

## Print Certificates, Security Docs. at NSPMC — Masanawa Urges Varsities

A delegation from the Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company (NSPMC), led by its Managing Director, Alhaji Abbas Umar Masanawa, last Wednesday presented a proposal to the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar A. Rasheed mni, MFR, FNAL, on the printing of degree certificates and other security documents of Nigerian universities with the company.

Presenting the proposal, the Managing Director of the company, Alhaji Masanawa said that his team was in the commission to formally introduce the company as an agency of government responsible for printing national security documents and to explore areas of possible collaborations.

He disclosed that the company operated on a two-thronged platform, involving currency production and other sensitive materials printing for the country.

He said the company has two offices in Abuja and Lagos, and presently produces and handle 100 percent

printing of Naira notes from the initial 50 percent, thereby meeting the whole requirements of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) needs.

from Abuja office of the NSPMC, while the 1000, 100, 50 Naira and the Coins denominations are minted at



Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed with the Managing Director, NSPMC, Alh. Abbas Umar Masanawa

He explained that the Five Hundred and Two Hundred Naira notes were currently being printed

the Lagos office, with no single currency printed abroad as at today.

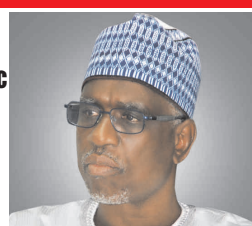
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According to him, these achievements had led to improved employment generation as the minting company prides itself of a 100 per cent Nigerian staff that operates in the mint and with local engineers maintaining its machinery and facilities fully.

It had also provided local capacity building, preserved the pride of the nation as well as conserved scarce foreign exchange hitherto spent in servicing the printing of the local currency abroad.

Alhaji Masanawa said further that the company had been generating revenue for the government and had

private universities in the country for the purpose of producing their certificates based on their identity.

He stressed that the collaboration between the company and Nigerian universities would foster much better, efficient, safer and faster printing and delivery of their security documents, especially degree certificates.

He told the Executive Secretary that the company had a state-of-the-art machine that could meet any printing specifications and quality comparable to any in the world.

He added that some of its digital

capacity and capability”, he added.

He further explained that students’ transcripts could be downloaded from anywhere as the company had developed a security software tool and technology that would protect the certificates and grading of graduates of all institutions across the country.

Responding, the Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Rasheed described the visit as very important and that it would open a conversation that would strengthen and refocus



Prof. Rasheed (7th right) and Alh. Masanawa (7th left) with members of the NUC Management

paid into the coffers of government account about five billion as tax or surplus dividend.

He mentioned that NSPMC, due to the pragmatic leadership of its Chairman and the Governor of CBN, Mr. Godwin Emefiele, had ensured that no foreign currency was spent on the printing of the naira notes.

He, therefore, appealed to the NUC as the regulator of Nigerian universities to facilitate the engagement of the company with the vice-chancellors of public and

machines were not utilised and had been idle, even though it remained the best in the whole of Africa for printing sensitive documents and materials.

“We have new machines with new innovations embedded with any kind of desired security features that could be used to verify the authenticity and genuineness of any security documents.

“One of its major attractions is its local content and all we need is to be allowed to demonstrate our

Nigerian universities to deliver on their mandate and be at the cutting-edge of timely delivery of education.

He informed his visitors that NUC was an agency in charge of the orderly development of university education in Nigeria and currently supervises 173 universities, comprising 43 federal, 48 states and 79 privates.

Giving insight on the workings of the Nigerian University



System (NUS), Professor Rasheed said there were presently about 73,000 academics and 153,000 non-academic staff in the entire system.

He expressed delight that the company was leaving its comfort zone to seek for ways of doing business with Nigerian universities, noting that gone were the days when institutions would naturally gravitate towards the agency due to expansion in global business opportunities.

He stated that universities that appeared to be efficient in turning out certificates of their students in record time, always signed security contracts with high profile printers, stressing that some universities in Nigeria go outside the country to places like Liverpool, in the United Kingdom to handle their students' certificates.

He promised that the commission would facilitate the engagement of vice-chancellors of Nigerian

universities and NSPMC, beginning with the federal.

In the delegation were the Executive Director, Corporate Services, Mr. Ahmed Halilu; Executive Director, Strategic Development, Mr. Kazeem Mohammed, Company Secretary, Alhaji Garuba Aliyu, Relationship Manager, Mrs. Gabriella Gado and Executive Director in the Office of the MD.

