

Visitation Panels To Federal Varsities To Be Gazetted

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL has disclosed that Visitation Panels to 38 federal universities and four Inter-University Centres recently approved by the President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR would be gazetted to enable the exercise to be carried out.

In a Press Release, the Director, Public Affairs, Ibrahim Usman Yakasai said that the executive secretary revealed while briefing the Quality Assurance Committee of the NUC Board during their meeting in Abuja, that the federal ministry of education was working with the justice ministry to ensure that the gazettement was done expeditiously.

Professor Rasheed said that as soon as the gazettement was done, the Hon. Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu would inaugurate the panels after which they would proceed to their respective

universities for the assignment.

He explained that all federal

Maritime University, Okerenkoko, the Army University, Biu and the Federal



Prof. Abubakar Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

universities and Inter-University Centres would receive a visitation team each except those universities created less than five years ago: the

University of Health Sciences, Otukpo as they were not due for such visitation, adding that the other universities: the Nigerian

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Defence Academy (NDA), Kaduna, Airforce Institute of Technology (AFIT), Kaduna and the Police Academy, Wudil would also not be visited.

Prof. Rasheed also said that the audit would cover a period of ten years for all the universities to be visited except for the federal universities in Birnin Kebbi, Gashua and Gusau whose audit would cover only five years as they were created less than ten years ago. Their report would cover the period 2013 to 2017. "For the ten year period each visitation panel is

to produce two separate reports of five years each covering January 2011 to December 2015 and January 2016 to December 2020", he said.

According to the release, the chairmen of the panels were drawn from some of the best retired public servants including a former Chief of Army Staff, six former Heads of Service of the Federation; former federal permanent secretaries; former vice chancellors; and Professors Emeritus, amongst several others.

He said that membership of Panels was largely drawn from serving and retired academics and non-academics, retired public servants, professionals and the military, adding that "each Panel will have an accountant, a lawyer, an architect and or an engineer; an experienced professor and an experienced university administrator who would either be a former registrar, a former bursar or others.

FG Renegotiates 2009 ASUU Agreement — Adamu Inaugurates Govt. Team

The Hon. Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu last week inaugurated the federal government's team that would renegotiate the 2019 FGN/ASUU Agreement with university based unions.

Inaugurating the team, Mal. Adamu Adamu reaffirmed the commitment of the present administration to finding lasting solutions to the challenges confronting the education sector, and most especially, the university sub-sector.

He said that government was determined to, within available resources, provide the requisite environment, infrastructure as well as improve the conditions of service for all categories of staff in Nigerian universities.

He lamented that although most of residual issues were part of the comprehensive agreement reached with the previous administration, adding that "nonetheless I can

report that significant progress has, so far, been recorded and there is an opportunity that our public universities, like their private counterparts, will soon reopen for academic activities."

far-reaching recommendations that would reposition the Nigerian university system.

He said that it had become necessary and urgent that all hands must now be on deck to



Mal. Adamu Adamu
Hon. Minister of Education

The minister revealed that the government's team is expected to take another look at the 2009 Agreements reached with the university-based unions and work with each union towards making

restore the confidence reposed in university education by students, parents and the general public.

Malam Adamu Adamu said that

government had in the last several months, held several meetings with the leadership of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and others, to resolve the outstanding issues that led to the current industrial action in public universities, adding that like other stakeholders, government was worried about the vicious cycle over the years of industrial actions by all university unions.

He said that the cumulative effect had been the obvious loss of productive and precious man-hours needed by the universities to fulfil their tripod mandates of teaching, research and community action. "All these have impacted negatively on our learning outcomes and the reputation of the Nigerian brand, which hitherto was the pride of the nation."

