

FG Moves to Sanction ‘Erring Varsities’ on Admission Process

The Federal Government has said stiffer penalties would be meted out to tertiary institutions and admission racketeers who bypass admission processes and the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

The Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, was quoted to have said this at a policy meeting at JAMB headquarters, according to the weekly bulletin of the board released by JAMB’s Head of Information and Media, Dr. Fabian Benjamin last Monday.

Adamu, who was represented by Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Architect Sonny Echono, said, “As a demonstration of our resolve, I have directed JAMB to bring forward for appropriate sanctions, the list of all institutions involved in the violation of the directive of government which was personally conveyed by me at the 2018 policy meeting at Gbongan, Osun State.

“The ministry is very resolute that

heads of such institutions will be held personally responsible, either in or out of office. As such, if we are to sanitise our

moulding the character of future generations.”

The Minister warned that all



Mal. Adamu Adamu
Hon. Minister of Education

society, we must begin from the academics as they are saddled with the responsibility of

guidelines issued at the policy meeting on admissions must be strictly adhered to as the ministry

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would not condone any abuse of the admission guidelines.

He explained that CAPS was designed to safeguard the integrity of the admission process and ensure that all errors and biases are eliminated, wondering why institutions would jettison the automated platform.

Adamu said, “Any institution that issue admission letters to candidates outside CAPS will be punished for such gross indiscipline and fraud.”

JAMB Registrar, Prof Is-haq Oloyede said for the 2021/22 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination, the board would

be introducing two new subjects – Computer Studies and Physical and Health Education.

This will bring the total number of UTME subjects to 25. Prof. Oloyede added that 956, 809 admission spaces in 962 tertiary institutions in the country and about 600, 000 had been filled.

ES Interacts With Promoters of Proposed Private Universities

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, FNAL, last week held an interactive session with the promoters of some proposed Private Universities after successful submission of their letters of intent at the NUC new Board Room.

Professor Rasheed, who was represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration) Mr. C.J. Maiyaki, said that their attempt to venture into the establishment of private universities would bridge the existing gaps between the ever-increasing number of qualified candidates who aspire yearly to gain admission into the Nigerian University System (NUS) but could not achieve their aspiration due to the inadequacy of accessibility and space.

Professor Rasheed noted that, upon his assumption as the NUC scribe, he had introduced a good

number of reforms that had yielded positive impacts aimed at repositioning the NUS in order to give it more feasibility

Universities across all proprietorships, (Federal, State and Private) Universities under its regulatory watch.



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed
Executive Secretary, NUC

in the committee of nations within the soil of Africa and the world at large.

The ES explained that NUC now boast of having over 200

He reminded the promoters of the proposed private universities that much was expected from them as running a university is capital intensive, urging them to remain focused

and law abiding by adhering strictly to the rules and regulations of the NUC

revolves around 14 steps with about 12 more to scale through having reached the second

everything about the proposed university.



Deputy Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris Maiyaki delivering his address

especially in relation to the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standard (BMAS).

stage after their letters of intent.

The proposed universities includes; Fortress University, Ikunsin, Surulere, Oyo State, Zion University, New City University, Aiyetoro, Makun Shagamu, Ogun state, University of Applied Science and Technology (UNAST), Oju, Benue State, Euston University, Ebonyi State, Inaayatullah Education Foundation Inaayatullah University, Iwo, Coastline University, Agadagbao-Obon, Arogbo, Ese-Odo, Ondo State, Standout University of Nigeria, Otta, Ogun State, Medical university of Nigeria, Mandate University, Kuje Abuja, ICT

Professor Rasheed advised the promoters of private universities to strive to contribute positively to the betterment of the university system in Nigeria. He congratulated them for demonstrating the idea of establishing University which he said is one of the noblest of works and project for the humanity.

