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NEC Gives NUC, NBTE, NCCE November Deadli n Digital Learning

ational Economic Council (NEC) rose from a virtual meeting in Abuja with a resolution asking the National Universities Commission (NUC) to equip Nigerian universities with the capacity to evolve digital learning platforms.

The council, which also directed the National Commission for Colleges of Education and National Board for Technical Education to be part of the initiative, said implementation of the directive should commence from November this year.

Briefing reporters after the meeting presided over by Vice President Yemi Osinbajo in the State House, Kaduna State Governor, Malam Nasir El-Rufai, said the resolutions were the fallout of a presentation by the Minister of State for Education, Hon. Chukwuemeka Nwaiiuba.

El-Rufai said the council also resolved that the tertiary schools' regulatory authorities should accelerate and strengthen the use of electronic digital system for all Nigerians, pointing out that doing

so would enhance enrolment, retention and completion of studies at all levels and as well as eliminate fraud, forgery and certificate alteration.

all tertiary institutions in Nigeria, including training programmes for lecturers to enable them deliver distance learning to their students.



Prof. Yemi Osinbajo Vice President, Federal Republic of Nigeria

The governor said NEC also resolved that the regulatory agencies should come up with capacity building programmes for

"A national training programme to equip all university lecturers in delivering blended learning,



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Over 30 TETFund, Other Projects Commissioned in FUW

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especially the open and distance learning component should be developed by NUC, National Commission for Colleges of Education, National Board for Technical Education and implemented starting from November 2020. This should be a rolling capacity building programme covering all our tertiary institutions.

"Finally, accelerating and strengthening the management of an electronic digital identity management system for all Nigerians. This will aid easy enrolment, retention and completion of learning at all levels as well as curb and eliminate fraud, forgery and alteration of certificates," he said.

El-Rufai, who said the outbreak of COVID-19 had had adverse effects. on the country's educational system, reported that Nwajiuba told the council about measures put in place by the Federal Ministry of Education to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on schools.

He listed such measures to include the development of education sector COVID-19 strategy and national education sector COVID-19 response plan in collaboration with parastatals, development partners, public health experts, and the Nigerian education group.

He said the objectives of COVID-19 education response plan are to ensure continuous learning for children "through access to the best remote learning programmes appropriate for each context to meet the need of each child, including the most vulnerable."

He added: "Some may have access to the internet, but the poorest can get their lessons over the radio;

some through television. So, the whole plethora of platforms were made available so that no one is left behind."

He said the plan was also aimed at building the capacity for teachers to deploy technology teaching technique the country is hitherto not used to teaching through



Mal. Nasir El-Rufa'i addressing the Press after the NEC meeting digital technology.

"So, we need to do a lot of training. Second, we need to provide technical assistance in the selection and delivery of online digital content and offline learning resources among others," he added. El-Rufai disclosed that the federal government had put in place some financial incentives aimed at assisting the states in implementing the education COVID-19 response plan, explaining that select states would benefit from the COVID-19 global partnership for education (GPE) funding.

He said states that are above the national average from at least two of three criteria spelt out would benefit from GPE funding from the World Bank and other donors.

He listed states that are already qualified for GPE funding as Abia, Anambra, Akwa Ibom, Benue, Ebonyi and Jigawa states.

Others are: Kaduna, Katsina, Kebbi, Kano, Nassarawa, Niger, Plateau, Sokoto and Zamfara states, adding that "these are the states that made two of the three criteria for GPE funding."

El-Rufai said the council was also briefed on measures being taken to forestall an increase in the number of out of school children, bearing in mind the situation of things before the pandemic and during the pandemic.

He classified such measures into three categories, which include: the intervention of Universal Basic Education (UBE) in states, almajiri integrated quoranic teaching; and open schooling.

"Disbursement of the federal government of Nigeria, UBE intervention funds to states on equality basis to enable them to implement tangible state-based priority projects, including the building of schools or additional classrooms, renovations, rehabilitations, procurement of furniture and equipment et cet era with a focus on enrolling more pupils or having more flexibility to do shifts.