The Federal Government Team, which is categorised into substantive members, advisers and observers, is led by Professor Emeritus Munzali M. Jibril, OFR. Other members are: Amb. Chief Dr. (Mrs.) Nimota Nihinola Akanbi

Federal University Ndufu Alike, Ikwo - Rep. South-South; Arch. Lawrence P. Ngbale Pro-Chancellor, Federal University, Wukari - Rep. North-East; Professor Femi Odekunle Pro-Chancellor, FUT, Minna - Rep. South-West; Senator (Dr.) Nkechi

Among the advisers are: Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC); Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund); Chairman, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVC);



Prof. Munzali Jibril
Chairman of the Committee Renegotiation Committee

Nworgu Pro-Chancellor, University of Calabar - Rep. South-East; Professor Shehu Usman Abdullahi Pro-Chancellor, Kaduna State University - Rep. North West; Sen. Maj. Gen. Mamman Magoro, OFR Pro-

Chairman, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of State-owned Universities; Chairman, Association of Registrars of Nigerian Universities (ARNU); Secretary, Association of Registrars of Nigerian Universities (ARNU); Chairman, Association of Bursars of Nigerian Universities (ABNU), and Secretary, Association of Bursars of Nigerian Universities (ABNU).



Meet session

Pro-Chancellor, Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi - Rep. North-Central; Professor Emeritus Nimi Briggs Pro-Chancellor,

Chancellor, Kebbi State University Birnin Kebbi - Rep. State owned universities.

The observer category is composed of representatives from the: Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity; Federal Ministry of Education; Federal Ministry of Finance and Budget Planning; Federal Ministry of Justice; Salaries, Incomes and Wages Commission, and Office of Head of Civil Service of the Federation.

The minister told them that they

were carefully selected in recognition of their records in university management and academic leadership.

The team also comprised technocrats and some of the shining lights and Nigeria's leading figures in higher education. The terms of reference of the team

both parties, such that will facilitate a repositioning of Nigerian universities for greater responsibilities in national development. Propose and prescribe short, medium and long-term measures for the sustainable funding and management of federal universities, in order to

implementation of future agreements, by all stakeholders.

The Chairman of the renegotiation team, Emeritus Professor Jibril, thanked the federal government for the confidence reposed in them, while assuring early submission



Mal. Adamu Adamu (8th right) and Prof. Munzali (7th right) with members of the Renegotiation Committee in a group photograph

are: Re-negotiate the residual issues in the 2009 Agreements between the Federal Government of Nigeria and the university-based unions, towards a workable and implementable agreement between

restore lasting peace, stability, harmony and progress in the Nigerian-university System; and make any other recommendations, as may be necessary, to ensure the realistic

of report that would guide government actions in creating industrial harmony and conducive atmosphere for teaching and learning in Nigerian universities.

Senate Advises FG To Build e-validation Portal To Check Fake Results

The Senate last Thursday advised the federal ministry of education to build and maintain for all tertiary institutions in Nigeria, an e-validation portal to enable employers and relevant authorities or organization within and outside Nigeria, to verify and validate academic results and certificates obtained from tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

The decision was sequel to a motion by Senator Nicholas Tofowomo, the lawmaker representing Ondo South Senatorial District at the red chamber with the title: "the urgent need to compel all tertiary institutions in Nigeria to subscribe to e-validation of results portal so that employers and

relevant organisations within and outside Nigeria can verify the results of Nigerian graduates.

Senator Tofowomo noted that the use of fake results/certificates by Nigerians to work in Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDA's) and private organisations, and the use of same, to run for elective offices in

Nigeria, was very disturbing and embarrassing.

The motion partly reads: "Note that in Nigeria today, many unqualified and dubious people are riding to the corridor of power with fake certificate results even when the minimum qualification to run for the highest office of the land is a school certificate."

"That suspected corrupt tertiary institutions' personnel are aiding and abetting this evil menace which

institutions in Nigeria, an e-validation portal, to enable employers and relevant authorities or organization within and outside Nigeria, to verify and validate academic result/certificate obtained from tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

ii. THAT the Federal Ministry of Education should compel all tertiary institutions in Nigeria to subscribe to the e-validation result portal proposed in the (1) above, like the WAEC, NECO and the

results/certificates brought before them in the course of employment/recruitment into respective offices.

The Ondo South Senator said the chain of fake degrees and school certificates being paraded by Nigerians in the political sector, ministry and industrial sectors respectively could not be overemphasised and informed his decision to move the motion.

"Just as we have fake professors,



Members of the Senate

has become a source of embarrassment to Nigeria in the comity of nations."

