

Government Decries Low Enrolment In TVET

The Federal Government has express concern over the low enrolment of students in vocational and technical education courses in Nigeria.

The Minister of Education, Mallam Adamu Adamu, said vocational and technical education was meant to address the skills gap among unemployed youths in the country. He said it was unfortunate that many Nigerians remained unemployed or underemployed after graduation because they lack relevant skills to contribute to the economic development of the country.

The Minister who said this at a workshop organised by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) also identified low public perception as one of the challenges of Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) adding that TVET remained a veritable pathway to success.

The minister, who was represented by the Director, Tertiary Education, Federal Ministry of Education, Mrs Rakiya Iliyasu said: "Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) faced multiple challenges

in Nigeria which are compounded by low public perception of the sub-sector."

He said that TVET institutions were responsible for implementing programmes that

markets.

He disclosed that "Nigeria had a total number of 171 technical colleges, 108 polytechnics, 61 mono-technics, 98 Vocational Enterprise Institutions (VEIs)



Mal. Adamu Adamu
Minister of Education

equipped students with the relevant skills and competencies to meet the needs of the labour

and 150 Innovation Enterprise Institutions (IEI), equipping learners with technical and

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vocational skills through formal and non-formal channels.”

To reverse this trend and reposition

TVET for national growth, the minister said challenges facing vocational and technical

education in Nigeria needed to be addressed.

Imam Calls for Improved Education Tax Collection

The Chairman Board of Trustees, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Kashim Ibrahim Imam, has stressed the need to improve education tax collection to sustain TETFund’s continuous interventions in the country’s tertiary institutions.



Kashim Ibrahim Imam
Chairman, BoT TETFund

Imam who made this call, at the 2020 joint TETFund/Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) interactive forum, held in Lagos, expressed concern that the Covid-19 pandemic had adversely affected the world economy, including Nigeria saying that decisive and stronger measures needed to be taken to ameliorate the effects of the present day reality.

Imam who spoke on the theme, ‘New Thrust in Sustaining the EDT collection during Covid-19 pandemic for effective service delivery of the mandate of the fund’, said the fund have been bedeviled with the challenge of

meeting the target of Education Tax (EDT) collection, over the years.

He added that with the present state of the economy and the realities of the time, it will likely face same challenge except with deliberate and concerted efforts.

According to him,” Giving the realities of our time, there is need for improved effort to cushion the effects of the likely downturn of EDT collections.

The synergy between the fund and FIRS, he noted, is vital to the transformation evident in public tertiary institutions across Nigeria.

“This was achieved as a result of joint delivery of complementary services by providing amiable and lasting solutions to our beneficiaries. In addition, the successful strategic partnerships over the years can be attributed to the strong, relentless commitment and cooperation by the leadership of both organisations and zeal to improve education in the country.”

The chairman who disclosed that it had just ended its nationwide tour of institutions to access projects built from its funding said there were over 10,000 different projects across institutions in Nigeria with a budget of N250 billion.

“We are out to prove that public institutions give good account of themselves.”

Asked about the call for the funding of private universities in the country, Imam said, “Private institutions are for profit making. If we start giving them funds, it means we would start excluding the children of the less privileged from accessing quality education.”

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of the fund, Professor Suleiman Elias Bogoro, who agreed with Imam on funding of private institutions said the idea was non negotiable. He noted



Prof. Suleiman Bogoro
Executive Secretary, TETFund

that in terms of population, the ratio of students in the public institutions compared to private is 94 per cent to six per cent.

He said inspite of the increasing number of beneficiary institutions and limited funds available for interventions, TETFund had performed credibly well over the years in transforming tertiary education in Nigeria.

FG Launches 2020 Education Data Survey

The National Population Commission (NPC), in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Education Abuja, on Monday formally performed the official Launch and Dissemination of 2020 Nigeria Education Data Survey (NEDS) recently in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State.

Performing the ceremony, the Chairman of the National Population Commission (NPC) Hon Nasir Isa Kwarra, said that the conduct of the 2020 Nigeria Education Data Survey was in fulfillment of the mandate of the Commission of providing Data for National Planning especially in the Education Sector.

Hon Isa Kwarra represented by a Federal Commissioner in the Commission Chief Darlington Okereke, said that the Federal Government with support from the World Bank was implementing the Better Education Service Delivery for All (BESDA) programme in 17 States across the Six geo-political Zones of the country.