"The Almajiri Integrated Quaranic teaching school programmes to mainstream the Almajiri boys into basic education and eradicate the outof-school children syndrome in northern Nigeria.

"Open schooling, which is principally aimed at reducing the number of out-of-school

children in the country, amongst others," he said.

In his own briefing, the Director-General of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Dr. Chikwe Ihekweazu, said the council discussed the impact of COVID-19 on other healthcare services in the country.

According to him, the pandemic resulted in the reduction of access to other healthcare services such as immunisation, family planning, cancer care and routine health services.

However, he said in the last one month, such services have begun to pick up, adding that "we will continue to encourage people to come forward for their health services," as doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, laboratory scientists had been trained and retrained on how to protect themselves and their patients.

NCDC DG, however, said following the reopening of the aviation sector and prospective reopening of schools, there may be a resurgence of infections, adding that "we have to be prepared for this and we have to mitigate the impact of this; we cannot lock the economy down again."

He said Osinbajo and the Minister of Health, Dr. Osagie Ehanire, warned against complacency as a result of seeming reduction in the number of COVID-19 cases, saying "we must not look at the curve and think we have come out of this; this virus will remain with us until we have a vaccine and until we have distributed that vaccine across the country; until we get to that situation, we have to keep doing the work that we are doing."

UNILAG Panel Submits Report

The Honourable Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, last Thursday received the report of the Special Presidential Visitation panel set up to probe the leadership crisis that rocked the University of Lagos (UNILAG) which led to the removal of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Oluwatoyin Ogundipo by the Governing Council Chaired by Dr. Wale Babalakin.

Receiving the report from the Panel Chairman, Prof. Tukur Sa'ad on behalf of the Visitor to the University, President Muhammadu Buhari, Malam Adamu Adamu assured members of the panel that justice would be served accordingly and that the report would be thoroughly scrutinized.

He said the report would assist the President to make informed decision to Solve the lingering UNILAG crisis.

According to him, "It is my hope that the panel interacted with the officials and stakeholders who are supposed to contribute to the solution of the crisis as well as

appropriate after due consideration of the report in



Mal. Adamu Adamu Hon. Minister of Education

have a fair and balanced view of the issues at hand.

"The Visitor to the University will the University make a decision on the matter as whole," he said.

order to ensure peace and conducive learning environment at the University of Lagos and the University System as a whole" he said



He thanked members of the panel for the hard work and dedication to the assignment, saying the recommendations would be looked into objectively and justice would be done to all concerned.

In his remarks, Chairman of the panel, Prof. Tukur Sa'ad said that the content of the report "will not be divulged to the public until it gets to the President who is to take the necessary action".

It would be recalled that the panel which was inaugurated on the 26th of August, 2020 was given two weeks to submit its report as well as make appropriate recommendations towards repositioning the university to its pride of place in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

Other members of the panel Prof. Ikenna Onyido, include Prof. Comfort Ekanem Braide, Barr. Victor Onuoha, and Prof Adamu K. Usman, Chief Jimoh

Terms Of Reference of the panel include among other things to review the report of the Council Sub-committee on Review of the

They were also to examine the steps taken by the council leading to the removal of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Ogundipe, and ascertain



The Panel Chairman, Prof. Sa'ad handing over the report to the Hon. Minster, Mal. Adamu

Expenditure of the University of Lagos since May 2017 and make appropriate recommendations, after affording all those indicted

whether due process was followed as stipulated in the Universities (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Act,



The Panel members after submission of their report

Bankole and Barrister Grace Ekanem, who served as the Secretary to the Panel.

an opportunity to defend themselves.

2003, and the principle of hearing adhered to.

AUST Administrative Audit Panel Submit Report

Following numerous complaints on the issues of ownership, governance and operational conduct of the African

Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu thanked the committee and promised that government would study the report the university, critically observing the governance arrangement in the university, examined the



Hon. Min Mal. Adamu Adamu receiving the AUST report from the Chairman, Prof. Nimi Briggs

University of Science and Technology (AUST), the Federal Ministry of Education in July, 2019 sent an administrative audit panel to the university to look into issues relating to ownership, university land, university law, financial management and academic matters.