## JIBWIS To Establish As-Salam University, Hadejia

The Chairman, Jama'atu Izalatul Bidi'a Wa Ikamatus Sunnah, Sheikh Abdullahi Bala Lau led a delegation of JIBWIS Foundation last Monday to the National Universities Commission (NUC) to interact on their plan to establish a private university in Hadejia - As-salam University.

In his address, the Chairman, Sheikh Lau praised the commission's due diligence in processing prospective private universities which, he said, assured the establishments of good private universities in Nigeria.

He said the delegation was at NUC to seek for guidance and eventual license to open a private faith based university in Hadejia, Jigawa State.

The chairman said that the idea to establish the university was conceived to address several challenges bedeviling the north

and the country.

Some of such challenges, he enumerated, included insecurity that had ravaged the peace

that were alien to the religion of Islam.

Sheikh Lau said JIBWIS had been preaching as an



ES, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed with the Chairman JIBWIS, Sheikh Abdullahi Bala Lau

enjoyed in the north, adding that insecurity was as a result of lack of good moral character and insufficient and well balanced islamic scholarship. He said that some youth were brainwashed to inadvertently embrace doctrines

organized outfit for almost forty years with branches all over the country and west Africa.

He further stated that the movement considered it a duty

to contribute its quota to the development of scholarship. Sheikh Lau revealed that the Izala movement had been using the medium of education, skills acquisition to nurture sound moral values in the youths.

He observed that women were neglected in most part of the north, stating that the university, when established, would pay attention to emancipation of the womenfolk through various interventions, special scholarships and other incentives.

The chairman also informed the commission that As-Salam Global

NUC guidelines and seek for advise from conception to maturity and beyond.

Sheikh Lau concluded that a fund raising was held few weeks ago which was well attended by seven serving governors and several business tycoons and hundreds of people, stating that it was a remarkable success where a lot of donations, contributions and pledges were made.

In his response, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, said he was happy to

needed contribution to bridge the education gap in the north.

According to the NUC scribe Nigeria now had 173 universities out of which the North West had about 20 universities, constituting less than 11% in spite of the region's huge population.

He cited examples of countries with far less population than Nigeria such as Canada with population of 37.59million (2019) having more than 100 universities.



The interaction in session

university, when fully established, would have 12 faculties within the first twenty years. He said the first phase of the university would commence with three faculties and two centres. He solicited for the cooperation and support of the commission to actualize its notable objectives.

He pledged that they would follow

receive the respected scholars who had been making fruitful impact on the lives of several Nigerians for many decades.

He said JIBWIS had made a noble decision to embark on this laudable project that could guarantee the future of Nigerian youths noting that the intervention would make the

In comparison, he said Nigeria needed more universities to meet the demand of eligible candidates seeking for university education in the country.

He assured the delegation of NUC's commitment to assist in providing the necessary mentorship required for the



proposed university to meet the needed requirement.

He noted that other details would unfold as the interaction progressed, advising them to start with few but relevant programmes that were in high demand.

He stressed that the proposed university should not replicate what could be obtained from the surrounding universities.

The executive secretary stated that the interaction served as a request as well as a permission to purchase the application form.

In his contribution, the National Secretary, JIBWIS and member of the Planning Committee, Sheikh Muhammad Kabiru Haruna Gombe expressed satisfaction with the reception accorded to them.

He added that the proposed

spaces in the Nigerian universities.

He said the interaction had encouraged JIBWIS to redouble its effort towards achieving the envisaged vision.

In his remarks, Sheikh Yakubu Musa Hassan, a Board of Trustee member, expressed his delight over the interaction,



Prof. Rasheed and Sheikh Bala Lau (7th and 8th right) with NUC Management and members of the Proposed As-Salam University

According to him, Bayero University Kano started with 10 students in 1964 and it had over 45,000 students now with more faculties and more than 10 centres.

Prof. Rasheed said the interaction was part of the process of obtaining information on the vision and preparedness of promoters before being allowed to collect application forms for the establishment of private universities.

university would address plight of orphans, youth restiveness and reduce the number of out of school children.

He said JIBWIS had more than 200,000 orphans and other less privileged youths under its care including sponsorship at different levels of study.