After presentation, the motion was seconded by Senator Betty Apiafi (PDP Rivers West) with little amendments and the Senate resolved as follows:

i. THAT the Federal Ministry of Education should build and maintain for all tertiary

Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) portals to verify, authenticate and validates results/certificates obtained from tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

iii. THAT all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) and all employers of labour to use the portal as proposed in (1) above to check, verify and authenticate academic

so also we have fake lawyers, fake medical doctors, fake engineers and many others parading themselves with fake results.

"It is a recurrence national malaise because of the poor database in our institutions and lack of e-validation of results portal across our tertiary institutions." This is why I think this motion is urgently needed as a matter of public importance.

**General Secretariat (GS)**

Geneva, 6 November 2020

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To the Director-General**Circular letter No. 47**Subject: **Vacancy Notice No. 49P-2020/BR-IAP/EXTERNAL/P3**

Dear Sir,

The post described in the Annex is to be filled at ITU Headquarters.

The relevant job description with the qualifications required, as well as all other useful information, is annexed hereto.

Administrations are requested to circulate vacancy notices to all potential sources of recruitment including universities, institutes, associations of engineers and the private sector as the case may be.

I would be grateful if Administrations would invite qualified candidates and especially women candidates to apply for the above position not later than 06/01/2021 on ITU web site: <http://www.itu.int/employment/Recruitment/index.html>

The Plenipotentiary Conference adopted the Resolution 48 (Rev. Dubai 2018), affirming that: "...when filling vacant posts by international recruitment, in choosing between candidates who meet the qualification requirements for a post, preference shall be given to candidates from regions of the world which are under-represented in the staffing of the Union, taking into account the balance between female and male staff mandated by the United Nations common system;"

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Houlin ZHAO
Secretary-General

Annexes: **Vacancy Notice No. 49P-2020/BR-IAP/EXTERNAL/P3**

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- **Core Competencies:** Applying Expertise; Effective Communication; Learning and Knowledge Sharing; Organizational Commitment; Results-Focused, and; Teamwork and Collaboration.
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- **Essential Technical Competencies:** Knowledge of object oriented software development and good knowledge of the computer programming language C++; Experience using relational database technology with practical experience in database design and implementation and

transaction processing; Good knowledge and experience with Qt development framework (under C++) would be an asset; Knowledge of application design & development in an open source world (in particular, web applications and services) would be an asset; Experience with migrating legacy software components to modern technologies would be an asset; Ability to work both independently and in a team as well as with users for defining the software requirements; Ability and willingness to learn and stay up-to-date with new information technologies.

Qualifications required

Education:

Advanced university degree in systems/technology related field, engineering or science or a related field OR education from a reputed college of advanced education with a diploma of equivalent standard to that of an advanced university degree in one of the fields above. For internal candidates, a first university degree in one of the fields above in combination with seven years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree for promotion or rotation purposes.

Experience:

At least five years of progressively responsible experience primarily in software analysis, design, development and programming, in implementation of technical applications including at least two years at the international level. Experience in software development in the field of radiocommunication engineering applications would be an advantage. A Doctorate in a related field can be considered as a substitute for two years of working experience.

Languages:

Knowledge of one of the six official languages of the Union (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, Spanish) at advanced level and knowledge of a second official language at intermediate level. Knowledge of a third official language would be an advantage. (Under the provisions of Resolution No. 626 of the Council, a relaxation of the language requirements may be authorized in the case of candidates from developing countries: when candidates from such countries possess a thorough knowledge of one of the official languages of the Union, their applications may be taken into consideration.)

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Ref No: W.1/S.22/XVI/75122nd October, 2020
Date:

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The Hon. Minister
Federal Ministry of Education
Abuja

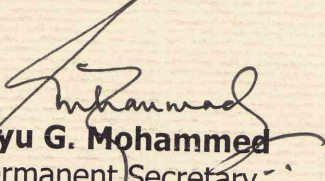
✓ The Executive Chairman
National Universities Commission
Abuja

**LIBERIAN AUTHORITIES DESIGNATE PRIVATE UNIVERSITY
ILLEGAL FOR OFFERING UNACCREDITED GRADUATE DEGREE
PROGRAMS**

I wish to draw your attention to a report which informed that the Liberian Ministry of Education has designated Gamaliel Christian International University as illegal for offering twelve (12) to sixteen (16) weeks long graduate degree programs without requisite accreditation and extorting money from unsuspecting students, mostly foreigners including Nigerians.