Receiving the Panel's report, the Honourable Minster of carefully and put in motion mechanism for implementation of the panel's recommendation.

Chairman of the panel, Professor Emeritus, Nimi Briggs said that in the course of the assignment the committee had looked into and conducted indepth review of the issue of the proprietorship/ ownership of

financial management of the university and examined the cooperation agreement.

He said the panel also examined the statues and usage of the university land, examine all academic matters including programmes and activities.

He said in other to achieve the objectives and ensure a thorough investigation of all the issues, the panel solicited information from the general public and also held indepth interviews of all the critical stakeholders

The panel observe that federal government had conceived the AUST, Abuja to be public/Private partnership university between the government of Nigeria, World Bank and the African Scientists in the diaspora to advanced the application of science and technology to the development of Africa in concert with other institutions that were expected to be established in other African countries.

Federal government agencies,

NNPC invested heavily in the university which was to be run by a fifteen-man board made up

Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning and Federal Capital Territory, the



L-R: HME, Mal. Adamu Adamu, Perm. Sec., Arch Sonny Echono and ES, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed during the presentation of the report at the Ministry of Education Secretariat

of persons with diverse interest, including those of the federal government to be represented World Bank and its affiliate and organized private sector and the scientific/academic



The Panel members

especially PTDF, FCDA and

by five ministries of education, community in the diaspora. Science and Technology,

Over 30 TETFund, Other Projects Commissioned in FUW

- New Library Building, Professors Offices Named after Prof. Rasheed

Over 30 Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETfund) and other projects at the Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State, were commissioned last Tuesday by Chairman House Committee on Tertiary Education and Services. Hon. Aminu Suleiman Goro, the Executive Secretaries of National

Speaking at the commissioning of the projects executed under the current Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Kundiri, the executive secretary assured the university that it would get approval for the establishment of a faculty of medicine which it sought for before the end of 2020.

is genuine and on course."

Prof. Rasheed described Kundiri as one of the best performing Vice-Chancellors in Nigeria and urged him to resubmit the request within the next one week as a follow-up with the NUC.



Prof. Rasheed commissioning the Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed Library Building

Universities Commission (NUC) and TETFund, Profs. Abubakar Rasheed and Suleiman Elias Bogoro.

Some of the projects include faculty buildings, academic staff offices; academic staff quarters; students hostels; university library, information and communication centre; laboratories; convocation square; sports facilities; municipal facilities such as water, roads, electrical and other installations. among others.

He stressed that a team of experts from the NUC would soon embark on assessment visit to Wukari to evaluate facilities and the level of preparedness of the institution for the take-off of the programme.

In his words, "The Vice-Chancellor has been on the neck of the NUC for approval to establish the faculty of medicine, and from the number of completed projects and facilities I have seen on the ground today, l am convinced that the request Earlier in his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor said when he took over the university in 2016; the institution was lagging behind in infrastructure provision as well as accreditation of courses.

He said that while the university now had 27 of its courses fully accredited, the institution under his watch had also completed at least 30 projects worth billions of Naira in the last four and a half year.

"Through the support of TETFund, we have continued to transform the face of the university toward meeting our goals of developing to a worldclass university that is dedicated to meeting the human resource and research requirements of Nigeria and the global community," he said.

approval from the NUC for the establishment of new faculties and the school of postgraduate studies in the university. This also includes the Faculty of Engineering and Technology; Law; and Basic Medical Sciences are awaiting Resource Verification."



Prof. Bogoro commissioning the Prof. Bogoro Agric. Complex

He also thanked the TETFund for its various interventions such as academic staff development, research grants and conference attendance. This, he said, had further helped to strengthen the staff drive and commitment to teaching, research and community service.

"As these projects are commissioned, we assure the Executive Secretaries of NUC and TETFund as well as members of the National Assembly and other friends of the university that we will always be alive to our mandate. We will continually work to ensure that our impact is felt in the local and wider communities."