Sheikh Gombe lamented the cases of Nigerian youths who were eligible and yearning for university education in specific areas of study but could not fulfill their ambition due to limited

saying that JIBWIS was indeed extremely glad with NUC's support and mentorship. He prayed for continued guidance for the NUC leadership in the delivery of its mandate.

Earlier, the executive secretary had sounded a word of warning that establishing a university had never been a profit making enterprise.

It is a project that should be geared towards research and preservation of pure enquiry and scholarship.

He described it as capital intensive and time consuming and that the benefit though very valuable but was mostly not monetary.

Those on the entourage of the chairman included the Chairman Planning and Implementation Committee, Professor Umar

Muhammed Labdo; Secretary, Ahmad Ibrahim; Members, Prof Kabir Yusuf and Engr. Ashiru Balarabe; Public Relation Officer, Rabi'u Idris Muhammed. Other delegates included Bashir Sule and Musa Hassan Isah.

Members from the NUC

management at the interaction meeting included the Directors, Public Affairs and Accreditation; Ibrahim Usman Yakasai and Dr. Maryam Sali respectively as well as Deputy Director, Information, Haruna Lawal Ajo.

## Caleb Varsity to Increase Academic Programmes

The Vice-Chancellor, Caleb University, Professor Nosa Owens-Ibie, along with his management team, last Wednesday paid a courtesy call on the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, to solicit for the commission's understanding in his quest to increase the institution's academic programmes.

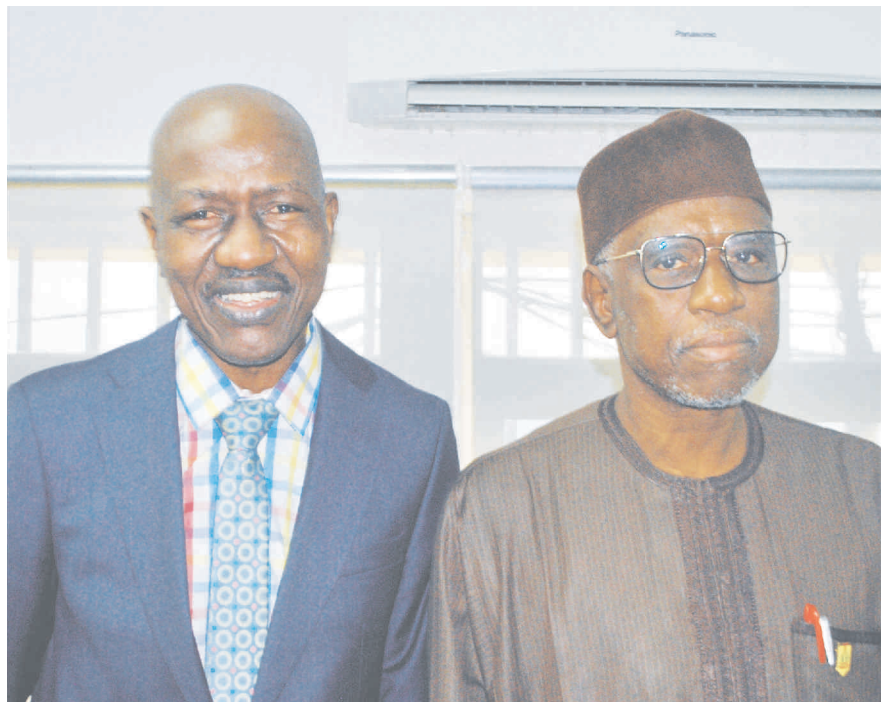
Professor Nosa said that the university had always adhered to NUC's stipulated guidelines in the pursuit of academic excellence.

He stressed that with the guidance of NUC, the university had continued to grow steadily since its establishment in 2007 and now has four colleges and eleven degree programmes.

He said that the institution currently had 16 undergraduate

degree programmes across four colleges, including the colleges of: Environmental Sciences and

the institution had since relocated to its permanent site, though it retained its city



VC, Caleb University, Prof. Nosa Owens-Ibie and ES, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed

Management, Pure and Applied Sciences, Social and Management Sciences as well as postgraduate studies, respectively.

The Professor of Communication and Media Development stressed that due to increase in enrolment,

campus, which presently housed the College of Social and Management Sciences.

He, therefore, appealed to the NUC to grant full approval for it to continue to run the city campus as part of the main



campus since the distance between the two campuses was less than 50 kilometres.

