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FG Inaugurates Audit Panel to Varsities

The Federal Government last week inaugurated 38 visitation panels to audit the federal universities and 4 other Inter University Centres (IUCs) in Nigeria.

Perm. Sec. Arch. Sonny Echono (2nd left); Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed (2nd right); Executive Secretary, TETFund, Prof. Suleiman Bogoro (1st left); Director, Tertiary Education, FME, Mrs. Rakiya Gambo (1st right)

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony held last week, the Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu said that government was aware of the rot that had besought the universities, which therefore necessitated the constitution of the panels to look into the problems and proffer solutions.

The Minister, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Arch. Sunny Echono, stressed that he was elated that five former heads of service accepted to serve as chair of some of the panels.

He, however, expressed the need for due process to be observed in the exercise as the rationale behind the set up was not for witch hunting but aimed at monitoring the tertiary education in Nigeria as their enabling laws provided for. According to the law, such an exercise is to be carried out every five years.

He lamented that the exercise

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of constituting panels to visit universities had been abandoned for the past 10 years due to negligence, hence the need for the panel to be inaugurated in order to carry out a pain-staking assignment.

The terms of reference of the newly inaugurated panel include reviewing the following:

- Level of implementation of the last report;
- Leadership qualities of the institutions;
- financial management of the institutions; as well as to
- Investigate the grants and loans for project;
- Examine the staff development programmes;
- Relationship of the institution with statutory bodies;
- Examine the laws establishing the universities; and
- Historical evolution of the university;
- Examine the security situation of the university and the processes and structures of discipline each of the university has in place, if it is in line with the rule of law.

Participants at the event

The Minister explained that 60 days was the time frame for the assignment to be concluded. He added that the federal government was committed to implementing the full recommendation of the report.

This, he stated, was aimed at laying a good foundation for accountability so as to bring back the good old days when foreigners attended Nigerian universities, while also ensuring a hitch-free university education system devoid of strikes.

In his remarks, the Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed mni, MFR, FNAL, said that the panel chairmen were selected because of their passion for the development and advancement of university education in Nigeria.

He affirmed that none of the chairmen lobbied for the post but were rather approached to help in salvaging the nation's tertiary education system. He acknowledged that the panel was the highest ever

assembled in the country

Prof. Rasheed thanked the Minister of Education for his efforts towards repositioning higher education and applauded all those who agreed to serve as panel chairmen, secretaries and members. He urged them to do their very best in the assignment as the nation had bestowed on them trust and confidence.

The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETfund), Prof. Elias Suleiman Bogoro, said that the constitution of the panels exemplified a credible process as most of the chairmen were academician who desired to serve the nation.

He also restated that the exercise was a statutory exercise and a profound one too undertaken every five years. He urged the inaugurated panel members to make a strong recommendation at the end of the exercise.

Responding on behalf of the chairmen, Prof. Attahiru Jega expressed gratitude to President Muhammadu Buhari, GCFR, and the Minster of Education for giving them the opportunity to serve and pledged that they would endeavour to do their best to justify the confidence placed on them. He expressed hope that government would put the report to good use.

In a vote of thanks, Director, Tertiary Education, in the FME, Mrs. Rekiya Gambo Ilyasu thanked the President for his love for education and determination to reposition tertiary education in Nigeria. She also commended the Minister of Education for his energy and dedication to the improvement of education generally in the country. She pledged that the desired result would be achieved in order to advance university education in Nigeria.

Group photograph

Rasheed Becomes CILRMN Fellow

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, last Thursday received a delegation from the Chartered Institute of Loans and Risk Management of Nigeria (CILRMN) led by its President, Dr. Mrs. Nkechi Harriet Akubuiro on a courtesy call in his office.

Welcoming the visitors, Prof. Rasheed disclosed that NUC was very willing to work with the Institute and other professional bodies in the area of knowledge dissemination.

He noted that the visit was timely as the Commission was currently on the third phase of curriculum review using the online platform. He explained that on the completion of the review exercise, professional bodies and the private sector would be invited to make their inputs with a view to produce a viable curriculum.

He lamented that the university, as Ivory Tower, was no more what it used to be. He explained that in the past 50 years the American institutions had embarked on a review towards knowledge and skills because of the acknowledgment that they were inseparable. He reiterated that NUC had the sole authority as the regulator of academic programmes to ensure that universities prepare students for life after graduation.