"Towards this end, we have sought guidance and obtained

Despite the achievements, the Vice-Chancellor noted that recent and recurring events have unfortunately for a time affected by recurring communal challenges which adversely affected the university in the past with the sad loss of some staff and students.

He explained further that the challenge was coupled with the current Covid-19 Pandemic which disrupted learning and teaching in the university and other educational establishments in Nigeria and the world.

He, therefore, appealed for more Special Interventions from TETFund and the federal government to address security concerns and limit negative impact on academic activities as a result of occurrences like the Pandemic.

This special intervention, Prof. Kundiri said. was required to enable the



Hon. Suleiman Aminu Goro unveiling the plaque after commissioning the Computer Based Testing Centre named after him

combined to threaten the pace at which the university had wanted to go in the drive to place itself on a pedestal of note. According to him, Wukari was university install the necessary technology infrastructure to strengthen existing ones as the Nigerian universities needed to take urgent steps to provide alternative avenues for

teaching and learning as part of the new normal.

He thanked specially the Chancellor and Ona of Abaji, His Royal Majesty, Alhaji Adamu Baba Yunusa; the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Arc. Lawrence P. Ngbale as well as Aku

Uka, Wukari, His Royal Majesty, Dr. Shekarau Angyu Masa-Ibi Kuvyon Il, Chairman, Taraba Council of Chiefs, who were present at the event, for their wisdom, guidance and support to the institution.

He also used the opportunity to

appreciate the staff of the university for their commitments to the growth of the institution, noting that the institution had not recorded any interruption in academic calendar for nearly five years except for the current compulsory closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Some of the projects commissioned in Federal University, Wukari, including Prof. Rasheed Library, Prof. Bogoro Agric Complex, Arch. Sonny Echono Office Complex, Hon. Aminu Goro PG School, Aisha Buhari Hall, Mall Adamu Adamu Hall and Vc's Lodge









The Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed Library Complex

Images from FUW Projects Commissioning













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FG Approves N400m For UniAbuja Perimeter Fence

- Bandits taking over our land -VC

The Federal Government has approved the sum of N400 million for building of a perimeter fence round the University of Abuja.

The Vice-chancellor University of Abuja, Professor Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah, said this while appealing to the Federal Government to protect the university from bandits, who he said, were encroaching on its land and trying to take it over.

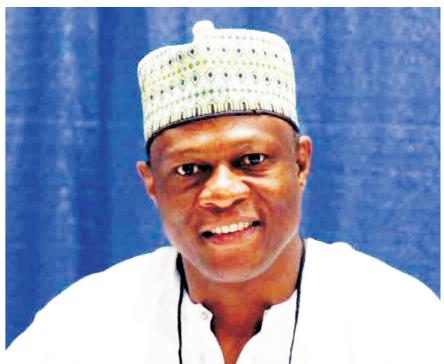
Professor Na'Allah made the appeal when he hosted the Director, Department of Development Control of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Muktar Galadima, in his office.

He said the encroachment by the bandits and erection of illegal structures were not only preventing his administration from carrying out its developmental projects on campus but posing security threats to students and staff.

Professor Na'Allah added "The truth is that this great university

of ours is in trouble right now. I say this because we have all sorts of people who are living on the campus, who are using the land without respect for the environment."

that indigenes allocated the university's plots of land to bandits and some and some bandits take possession of the lands without getting permission from the university.



Prof. Abdulrasheed Na'Allah Vice-Chancellor, UniAbuja

He said the situation kept becoming worse, because bandits were taking over the land both within staff residences and outside. "Our students are being attacked; we are living in fear of the bandits."

The Vice-Chancellor lamented

He, therefore called on the federal government especially the minister of the Federal Capital Territory to forestall the situation and restore the land to the university.

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All Vice-Chancellors Nigerian Universities

FRESH DIRECTIVES FOR THE SAFE RE-OPENING OF UNIVERSITIES FOR ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES **DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Vice-Chancellors will please recall that vide NUC/ES/138/Vol.63/91 and NUC/ES/138/Vol.63/92 of Friday, 20th March. 2020, the National Universities Commission conveyed the directive of the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), for the closure of Higher Education institutions for a period of one month, effective from Monday, 23rd March, 2020. Subsequent to that, two joining Circulars Ref. NUC/ES/138/Vol.63/96 and FME/PSE/HE/1041/C.1/Vol.1/138 of 8th May, 2020, from the NUC and FME, respectively, reaffirmed the earlier decision for institutions to remain closed till further notice (please find enclosed again, copies FME/NCDC/NUC guidelines).