The vice chancellor, who assumed duties on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, 2019, also notified the commission of the university's willingness to establish new academic programmes and solicited that a resource verification visit be

Communication was part of the new programmes awaiting approval by the NUC.

Responding, the executive secretary, Professor Abuakar Rasheed, stated that NUC was not only committed to, but ready to ensure and assist universities achieve their full potentials, observing that with Professor Peter

He, however, warned that NUC frowned on universities running dual campuses; as such practice in the past had led to the opening of illegal campuses and degree mills across the country.

According to him, universities must adhere strictly to NUC guidelines as it concerns



Prof. Nosa and Rasheed (7th and 8th left) with DES, Mr. Chris Maiyaki with the NUC Management and the Caleb University delegation

conducted by the NUC so as to enable the institution meet up with the current admission into the proposed new programmes.

He thanked the executive secretary for the successful unbundling of Mass Communication, explaining that his institution had constructed a new faculty building dedicated towards the programme, disclosing that Mass

Okebukola as Chairman, Board of Trustees of Caleb University, it was bound to soar in its pursuit of academic excellence.

Professor Rasheed assured that NUC would look into the requests of the vice chancellor, with a view of encouraging and supporting the university to achieve its potentials.

operations of dual campuses and must get the approval to do so.

In the Caleb University's delegation were the Registrar, Mrs. Folake Okor; Bursar, Mr. Adesina Abubakre, and the Deputy Director, Academic Planning, Mr. Joseph Faniyi.

# Rasheed Calls on NICE to Look into Road Failures in Nigeria

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, has called on the Nigerian Institution of Civil Engineers (NICE), to pay special attention to new trends in the national and global infrastructure arena to keep pace with the fast developing world.

He said at the 18th International Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Institution, held recently in Abuja, adding that the state of Nigerian roads, especially the failure of road pavements demanded the speedy response of civil engineering education as well as practitioners in the country.

Professor Rasheed said that the roads needed to be more durable, well-designed, constructed and maintained, acknowledging that progress had been made in curbing building collapses. He, however, said more effort was desired to curb the ugly occurrences, especially in Lagos, the commercial capital of Nigeria.

He urged the members of the Institution to ensure that, in administering civil engineering education, cognizance was taken to address many current concerns in the country and scientific advancements in the world.

The executive secretary, who was represented by NUC Visiting Professor, Matawwal Danladi Slim, singled out water resources

cheaper and affordable housing and infrastructure including solid and liquid effluent waste disposal as well



ES, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed

management as an area that must be properly handled by engineering educators to eliminate incidences of flooding in one season and drought/desertification in the next season within the same year in many parts of the country.

The NUC scribe further explained that the hydra-headed monster of rural urban migration leading to urban slums and derelict must be addressed by civil engineers through rural engineering interventions like

as regeneration schemes for the urban slums.

Professor Rasheed added that the country was also witnessing increasing incidences of seismicity in the earth's tectonic plates, stressing that elements of engineering seismology dealing with the science of earthquakes and methods of mitigating their effects should be included in the education delivery to design dams,



buildings and other infrastructure to resist the effects of earth tremors.

He also mentioned that the underground space in Nigeria was still relatively untouched in a world where tunnels and many underground engineering structures were easing life in many countries in transportation and water supply, adding that other areas of emphasis included 3-D Printing for whole structures, smart buildings, arch/suspension bridges, railway engineering as well as sophistication in road exchanges. He concluded that Engineering was an ingredient for achieving excellence in Education in Nigeria.

Professor Rasheed noted that the Theme of the conference “Reform of Engineering Education in Nigeria” was apt and very significant especially with the revolution and deployment of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in revamping the university education in Nigeria.

He argued that it was necessary that relevant stakeholders acknowledge the importance of Engineering, its challenges and advantages. He noted that the models used by engineers were provided by Science combined with innovative thinking to solve problems and create new designs that benefitted humanity; a product of adequate and

appropriate engineering education.



Engr. Aishatu Umar  
Chairman, NICE

The executive secretary stressed that Nigerian engineers should never sit back and watch, rather they should continuously be making things happen in the overall interest of the university education and the humanity at large.

He further explained that using innovation, creativity and a wealth of knowledge, engineering graduates were impacting the world more than others, urging the professionals to see that Nigeria must not be an exception because if the world was changing, with engineers behind the developments, Nigeria must also develop competitively along global levels.