“BESDA is an intervention programme that seeks to among others reduce the number of Out-Of-School Children, improve literacy rates and strengthen accountability in the education sector especially at the primary and junior secondary school levels in Nigeria”

The NPC boss enumerated the objectives of the 2020 NEDS Report to include the production of data that will verify reduced number of out-of-school children, improve education data collection methods and processes for enhanced data quality.

“While the Commission generates Demographic Data for National Census, the need for the conduct of specialized surveys at more regular intervals in order to



Hon. Isa Kwarra

complement the Data from the census and provide more detailed information for Evidence Based Planning can not be over emphasized”

The NPC boss reiterated that the conduct of the Survey and the Data generated will be a veritable tool for revamping the Education Sector through informed Policy Decision.

Earlier, in a Lecture titled, “An Overview of BESDA Implementation, the Coordinator in the Federal Ministry of Education Mrs Amina Buba Haruna represented by Mr Matthew Nganjiozor, emphasized the need to tackle the menace of Out-of-School Children in the country.

“Nigeria is coming Second among

countries with the highest number of Out-of-School Children.” She called on implementing Agencies notably Universal Basic Education Boards, Ministries of Education and relevant Government Ministries Agencies and Departments to disseminate this 2020 Nigeria Education Data Survey Documents in schools for assimilation of all citizens.

Goodwill messages were received from Ebonyi State Govt, National Bureau of Statistics, Civil Society Organizations, all harped on the need to reduce the number of Out-of-School Children in the country.

Highlights of the event was the formal launch/Dissemination of the 2020 Nigeria Education Data Survey by Dignitaries that cuts across Officials of the Commission, Federal Ministry of Education, Civil Society Organizations, the Academia and National Bureau of Statistics.

Participants at the Launch were drawn from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), National Bureau of Statistics, Universal Basic Education Commission, the Academia etc. It would be recalled that the mandate of the National Population Commission (NPC) as contained in the Third Schedule of the 1999 Constitution is to provide Demographic Data for planning purposes through the conduct of periodic census and surveys.



FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
NATIONAL FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL ECONOMY

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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4th December, 2020

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

**FORWARDING OF VACANCY ADVERTISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATION UNION**

I am directed to forward the attached self-explanatory circular letter with number 47 and subject: **VACANCY NOTICE NO. 49P-2020/BR-IAP/EXTERNAL/P3**, from the Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), informing all Member Administrations of the vacant positions to be filled at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

2. Pursuant to this, the vacancy notice is hereby brought to your attention for all qualified and interested members of staff of the Commission and the Academia to apply.

3. Accept the assurances of the Honourable Minister/ Chairman NFMC highest esteemed regards, Please.

Engr. A. A. Ladan
Secretary, NFMC
for: Honourable Minister

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2020/2021 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
COMPUTER BASED TEST (CBT)**

The Honourable Minister of Education (HME), **Mallam Adamu Adamu**, hereby invites interested and qualified Nigerians to participate in the 2020/2021 **Nomination** Computer Based Test (CBT) for the Federal Government Scholarship Award for:

NIGERIA AWARD SCHOLARSHIP (NA) 2020/2021 TENABLE IN NIGERIA PUBLIC TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NIGERIAN AWARD AS FOLLOWS:

- ❖ Applicants for Postgraduate studies should possess a minimum of first degree with Second Class Honours Upper Division. Applicant must be registered Full-Time students of Federal or State Universities.
- ❖ All other applicants (UG, HND & NCE) must be registered full-time students in their second year or above in Federal or State Universities, Polytechnics, Monotechnics and Colleges of Education. All undergraduate Scholarship applicants (Physically challenged inclusive) must have at least 4.0 Cumulative Grade Points Aggregate (CGPA) on a five (5) point scale or its equivalents or 5.0 on a 7 point scale.
- ❖ All NCE and HND applicants must have a CGPA of 3.5 and above on a scale of 4.0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ✓ The scholarship is tenable in Nigeria and take effect from the beginning of the academic session.
- ✓ It shall not be held at the same time with another Award nor for part-time studies.
- ✓ Change of course or Institution is not allowed while enjoying the award.