The Executive Secretary urged the management of CILRMN to bring a proposal if they want risk and loan management to be included as a course in the universities so that academic gurus would look at the contents to be included in the curriculum.

He suggested that if risk and loan management were to be taught in the universities, higher institutions such as University of Lagos; Ahmadu Bello University, Kano; University of Nigeria, Nsukka; University of Maiduguri; University of Abuja and University of Port-Harcourt should be considered.

He urged to them to look into critical areas where they could help students of insurance, banking and finance as well as economics, especially that of insurance which had much to do with risk and loan management. He added that the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN) had floated a postgraduate university which remained the only one basically teaching purely accounting courses.

He asserted that Nigeria need more university as the 197 available today was still not enough. He stated that the nation's carrying capacity was very small when compared to universities in Egypt and other parts of the world with comparative population. He stated that total enrolment in private universities in Nigeria with a total of 99 was less than 6%, showing that public universities still have the largest number of students.

Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed receiving the certificate of distinguished fellow of the institute from the President, CILRMN, Dr. Mrs. Nkechi Harriet Akubuiro

In her speech, the President of CILRMN, Dr. (Mrs.) Nkechi Akubuiro, said that the Institute was established by the federal government in the year 2012. The objective include focus on education, advocacy, membership and networking.

She said that although the Institute had grown within the period, but regretted that risk management had not been given much attention in the country.

She stressed that CILRMN desired to mitigate risk through education and hope to achieve it by reducing much of the theoretical work in Nigerian universities. She said in doing these, they were also collaborating with Risk Management Institutes in Britain, American and the rest of the world.

She argued that if Europe could develop policies aimed at developing their countries in the next 20-30 years, Nigeria, according to her, should not be left behind. She gave a hint of the drive of her team to establish a risk management university and expressed the hope that NUC would license it when ready.

She urged the Executive Secretary to consider the Institute as partners in the development and review of the curriculum so that risk management could be taught at postgraduate level to enable students of the programme develop professionally.

The highlight of the visit was conferment of an honorary member of CILRMN on the Executive Secretary by the President of the Institute and the presentation of certificate of award and a plaque to him.

Meeting session

Others in her entourage include; Registrar-General, Uzomba Innocent; Council member, Dr. Mahmoud Mukhtar; Head of Secretariat, Mrs. Adeshola Ola-John and staff of the Secretariat, Chika Anyanwu.

At the meeting were NUC Directors of: Establishment of Private University, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Accreditation, Dr. (Mrs.) Maryam Sali; Human Resources, Boniface Odum as well as the Ag. Directors of: Open and e- Learning, Engr. Kayode Odedina; Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs. Lydia Imoroa and Students, Mrs. Lauretta Achor.

In attendance was the Vice-Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Prof. Kabir Bala.

Prof. Rasheed (6th left) and Dr. Harriet (6th right) In a group photo with NUC Management. Third left is VC of BUK, Prof. Adamu Abbas

UDUS Gets Solar Powered Electronic Vehicle Charging Station

Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto (UDUS) has made history by being the first

Jelani Aliyu
Director General NADDC

institution in Nigeria to get a solar powered electric vehicle charging station.

This has brought about excitement and jubilation amongst students and staff of this great institution. The electric vehicle charging station was inaugurated last week by the National Automotive Design and Development Council (NADDC).

Jelani Aliyu is the Director General of the National Automotive Design and Development Council said that the project was part of the federal government's commitment to provide durable technology.

He said the harsh weather condition in Sokoto was the major reason why Sokoto was chosen for the project.

He also said that NADDC was partnering three universities UDUS being the first then University of Lagos and University of Nigeria Nsukka.

Professor Lawal Bilbis who is the vice chancellor of the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto, has recognised the inauguration to be a landmark for the great institution and Sokoto at large. An official working at the new station explained to students how the charging process is done.

He said if the vehicles are fully charged they can travel of 480km. The vehicle do not use fuel or engine oils because they are wholly electric, he added.

Prof. Lawal Bilbis
Vice-Chancellor, UDUS

One of the cars from NADDC Electric Vehicle Pilot Project in collaboration with Usmanu Danfodio University, Sokoto

RE: Portal for Registration of EdTech Innovation Challenge 2021 Opens

The Federal Government has opened portal for Registration of EdTech Innovation Challenge 2021 for Young Nigerians. EdTech Innovation is a corporative to find positive solutions in transforming the educational system in Nigeria. The EdTech Innovation Challenge 2021, is a supportive programme for all Nigerian Youths both boys and girls by developing their ideas, skills with the aim of strengthening the Educational System in the country.