Professor Rasheed opined that

majority of today's services and products had some element of engineering involved in their conception at least, paving the way to long, fulfilling and healthy lives.

He said, “with a myriad of positions open to engineers in almost every field, our graduates have always happily welcomed the huge choice of careers they have the potential to explore. It is therefore not acceptable if in our nation Nigeria engineers are not only unemployed but those in industry and government suffer underemployment.”

Adding, “the situation currently is that some Engineers are teaching mathematics, physics and chemistry in secondary schools, which we may say is still service, but nonetheless represents misapplication when the country is in dire need of them in work ranges from offices to studios and laboratories to the outdoors and even underground; and our structures and infrastructures are failing or out rightly collapsing,” he said.

On engineering education in Nigeria, he said that the engineering portfolio knows no bounds, but all disciplines are working to the same

common goal, building a sustainable world.

He informed the participants that “engineering is the wheel to progress playing a huge part in technological advances leading to the development of the nations. It has contributed in no small measure to Nigeria in the form of roads, housing water resources, power and more; we are nonetheless expecting more.”

Professor Rasheed informed the gathering that Nigeria currently has a total of 173 universities of which 46 are federal, 48 are state-owned and 79 are private, stressing that 58 of these universities run approved engineering courses of which 26 of them are federal.

He added that there are 113 polytechnics and 132 technical colleges almost all empowered to provide the requirements of engineering at the medium and lower levels of manpower needs, saying that, engineering education was accorded high importance in activities of the NUC and the Federal Ministry of Education.

The NUC scribe noted that there has been growing concern in the Nigerian society of the need for change in undergraduate engineering education in the country to ensure that graduates remain equipped not only for the new and complex challenges of the 21st century, but for the much

needed transformation of the nation into a developed economy.

He said that NUC had designed continuous interventions in the NUS to transform Higher Education in the country into a result-oriented and global commodity.



Prof. Danladi Slim Matawal  
Reps of ES, NUC

The executive secretary explained that African Centres of Excellence (ACE) project had been a huge success with the NUC working successfully with the World Bank in providing skills and manpower development as well as evolving healthy competitive spirit within the NUS.

Stakeholders, he added are encouraged to explore avenues for making engineering education more effective. He said Nigeria should aspire for speedy technological growth by exploring avenues for University-

Industry linkages as well as collaborations with universities abroad.

Professor Rasheed said that training and capacity building of Lecturers and Technologists from 43 government universities, under the TETFUND/NUC special Science, Technology Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) improvement project was held from 22nd July to 16th August, 2019 to deploy science, engineering & workstation to 73 federal & state universities across Nigeria with 172 lecturers participating. He added that the universities should take advantage of the pedagogical expansion through ACE Impact Centres for Pedagogy at ABU, NOUN and UniLag.

Professor Rasheed thanked the National Chairman, NICE, Engr. Mrs. Aishatu Umar, FNSE, FNICE, (The Sarauniyar Hong) and the entire Civil Engineers in Nigeria for extending the invitation to him to participate in the 18th conference and AGM of the institution, assuring them that NUC would collaborate with them in the areas of curriculum development and review, among other areas towards repositioning the NUS to the enviable heights.





## FME SAFETY GUIDELINES ON SCHOOL RE-OPENING

- Safe distancing procedures
- Develop and display at schools, simple context-specific reference protocols on day to day actions to be operated in each school.
- Conduct risk assessment with a view to understanding the gaps in the system that can increase the risk of transmission and make recommendations for addressing the gaps
- Safety and hygiene in all stages and phases of the school reopening process, which promotes behaviors that reduce spread, such as school commutes (to and from school traveling), safe distancing, frequent hand washing and the use of facemasks.
- Other guiding frameworks include sensitization and monitoring procedures.
- Ensure adequate Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) facilities across the school premises
- Encouraging the use of open spaces for gathering and promoting outdoor activities.
- There should be regular temperature checks For all the visitors coming into the schools using infrared thermometers.
- Establish a staff/students committee for regular surveillance, monitoring, and enforcement of COVID-19 guidelines.

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**RE: FRESH DIRECTIVES FOR THE SAFE RE-OPENING OF UNIVERSITIES FOR  
ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC -  
STATUS/SCHEDULE OF RESUMPTION ACTIVITIES**

Further to the directives vide our Circular NUC/ES/138/Vol. 131, dated 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, with which Vice-Chancellors were requested to arrange for immediate resumption, I have been directed to obtain from respective Universities, the status and/or schedule of resumption of academic activities, including ongoing plans for reopening by Universities which are yet to do so.