She reminded them to ensure



Meeting session

In her welcome address, the Director, Establishment of Private Universities, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi, told the promoters of private universities to strive to make steady progress bearing in mind that they have strength to undertake a big projects that

that all the deeds of titles of their lands are done, and that there is no any litigation against the land and indeed

University of America Curacao in Nigeria, William Booth University, Ogbagi-Akoko, Ondo State.

TETFUND to Takeover National Library Project

The Federal Government has approved the takeover of the financing of the National Library project by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund, (TETFUND), which by current evaluation required over 50 billion naira for its completion.

Speaking in Abuja last week, when the Nigerian Library Association, (NLA) led by its President, Professor Innocent Ekoga, paid a working visit to the Ministry, the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education, Arch. Sonny Echono, said the critical step being taken by government was meant to reposition library services in the Nigerian education sector for effective service delivery.

Arch. Echono recalled that work on the National Library had been stalled for years due to inadequate funding, adding that efforts to get the private sector to complete the project have not

yielded results.

On his investiture with an award by the Association, Arch. Echono said he was



Arch Sonny Echono
Perm Sec. Ministry of Education

humbled and elated to be honoured by such a reputable Association, describing the award as a great privilege for him. The Permanent Secretary dedicated the prestigious award to Education Minister, Adamu Adamu and the Minister of

State for Education, Hon. Chukwuemeka Nwajuiba, respectively.

Earlier in his remarks, President of the Association, Prof. Innocent Ekoga, expressed profound appreciation to the Buhari Administration, maintaining that completion of the National library would bring honour and pride to all Nigerian librarians as well as provide the much needed reservoir for Nigerian researchers, students, and the generality of the reading public.

He noted that the investiture of the Service Award on the Permanent Secretary was the highest honour ever bestowed on a non-librarian by the Association. He also revealed that the investiture was the seventh of its kind by the Association in the last four decades.

Prof. Olatunji-Bello Emerges LASU Vice-Chancellor

The eight months leadership gap which engulfed the Lagos State University, Ojo, has finally abated, with the announcement by the Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-

Olu of the appointment of Professor Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello as the ninth substantive Vice-Chancellor of the State University.

Prior to her latest appointment, she headed the University's Directorate of Advancement. She also served as Acting Vice-Chancellor for 10 months within the period of January-October,

2011 and emerged as the second female ever to occupy the post in the institution. The first was Prof. Jadesola Akande, who was the second VC of the 36-year old institution from 1989 to 1993.

It would be recalled that the tenure of the eight substantive Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Olanrewaju Adigun Fagbohun had ended on the 11th of January, 2021. However, crisis trailed the selection of a Vice-Chancellor to succeed Prof. Fagbohun.

Amid the crisis that trailed the selection process, Governor Sanwo-Olu set up a special visitation panel. As part of the panel mandate was to investigate the issues delaying the VC selection process. The Professor Bamitale Omole-led panel in its report had counseled the Governor to order fresh selection process for a substantive VC.

The Governor also dissolved the Prof. Nurudeen Ninalowo-led Governing Council on the recommendation of the panel. He then appointed a veteran accountant, Sir David Olabanji Sunmoni as the new Pro-Chancellor and chairman of the Council charged with an urgent responsibility to activate the process for selection of a substantive VC.

The new Vice-Chancellor emerged who is the wife of the State Commissioner for Environment and Water Resources, Mr. Tunji Bello, a former Editor of THISDAY.

The government in a statement by the State Commissioner for



Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello
VC LASU

Information and Strategy, Mr. Gbenga Omotoso explained that Prof. Olatunji-Bello was appointed following recommendation by the Joint Committee of Council and Senate of LASU in accordance with the LASU Law, Cap 169 Vol. 7 Laws of Lagos State.

Mrs. Olatunji-Bello assumed duty as the first Professor of Physiology in LASU College of Medicine on the 2nd of October 2007, after rising through the ranks from Assistant Lecturer (1988 to 1991) to become Associate

Professor in 2005, at the College of Medicine, University of Lagos, Idi-Araba.

In the year 2012, she attended the Course 34 of the National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, the highest policy advisory body of the federal government, as a nominee of the National Universities Commission.