Following the recent briefing by the Presidential Task Force Team on COVID-19, to the effect that significant decline in the reproduction number (R value) for COVID-19 has been recorded in the country, the Federal Ministry of Education has accepted the request of the National Universities Commission for universities to firm up arrangements towards the immediate resumption of academic activities subject to the following:

1. Universities must continue to adhere to the safety protocols and the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) guidelines which are very much in force. The decision to re-open institutions should not, in any way, diminish the importance attached to full compliance. The Virus is still potent and there is no cure as at yet;

- 2. Universities must under no circumstances, violate the full cycle of the semester system, consistent with the National Universities Commission (NUC) approved Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS):
- 3. Universities are to also ensure strict compliance with other extant NUC quality assurance standards and guidelines;
- 4. A joint inspection team comprising staff of the National Universities Commission (NUC) and the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), will be undertaking verification visits to inspect the reopened universities and their level of compliance with Quality Assurance/Safety standards. The impending visits will involve on-the-spot inspection of physical facilities such as lecture theatres, classrooms, staff offices, laboratories, students' accommodation, emergency services/capability, healthcare and the deployment of non-pharmaceutical measures which are germane to your state of preparedness for the resumption of academic activities;
- 5. Universities will periodically keep the National Universities Commission updated on actions taken, in conformity with this directive.

Please, accept the renewed assurances of the Executive Secretary's highest regards for your usual cooperation and strict compliance.

Chris J. Maiyaki

Director, Directorate of the Executive Secretary's Office

For: Executive Secretary

CC. Honourable Minister of Education

Honourable Minister of State for Education

Permanent Secretary, FME Executive Secretary, NUC



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Approved Open University and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

he National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which has 72 study/resource centres nationwide, is currently the only approved open university in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

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

- 1. Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan.
- 2. Distance Learning Institute, University of Lagos.
- 3. Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education, University of Abuja.
- 4. Centre for Distance Learning, University of Maiduguri.
- 5. Centre for Distance Learning, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
- 6. Centre for Distance Learning, Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola.
- 7. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre.
- 8. Distance learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
- 9. Lagos State University Open and 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.

LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

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| 1 | University of Ibadan, Ibadan | 1948 | 16 | Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola | 1981 | 31 | Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State | 2011 |
| 2 | University of Nigeria, Nsukka | 1960 | 17 | Federal University of Technology, Minna | 1982 | 32 | Katsina State | 2011 |
| 3 | Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife | 1962 | 18 | Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna | 1985 | 33 | Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State | 2011 |
| 4 | Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria | 1962 | 19 | University of Abuja, Abuja | 1988 | 34 | Federal University, Ndufu- Alike, Ebonyi State | 2011 |
| 5 | University of Lagos, Lagos | 1962 | 20 | Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi | 1988 | 35 | Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State | 2011 |
| 6 | University of Benin, Benin City | 1970 | 21 | University of Agriculture, Makurdi | 1988 | 36 | Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa | 2011 |
| 7 | Bayero University, Kano | 1975 | 22 | Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta | 1988 | 37 | The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State | 2012 |
| 8 | University of Calabar, Calabar | 1975 | 23 | University of Uyo, Uyo | 1991 | 38 | Federal University, Birnin- Kebbi, Kebbi | 2013 |
| 9 | University of Ilorin, Ilorin | 1975 | 24 | Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka | 1992 | 39 | Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara | 2013 |
| 10 | University of Jos, Jos | 1975 | 25 | Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike | 1992 | 40 | Federal University, Gashua, Yobe | 2013 |
| 11 | University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri | 1975 | 26 | National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos | 2002 | 41 | Nigeria Maritine University Okerenkoko, Delta State | 2018 |
| 12 | Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto | 1975 | 27 | Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun | 2007 | 42 | Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna | 2018 |
| 13 | University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt | 1975 | 28 | Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State | 2011 | 43 | Nigerian Army University, Biu | 2018 |
| 14 | Federal University of Technology, Owerri | 1980 | 29 | Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State | 2011 | 44 | Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State | 2020 |
| 15 | Federal University of Technology, Akure | 1981 | 30 | Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State | 2011 | | | |