FIELD OF STUDY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE AWARD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Science and Technology
- B. Medicine and Para-medicals
- C. Education
- D. Agriculture
- E. Liberal Arts/Social/Management Sciences
- F. Entrepreneurial Studies,

- G. ICT
- H. Environmental Sciences
- I. Law

METHOD OF APPLICATION

All qualified candidates are advised to:

- a. Visit Federal Ministry of Education's website www.education.gov.ng and click on **Federal Scholarship Board ICON on the Home Page:**
- b. Read Guidelines and then Complete the Application Form online
- c. Print the Examination slip.
- d. Double Entries will be disqualified!**

Attach documents

- i. Letter of Admission to the Institution
- ii. Current Course Registration Form
- iii. CGPA results of year 1, 2, 3, etc.
- iv. Current School's Identity Card
- v. State/ Local Government indigene certificate

NOTE:

- Come with one set of completed online printed form at the venue of the interviews as scheduled below:

2019/2020 FSB COMPUTER BASED TEST VENUES

S/N	ZONE	STATE	VENUE
1.	NORTH – WEST	SOKOTO KANO	SOKOTO KANO
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3.	NORTH-CENTRAL	FCT KOGI	BWARI LOKOJA
4.	SOUTH –WEST	OYO ONDO	IBADAN AKURE
5.	SOUTH- SOUTH	DELTA RIVERS	ASABA P/HARCOURT
6.	SOUTH- EAST	ENUGU IMO	ENUGU OWERRI



General Secretariat (GS)

Geneva, 6 November 2020

E-mail: HRerecruit@itu.int

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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VACANCY NOTICE N° 49P-2020/BR-IAP/EXTERNAL/P3

Date of Issue: 6 November 2020
Currently accepting applications

Applications from women are encouraged

Functions: Software Engineer

Post Number: R22/P3/659

Deadline for Applications (23.59 Geneva CH) : 6 January 2021

Duration of Contract: 2 years with possibility of renewal for 2 additional years

Type of Appointment: Fixed-term Appointment Duty Station: Geneva, Switzerland

Grade: P3

Organ:

The Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) is responsible for the application of the Radio Regulations and for technical and administrative support of ITU World and Regional Radiocommunication Conferences, Radiocommunication Assemblies and Study Groups. The Bureau also carries out the international regulatory processes for registration of frequency assignments and satellite orbits and assists administrations in their coordination and implementation of frequency spectrum and orbit requirements as well as in resolving cases of harmful interference. It provides the specialised technical secretariat for the work of the Radiocommunication Study Groups and the Radiocommunication Assembly in the development of recommendations for spectrum utilisation and radio system characteristics. The BR is organised into four Departments: Space Services Department, Terrestrial Services Department, Informatics, Administration and Publications Department and the Study Groups Department.

Organization Unit:

The Informatics, Administration and Publications Department (IAP) comprises of three Divisions: Space Applications Software (SAS), Terrestrial Applications Software (TAS) and Administration (ADM). The Department is responsible for the development and maintenance of software and related tools used by the BR as well as software adapted for national frequency management units, providing the necessary user support for the areas concerned. It carries out studies related to

policies for the technologies to be used for the information and computational systems within the BR and with administrations in the fields of management of the radio frequency spectrum and the various satellite orbits. The Department is responsible for BR text editing and publications, as well as promotion and membership. The Department is also responsible for human resources management for the BR, including the preparation of the operational plans, as well as provides organisational support for conferences and meetings.

Duties / Responsibilities

Under the supervision of the Head, Terrestrial Applications Software Division (TAS), the incumbent performs the following duties:

- Provides hands-on support for Application and Database development from configuration, gathering 'business' requirements, researching solutions, creating detailed functional specifications, and developing application architecture, data models, databases structures, application development, undertake integration testing, facilitate user acceptance testing, production deployment and support and training for internal and external users and documentation.
- Investigates reported system/application/module/database problems, conducts tests to isolate problems and root cause to resolve problems, implements workarounds as required and conducts further diagnostics and tests as necessary.
- Analyses client requirements and designs, tests, and implements new and/or improved/enhanced systems, applications, modules, and/or databases etc. as well as designs, develops and/or modifies work and software tools, standards, and templates, etc..
- Participates in projects and/or may lead components focusing on specific aspects, involved in the identification, development, testing, and implementation of changes/enhancements to processes, systems, and structures.
- Works with engineers and other Terrestrial Services Department (TSD) staff to assess ongoing and proposed work requirements to maintain and improve processing activities.
- Demonstrates continuous effort to improve practices, decrease turnaround times, streamline work processes and work cooperatively and jointly with others to provide quality seamless service for the Department.
- Keeps abreast of the latest technologies and software and contributes to the migration of legacy system components to the most modern technologies.
- Performs other duties as required: such as maintaining documentation relating to business processes, providing user training and participating in seminars etc..