A member of the National Institute (mni), Prof. Olatunji-Bello holds a Fellowship Award of the Physiological Society of Nigeria and was also appointed a Fellow of the Environmental Toxicology and Pollution Mitigation in the year 2019.

Prof. Olatunji-Bello as well as two other candidates, Professor Omotayo R. Awofolu and Professor Senapon Bakare was recommended for the position in order of ranking respectively.

Meanwhile, the process of selecting a substantive Vice-Chancellor for LASU commenced with advertisements for the vacant position in three national dailies on Friday, July 30th, and Friday 13th August, 2021, respectively.



ASSOCIATION OF WEST AFRICA UNIVERSITIES (AWAU)

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Presents

A 3 DAY TRAINING FOR TECHNOLOGISTS IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS Theme: Repositioning University Technologists for Excellence

Date: 24th – 27th October, 2021 Venue: No. 4, Parakou Street, Wuse II, Abuja - Nigeria.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Scientific research in Nigerian Universities and Research institutes is considered insufficient, therefore demand for quality research and research output from Nigerian Universities has continued to increase. The COVID-19 pandemic further exposes the weak research infrastructure (human resources and research facilities) in Nigerian Universities. Participation in international research projects by Nigerian Universities is very limited due to weak institutional capacities and resources. Therefore, Nigeria like many other African countries does not benefit from the tremendous financial windfall that can accrue to countries where scientists produce more research and patents. An estimated 1% of World total scientific knowledge is produced from Africa despite comprising 12.5 percent of the world's population. Additionally, STEM research makes up only 29% of Sub-Saharan African's research output, leaving a gap in many critical fields with potentials for rapid national development. Although there is increased awareness on the role universities can play in economic development through quality research, strategic effort is required to identify areas of intervention. Core to improving research output in Nigeria is the need to improve capacity of Laboratory Technologists to deliver on their mandate as well as become better equipped and exposed to new techniques and methodologies.

TARGET AUDIENCE Senior Laboratory Technologists from Universities, other Tertiary Institutions & Research Institutes

SOME KEY QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED ARE:

1. What is my role as a technologist and how can I contribute to national research output
2. How can Technologists contribute to scientific knowledge generation?
3. How can ICT be deployed to improve services and augment infrastructural deficit?
4. How can I network and collaborate for improved performance?
5. What new techniques are available in my field and where can I get more information?
6. What are the health and safety concerns of a laboratory technologists?

OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING

- i. Enlighten laboratory technologists on their role in Scientific research and knowledge generation
- ii. Promote ethical research
- iii. Understand procurement process and maintenance of laboratory equipment
- iv. Identify and be able to deploy ICT as a tool for research
- v. Understand the need for networking and collaboration for improved efficiency in the laboratory

MAIN TOPICS TO BE COVERED ARE:

- i. The Role of a Professional Technologist in a Laboratory
- ii. Laboratory Management, Health and Safety
- iii. Procurement and General Maintenance of Laboratory Equipment
- iv. Professional Code of Practice for General Laboratory and Workshop Activities
- v. Networking and collaboration
- vi. ICT as a tool for research support
- vii. Ethical Issues in Research (including The Use of Laboratory Animals)
- viii. Herbalism, Drug Discovery and Evaluation: Strategies and Basic Techniques for Laboratory Technologists
- ix. Laboratory Techniques in Life Sciences & Medicine, Physical Sciences & Engineering, Education
- x. Approaches to Trouble Shooting

TRAINING MATERIALS

- All participants will be provided with the following:
- i. Training Folder containing all Training Materials
 - ii. Reading List
 - iii. Tea break and Lunch for 3 days
 - iv. Participation Certificate

IMPORTANT DATES

Arrival: 24th October, 2021

Closing & Departure: 27th October, 2021

Opening: 9:30am 25th October, 2021

Account Details:

Association of West Africa Universities

Bank Name: First Bank

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REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION FEE: N100,000.00 Only

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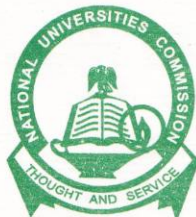
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The Vice-Chancellors,
All Nigerian Universities

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY (PHARM. D) PROGRAMME IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

The attention of the National Universities Commission has been drawn to the anomaly identified with the Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm) and Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D) programmes in some Nigerian Universities.