STATE UNIVERSITIES

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| 1 | Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt | 1979 | 18 | Nasarawa State University, Keffi | 2002 | 35 | Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni | 2010 |
| 2 | Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma | 1980 | 19 | Adamawa State University, Mubi | 2002 | 36 | Bauchi State University, Gadau | 2011 |
| 3 | Abia State University, Uturu | 1981 | 20 | Gombe State University, Gombe | 2004 | 37 | Maitama Sule University, Kano | 2012 |
| 4 | Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu | 1982 | 21 | Kaduna State University, Kaduna | 2004 | 38 | The Technical University, Ibadan. | 2012 |
| 5 | Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye | 1982 | 22 | Cross River University of Technology, Calabar | 2004 | 39 | Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa | 2013 |
| 6 | Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti) | 1982 | 23 | Plateau State University, Bokkos | 2005 | 40 | Ondo State University of Medical Sciences | 2015 |
| 7 | Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos | 1983 | 24 | Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State. | 2008 | 41 | Edo University, Iyamho | 2016 |
| 8 | Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso | 1990 | 25 | Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State | 2005 | 42 | Eastern Palm University, | |
| 9 | Imo State University, Owerri | 1992 | 26 | Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun | 2005 | 43 | Ogboko University of Africa, | 2016 |
| 10 | Benue State University, Makurdi | 1992 | 27 | Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina | 2006 | | Toru-Orua | 2016 |
| 11 | Delta State University, Abraka | 1992 | 28 | Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State | 2006 | 44 | Borne State Chryersty | 2016 |
| 12 | Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko | 1999 | 29 | Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero | 2006 | 40 | Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta | 2017 |
| 13 | Kogi State University, Anyigba | 1999 | 30 | Osun State University, Osogbo | 2006 | 40 | Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo | 2017 |
| 14 | Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa | 2000 | 31 | Taraba State University, Jalingo | 2008 | 47 | Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara | 2018 |
| 15 | Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli | 2000 | 32 | Kwara State University, Ilorin | 2009 | 48 | Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State | 2019 |
| 16 | Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil | 2000 | 33 | Sokoto State University, Sokoto | 2009 | | | |
| 17 | Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki | 2000 | 34 | Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden | 2010 | | | |

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

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List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

he 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:

- University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating 1) anywhere in Nigeria.
- Christians of Charity American University of Science & 2) Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, 4) Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its 6) other campuses in Nigeria
- Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or 7) any of its other campuses
- Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other 8)
- United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of 9) its other campuses
- United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any 10) of its other campuses.
- Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its 11) other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- Saint Augustine's University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or 13) 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
- Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria 16)
- Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria' 17)
- London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria. 18)
- Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria. 19)
- Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its 20) campuses in Nigeria.
- West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria. 21)
- Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal 23) Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in 25)
- 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
- Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its 28) campuses in Nigeria
- Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in 29) Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in 31) Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- Open International University, Akure 35)
- 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
 Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, 41) Abuja.
- Temple University, Abuja 42)
- Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in 43)
- 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.
- Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria. 47)
- 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
- University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT 53) 54)
 - Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Business School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- West African Union University, in Collaboration with 57) International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 58) Gospel Missionary Foundation (GMF), Theological University. 165 Iselo road, Cele bus stop, Egbe-Ikotun, Lagos.

In addition to the closure, the following Degree Mills are currently undergoing further investigations and/or ongoing court actions. The purpose of these actions is to prosecute the proprietors and recover illegal fees and charges on subscribers.

- National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State 1)
- 2) North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State
- 3) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
 - Richmond Open University, Arochukwu, Abia State.
- 4) 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State 6)
- Volta University College, Aba, Abia State. 7)
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.
 - 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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