Kwara State, Mr. Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq

commended the Governor’s diligent leadership and commitment to education, seeing it as a major leap forward for the state’s future.

In his response, the Chairman of the Governing Council, Professor Oba AbdulRaheem, lauded the Governor’s consistent dedication to quality education. “Your Excellency, your commitment to qualitative education is a profound investment in our future,” he noted.

He expressed confidence in the Council’s composition, noting its alignment with the Governor’s emphasis on gender balance and competence, and pledged to work

diligently in realising the Government’s vision for KWSUED.

Further extending his support to the student community, Governor AbdulRazaq also presented buses to the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), Kwara State axis, and the National Association of Kwara State Students (NAKSS). Leaders of these bodies, Issa Abdulgafar Arikewuyo and Abdulwahab Ridwan, expressed their gratitude for the governor’s student-focused initiatives, which they hailed as a significant boost to their mobility and organisational needs.

## Bingham University Graduates 2, 217 As 41 Bag PhD, 57 First Class Degrees

**B**ingham University has held its 5th Combined Convocation Ceremony with 41 graduates bagging Doctor of Philosophy degrees and 57 graduates bagging first class degrees, respectively. The week long program witnessed the convocation ceremony and investiture of Emeritus Professor Yakubu Mela Alhassan on

The University convoked a total of 1,602 undergraduate programmes for the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 academic sessions with a total of 57 graduates bagging first class degrees while 615 obtained various postgraduate qualifications with 41 obtaining Doctor of Philosophy degrees (PhD).

These notable achievements were made known in the welcome

address of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Kuje Ayuba who was elated with the progress the university was making in both academic and infrastructure output. He expressed his deep appreciation to various organs of the University for working assiduously in making the University a beacon of hope for many Nigerians.

Enumerating further various notable achievements attained in recent times, the Vice-Chancellor stated that Bingham University had continued to win various research grants both locally and internationally through the dedication and commitment of researchers in the University, leading to solutions to societal problems, full accreditation of academic programmes by the National Universities Commission, infrastructure improvement, such as laboratories expansion, construction of additional hostels, power supply and solarization of facilities, amongst various achievements recorded.

Professor Ayuba stated that despite the successes recorded, more was desired, particularly in the area of infrastructural development, as the University continued to witness high subscriptions of its programmes on a yearly basis by qualified admission seekers.

Various prizes were awarded to graduands that distinguished themselves in character and learning. The occasion also



Mr. John Mairafi , Representing the ES of NUC

witnessed the investiture of Bingham University's first Emeritus Professor, Professor Alhassan Mela Yakubu for his invaluable contributions to academic excellence, mentorship, research and community impact spanning over 30 years, as a Professor.

In his address, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, and Secretary General of Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU), Professor Haruna Andrew FNAL, FLAN, commended the graduands for attaining a significant milestone in their academic journey. He

attributed their rising profile to their rigorous at Bingham University. He added that the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance was worth celebrating.

In his remarks, the Special Guest of Honour, Gen.(rtd) Martin Luther Agwai (CFR), commended the University for its demonstration of academic excellence and for infrastructural development in the span of 19 years of its existence. He commended the Governing Council and the Chairman Board of Trustees and President of ECWA Worldwide for the great role they played in raising the standard of



Cross Section of Graduands During the Convocation





Group Photograph of Participant at the Convocation

the University.

He acknowledged the hard work and resilience of the graduands and stated that their achievements were worth celebrating as evidenced from the many who came to share in the joy of their graduation. He encouraged the graduands to overcome challenges, embrace opportunities, and transform dreams into reality with the values cultivated at the University as they embark on the next chapters of their lives.

Also sharing in the joy of the Convocation Ceremony, the Chairman of Board of Trustees and President of ECWA worldwide, Rev. (Dr) Job Ayuba Bagat, affirmed the hope ahead of the graduands which, according to him, if sustained, would infiltrate communities and a larger society with edge cutting solutions.

The Chairman said “as you move up the ladder in your career, remember that your ability to lead, as well as your personality, attitude, behaviors, and interpersonal skills, will ultimately determine your level of success. I, therefore, implore you to constantly strive to enhance the hard and soft skills you have acquired while here in Bingham University. This will set you apart as leaders in your chosen careers and will help you make the much-needed impact in the workplace”. He assured the graduands of the board’s willingness to closely follow their progress and achievements in the successes that lies ahead and enjoined them to stay connected with their Alma Mater, share field experiences to inspire and give hope for the sustainable future.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of prizes and award of first degrees, postgraduate diplomas, masters, doctor of philosophy degrees and first of its kind, investiture of Prof. Yakubu Mela Alhassan with Emeritus Professorship.

The event was graced by the Executive Secretary of the NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, who was represented by the Director, Executive Secretary’s Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu, many Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian universities and Chief Executive Officers of organizations, Royal fathers and captains of industries, as well as parents and well-wishers, who shared in the joy of the Convocation Ceremony and presented their goodwill messages to the Vice-Chancellor.

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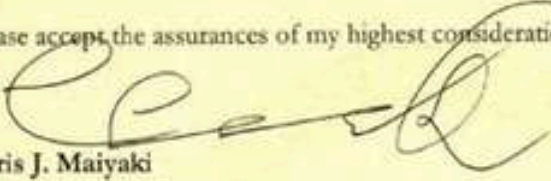
## RE: END OF TENURE OF SOME VICE-CHANCELLORS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

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  
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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. 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](http://www.nuc.edu.ng). Further enquiries can also be made via the Commission's official email address: [info@nuc.edu.ng](mailto: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.

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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	24.	Olusegun 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'Adua 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, Ogbomosho	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 Sule 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			



## APPROVED PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	YEAR EST.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	YEAR EST.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	YEAR EST.
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	Ade 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, Obeama-Ara, 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, Agebe, 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, Akazeze, Ebonyi State	2012	80	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State	2021
17.	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	49	Gregory University, Unaru, 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, Orwoode, 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 Mkar, Mkar, 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, Ogun 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-Kunan University, Vom, Plateau State	2021
24.	Ventus University, Abuja, FCT	2006	56	Mountain Top University, Makogi Oba, Ogun State	2015	88	Noik University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021
25.	Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpeze, 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, Akpaluyo, Cross River State	2016	94	Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021
31.	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo State	2007	63	Clifford University, Omerinta, 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, Ibeirin, 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, Umualaha, Abia State	2023	135	The Duke Medical University Calabar, Cross River State	2023			
116	Mafuka University, Ekwogbe - Nsukka, Enugu State	2023	136	Mercy Medical University, Iwara, Iwo, Osun 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. 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 Udosu 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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