Competencies

- **Core Competencies:** Applying Expertise; Effective Communication; Learning and Knowledge Sharing; Organizational Commitment; Results-Focused, and; Teamwork and Collaboration.
- **Essential Functional Competencies:** Analysis, Judgement and Decision Making; Planning and Organizing; Client and Service Orientation; Innovation and Facilitating Change; Networking and Building Partnerships; Successful Management, and; Leadership.
- **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.)

Additional Information:

Salary:

Total annual salary consists of a net annual salary (net of taxes and before medical insurance and pension fund deductions) in US dollars and a post adjustment (PA) (cost of living allowance). The PA is variable and subject to change without notice in accordance with the rates as set within the UN Common System for salaries and allowances.

Annual salary from \$ 60,962 + post adjustment \$ 53,647

Other allowances and benefits subject to specific terms of appointment, please refer to <http://www.itu.int/en/careers/Pages/Conditions-of-Employment.aspx>

Applicants will be contacted directly if selected for written test. Interviews may be used as a form of screening.

For further information concerning the Conditions of Employment please click [the following link](#)

Applicants will be contacted only if they are under serious consideration

Currently accepting applications



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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION
SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE, SHEHU SHAGARI COMPLEX, THREE ARMS ZONE, ABUJA**

Ref No: W.1/S.22/XVI/751

22nd October, 2020
Date:

Telegrams SECFEDGOVT;

The Hon. Minister
Federal Ministry of Education
Abuja

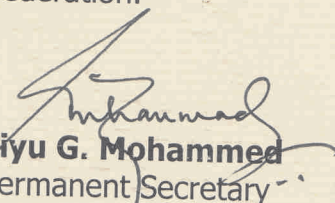
✓ The Executive Chairman
National Universities Commission
Abuja

**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



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Federal Secretariat, Shehu Shagari Way, Abuja, Nigeria

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



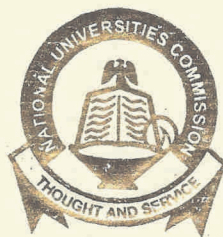
FME SAFETY GUIDELINES ON SCHOOL RE-OPENING

- 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

Cc: Honourable Minister of Education
Honourable Minister of State for Education
Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education

Cc: Executive Secretary
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18th September, 2020

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

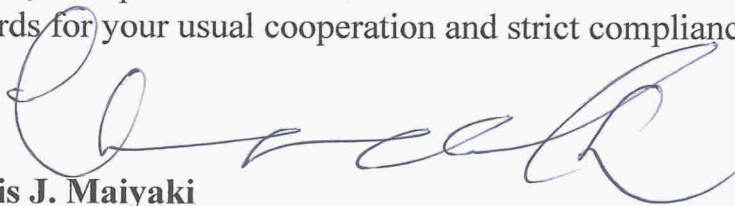
Vice-Chancellors will please recall that vide Circulars Ref. NUC/ES/138/Vol.63/91 and NUC/ES/138/Vol.63/92 of Friday, 20th March, 2020, the National Universities Commission conveyed the directive of the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), for the closure of Higher Education institutions for a period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

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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			

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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.*

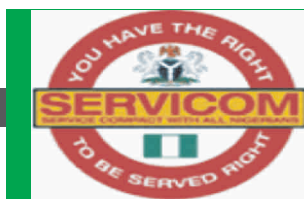
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SAMUEL	MARCEL	ONAZI	17 December
KEHINDE	OSEPH	BAKARE	17 December
ENOMFON	SUNDAY	AKPAN-EKPO	18 December
MARGARET-MARY	CHINONYEREM	EKENNA	19 December
OKOHO	EYO	ETIM	20 December
ABDULATEEF		ISYAKA	20 December

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