I am also to request Universities to update the Commission through their written responses on or before Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, preparatory to the impending joint monitoring and verification visits. Subsequent to this, universities would be expected to send in periodic briefs to enable the Commission to assess the situation further and revert to the Federal Ministry of Education, as the need arises.

Please accept the assurances of the Executive Secretary's highest considerations, at all times.

**Chris J. Maiyaki**  
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## **FRESH DIRECTIVES FOR THE SAFE RE-OPENING OF UNIVERSITIES FOR ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

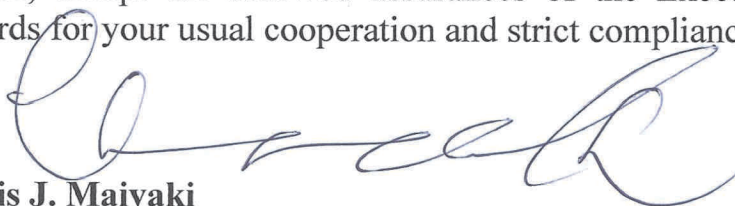
Vice-Chancellors will please recall that vide Circulars Ref. NUC/ES/138/Vol.63/91 and NUC/ES/138/Vol.63/92 of Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020, the National Universities Commission conveyed the directive of the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), for the closure of Higher Education institutions for a period of one month, effective from Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 of 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**

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Honourable Minister of State for Education  
Permanent Secretary, FME  
Executive Secretary, NUC





## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

# Approved Open University and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

**T**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. 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. Ladoke 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.

# LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

## FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	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	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, 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 Maritime 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

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	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, Boko	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, Ogbomosho	1990	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	44	Borno State University	2016
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
15	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009			
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			



# LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

## PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999	27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
2	Madonna University, Okija	1999	28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
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	2016
10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005	36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009	62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009	63	Clifford University, Owerrinta, Abia State	2016
12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016
13	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	39	Rhema University, Aba	2009	65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005	42	Baze University, Abuja	2011	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	43	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017
18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	44	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011	70	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005	45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	71	Precious Cornerstone University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005	46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	72	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Portharcourt, River State	2017
21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	73	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
22	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	74	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos State	2017
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012	75	Skyline University, Nigeria Kano State	2018
24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	76	Greenfield University, Kasarami Kaduna State	2019
25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	77	Dominion University, Ibadan Oyo State	2019
26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	78	Trinity University, Laloko Ogun State	2019
						79	Westland University, Iwo Osun State	2019



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### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

**T**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 CAPE 3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The “Universities” are:

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

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

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

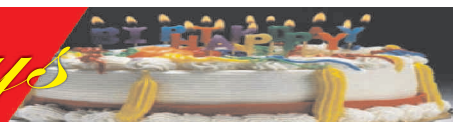
For the avoidance of doubt, anybody who patronises or obtains any certificate from any of these illegal institutions does so at his or her own risk. Certificates obtained from these sources will not be recognised for the purposes of NYSC, employment, and further studies.

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

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

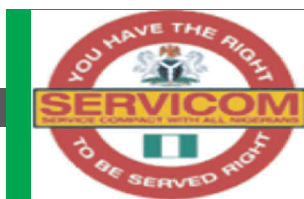
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# This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
ALIYU	ABUBAKAR	YAHAYA	26 October
JULIET	ONYEKACHI	MBACHU	26 October
HENRY	OGOCHUKWU	ANAZIAH	27 October
MATTHEW	EROMOSELE	IHAYERE	27 October
AISHA	OYOLA	AYITOGO	27 October
ABDULLATEEF		ABDULSALAM	28 October
OLAMIDE	ZEINAB	OSUNTOGUN	28 October
VICTOR	EMMANUEL	UYO M	29 October
AARA	NYAZI	ZANG F	29 October
BRIGHT	C	OSEMEKE	31 October
NGUNAN		YAAYA	31 October
FRANCA	ELOCHI	CHUKWUONWO	31 October
ITOHAN	OFURE	OZO-ESON	31 October
MICHAEL	ENAHORO	EJEGWA	1 October
OLUWATOBI	AYOKUNLE	FOWORA	1 October

*Wishing You Many happy returns!*  
*Best Wishes for the week*



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