The EdTech Innovation challenge 2021 Programme, Application Requirements are follows:

1. Applicants must be categorized as part of the EdTech industry.

2. The Applicants must have cyber security experience as part of the application process.

3. Applicants must fall into any of the area;

School Management System, students with disability and Curriculum Application.

4. The aim must be for profit.

5. The Application process must be completed in English.

The above programme is opened for Tertiary Education students and Secondary school students. Teachers are also qualified to apply for the programme. Applicants must be innovative and inventive.

Applicants are expected to visit the official website innovation@afritexonline.org, so as to send their application.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF ILLEGAL UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS OF AL-NAHDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN NIGERIA

The attention of the National Universities Commission, NUC, has been drawn to the illegal operation of a so-called Satellite Campus of AL-NAHDA University, Niamey, in Gusau, Zamfara State purportedly awarding undergraduate Degrees to unsuspecting Nigerians.

The illegal AL-NAHDA Satellite, campus is located adjacent to the Zamfara State House of Assembly and has a Polaris Bank Account No. 4091289549, through which payment for its fees in Nigeria are made.

Further investigations by the NUC into the Operation of AL-NAHDA International University revealed that in Niger Republic, the University has campuses in Niamey and Maradi.

The NUC is, by this notice, alerting the general public to the Illegal operations of this institution and wishes to state categorically that all certificates obtained from it will not be recognized or be accepted in Nigeria for the purposes of NYSC, employment and or further studies.

NUC also wishes to advise state, governments and the private sector to always cross check with the NUC before patronizing any institution purporting to award degrees in any part of Nigeria to avoid embarrassment.

For the avoidance of doubt, AL-NAHDA International University, Niamey, Gusau Satellite Campus is not known to the National Universities Commission which is the sole regulatory agency for all categories of degree awarding institutions in Nigeria and any Cross Border Education model operating in Nigeria.

Their activities violate the Education National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions Act Cap E3 2004, an act which mandates NUC to close down all unapproved degree-awarding institutions.

Consequently, the Proprietors and Promoters of this illegal degree mill are by this notice directed to close down their illegal activities within 30 days. They are also to give the National Universities Commission notice of compliance within the stated period or be ready to face the consequences of their illegal operations.

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All Vice-Chancellors
Nigerian Universities

RE: SECOND WAVE OF COVID-19: STAY-AT-HOME DIRECTIVE TO GL 12 OFFICERS AND BELOW

I write at the behest of the Executive Secretary to inform the Vice-Chancellors of all Nigerian Universities, that the Federal Government has, vide the attached Circular HCSF/3065/Vol.1/47 and dated 22nd December, 2020, issued by the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, directed that Officers on Grade Level 12 and below should stay at home for a period of five weeks, effective from Wednesday, 23rd December, 2020.

Vice-Chancellors are to please note that the directive is part of the measures approved by Mr. President to mitigate the second wave of Coronavirus (COVID-19) infections in the country. The affected Officers are expected to perform their duties from home while those on GL. 13 and above should strictly adhere to the extant preventive measures including maintenance of physical distancing, regular washing of hands and/or sanitizing of hands, wearing of face masks and reducing the number of visitors to offices. A copy of the Circular is attached for proper guidance and for Vice-Chancellors to ensure full compliance with the directives of the Federal Government, as appropriate.

I am to add that, in line with the directives of the Presidential Task Force (PTF) on COVID-19 on Monday, 21st December, 2020, all academic activities, involving large crowds (e.g. classrooms, hostel accommodation, conferences and seminars), should be suspended whilst the Universities remain closed during this intervening period, pending further directives by the Federal Government on the reopening of schools.

As was the case in previous occasions, please accept the renewed assurances of the Executive Secretary's highest regards.

Chris J. Maiyaki
Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)
For: Executive Secretary

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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

Date: 22nd October, 2020

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 Developmen
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

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.

Fourteen-Step Process for the Establishment of Private Universities in Nigeria

The National Universities Commission (NUC), wishes to announce to the general public, especially prospective promoters of private universities, the fourteen-step procedure for establishing private universities in Nigeria.

1. Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
2. Interview of prospective proprietors
3. Collection of application forms
4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
5. Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in relevant NUC departments
6. Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of SCOPU
7. Interactive meeting of SCOPU with the proposed university
8. First site assessment visit
9. Finalisation of document
10. Second (final) site assessment visit
11. Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
12. Approval by NUC Management
13. Approval by NUC Board
14. Approval by FEC

Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni, MFR, FNAL*
Executive Secretary, NUC
Announcer

FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

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

STATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000
15	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000
16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000
18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002
19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002
20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004
21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004
22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004
23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005
24	Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State.	2008
25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005
26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005
27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006
28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006
29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006
30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006
31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008
32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009
33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009
34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010
35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010
36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011
37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012
38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012
39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013
40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015
41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
42	Eastern Palm University, Ogboko	2016
43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
44	Borno State University	2016
45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
49	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020
50	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021
51	University of Science and Technology, Delta State	2021
52	Ozoro Dennis Osadebe University, Asaba, Delta State	2021

LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999
2	Madonna University, Okija	1999
3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999
4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001
5	Covenant University, Ota	2002
6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002
7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003
9	Redeemers University, Ede, Osun State	2005
10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005
11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005
12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005
13	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
14	Al-Qalam University, Katsina	2005
15	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
16	Bells University of Tech, Ota, Ogun State	2005
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
18	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
19	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee Uni.)	2005
20	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
21	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
22	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006
24	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
25	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
26	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
27	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
28	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
29	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
30	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
31	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007
32	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
33	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007
34	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009
35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009
36	Nile University of Nigeria, Abuja	2009
37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009
38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009
39	Rhema University, Aba	2009
40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009
41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011
42	Baze University, Abuja	2011
43	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
44	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
45	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012
46	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
47	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012
48	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012
49	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012
50	Augustine, University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015
51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015
52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015
53	Hallmark University, Ijebu, Itele, Ogun State	2015
54	Kings University, Ode Omu, Osun State	2015
55	Michael and Cecilia Ibru Uni., Owhrode, Delta State	2015
56	Mountain Top University, Ogun State	2015
57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State	2015
58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015
59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015
60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015
61	Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State	2016
62	Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016
63	Clifford University, Owerrinta, Abia State	2016
64	Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State	2016
65	Crown Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016
66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
67	Koladaisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
69	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2017
70	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
71	Precious Cornerstone University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
72	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Portharcourt, River State	2017
73	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
74	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos State	2017
75	Skyline University, Nigeria Kano State	2018
76	Greenfield University, Kasarami Kaduna State	2019
77	Dominion University, Ibadan Oyo State	2019
78	Trinity University, Laloko Ogun State	2019
79	Westland University, Iwo Osun State	2019
80	Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwa Ibom State	2021
81	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko Irese, Kwara State	2021
82	Maranatha University, Mgbidi, Imo State	2021
83	Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State	2021
84	Al-Istqama University, Sumaila, Kano State	2021
85	Mudiame University, Irrua, Edo State	2021
86	Havilla University, Nde-Ikom, Cross River State	2021
87	Claretian University, Nekede, Imo State	2021
88	Karl Kumm University, Vom, Plateau State	2021
89	Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021
90	James Hope University, Agbor, Delta State	2021
91	Maryam Abacha American University Of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2021
92	Capital City University, Kano, Kano State	2021
93	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021
94	University Of Offa, Offa, Kwara State.	2021
95	Mewar International University Nigeria, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021
96	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021
97	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021
98	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021
99	Anan University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021

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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 CAP E3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The "Universities" are:

1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
13) Saint Augustine's University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria`
18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
24) 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, Arochukwu, Abia State.
5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.
9) L.I.F.E Leadership University, Benin City, Edo State.

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

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

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

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This Week's Birthdays

NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
TREASURE	AGBENU	OSAKWE	12 April
SALIHU	AZARE	MUSTAPHA	12 April
CHIANU	AKA	EDEMODU	12 April
ALEX	TERUNGWA	UVAH	13 April
MARGARET	AHUOIZA	OYEDELE	14 April
MUNET	MARY	IBADIN	14 April
ROSEMARY	EGO	ALU	14 April
DANIEL	OJO	AYENI	14 April
OCHUDO	AGBENU	AYI	14 April
SUNDAY	EMMANUEL	YAKUBU	14 April
MOSES		YARO	15 April
NAFISATU	MUSA	HASSAN	16 April
CHINONYE	RITA ODUMEGWU-OKONKWO		16 April
JUMMAI	HANNAH	BUBA	17 April
CHINYERE	DYMPNA	EKECHUKWU	18 April
CHRISTOPHER	ONINYE	IYEOBOR	18 April

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