2. Consequent upon the foregoing, you may wish to kindly consider flagging the University as unaccredited and as well advise prospective Nigerian students against seeking admissions into the University.

3. Please, accept the assurances of the high regards of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation.


Aliyu G. Mohammed
Permanent Secretary
for: Secretary to the Government
of the Federation



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EDUCATIONAL PLANNING, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

IEF.54/S.63/I/175

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

19th October, 2020

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

CALL FOR APPLICATION: 12TH EDITION OF HASSAN II GRAND PRIZE FOR INVENTION AND RESEARCH IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD - 2021" BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

I am directed to inform you that the Nigerian National Commission for the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (NATCOM-ICESCO) is in receipt of a correspondence from ICESCO Headquarters in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, informing Nigeria of the announcement of a Call for application of the 13th Edition of "*Hassan II Grand Prize for Invention and Research in the Agricultural Field*" for the year 2021,

2. The Prize is awarded by the Ministry of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forests of the Kingdom of Morocco, and is open to interested applicants in the Agricultural fields Research from public, individuals, government bodies, private sector, associations and non-profit institutions in ICESCO Member States.
3. As the Regulating Agency responsible for University Education, Research and Innovation in Nigeria, you are kindly requested to publicize widely, the announcement of the prize, using your network, to the interested candidates under your purview to apply.
4. Kindly note that all interested applicants are expected to apply for the Award through the following link: www.agriculture.gov.ma and send their applications directly by e-mail to the Ministry of Agriculture of Kingdom of Morocco. For further information, applicants can contact the concerned Ministry's Department of Education, Training and Research at +212 5 37 10 36 52 or by e-mail: defr.desrd@gmail.com.
5. Enclosed herewith, is a copy of the announcement of the Prize for your information and further necessary action.
6. Please, accept the assurances of the Honourable Minister's best regards.

Adeoye, E. O. (Mrs.)

Ag. Director, Educational Planning, Research and Development,
For: Honourable Minister



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.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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7th October, 2020

All Vice-Chancellors
Nigerian Universities

**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 18th 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, 9th 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
Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)
For: Executive Secretary

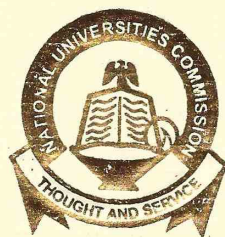
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18th September, 2020

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

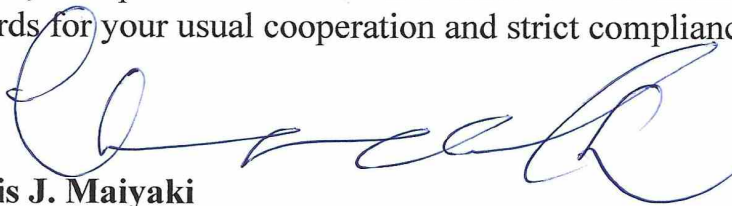
Vice-Chancellors will please recall that vide Circulars Ref. NUC/ES/138/Vol.63/91 and NUC/ES/138/Vol.63/92 of Friday, 20th March, 2020, the National Universities Commission conveyed the directive of the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), for the closure of Higher Education institutions for a period 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 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

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



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

Approved Open University and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

The 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

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 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
BONIFACE	CHEKWUBECHUKWU	ODUM	8 December
DAVID	ONWE	EGWURUBE	8 December
JIME	ADAMU	MOHAMMED	8 December
ADAKU	SHIRLEY	OBIJURU	9 December
UGOCHUKWU	ANDREW	EZEoba	9 December
MUHAMMAD	AKAWU	DANRANGI	10 December
ABDUL-RAHEEM	MUSA	AHMAD	11 December
GABRIEL	ITIIYEMKA	ODAMA	11 December
RASHEED	DENIYI	MUSTAPHA	12 December
IZEHIUWA		ASABOR	12 December
GARBA		ABDULLAHI	12 December
OGHOGHO	HAUWA	SULEIMAN-ILEMONO	12 December

Wishing You Many happy returns!
Best Wishes for the week



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