The Executive Secretary has therefore directed that I convey to the Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities as follows:

1. The B. Pharm and Pharm. D are two separate degrees programmes awarded in the Nigerian University System. The duration for the award of the B. Pharm degree is 5 academic sessions and 6 academic sessions for Pharm.D through the UTME entry mode. Prior to 2015, Universities have been awarding the B. Pharm which is still obtainable and approved by the NUC. However, in a bid to expand the Pharmacy profession to incorporate pharmaceutical care and accommodate clinical demand within the Nigerian educational system, the Pharm. D programme was introduced.
2. The Philosophy behind the establishment of Pharm.D programme in Nigerian Universities is

“to provide students with a broad balanced foundation in all the areas of Pharmaceutical Knowledge to further equip them with the ability to apply Pharmaceutical knowledge in health care delivery system; acquire professional skills to identify and resolve drug related problems and to impact to the students, a comprehensive knowledge of Pathophysiology, Therapeutics, Pharmacokinetics and Toxicology among several other aims and objectives”.

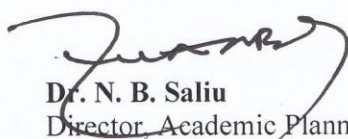
Website: <http://www.nuc.edu.ng>



3. To this end, it is necessary to clarify to all Nigerian Universities that;
- i. B. Pharm and Pharm. D are the two distinct degrees awarded under the Pharmacy discipline and not to be interchanged;
 - ii. B. Pharm and Pharm. D are both undergraduate programmes;
 - iii. B. Pharm does not serve as a bridge to the award of Pharm. D;
 - iv. Conversion programmes or top-up aimed at upgrading B. Pharm to Pharm.D is not approved by the Commission; and
4. In view of the foregoing and for the avoidance of doubts, it is illegal for any University to run conversion programmes from B. Pharm to Pharm. D.
5. The table below shows the Universities the National Universities Commission has granted approval to run the Pharm D. program.

S/N	UNIVERSITY	YEAR OF ESTABLISHMENT
1	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti	2019
2	Bauchi State University, Gadau, Bauchi State	2020
3	Bayero University Kano, Kano State	2015
4	Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2019
5	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2019
5	University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State	2019
6	University of Calabar, Cross River State	2020
8	University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Kwara State	2019
10	University of Jos, Plateau State	2018
11	University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Enugu State	2018
12	University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State	2020

Please accept the assurances of the Executive Secretary's best regards.



Dr. N. B. Saliu
 Director, Academic Planning
 For: Executive Secretary



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
(ADMINISTRATION)

RE: VACANCY ADVERTISED BY INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)

The National Universities Commission is in receipt of a letter Ref: MC/ST.0012/X/V^{IV}, dated 28th June, 2021 from the National Frequency Management Council, Federal Ministry of Communications and Digital Economy. Also attached to the letter are circulars from the Secretary General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), informing all Member Administrations of the vacant positions at the ITU office in Santiago, Chile and ITU Headquarter in Geneva, Switzerland.

The circular letters from ITU are for the following positions:

- **Programme Administrator** at Santiago (Vacancy Notice No. 25P-2021/BDT-DDR/EXTERNAL/P2); and
- **Head, Procurement Division** at ITU Headquarter Geneva (Vacancy Notice No.26P-2021/SG-FRMD/EXTERNAL/P5).

Consequently, the vacancy notices are being brought to the attention of all qualified and interested staff of the Commission (especially women) to apply for the above positions on the ITU web site: <http://www.itu.int/employment/Recruitment/index.html> not later than 28th July, 2021, for the post of Programme Administrator at Santiago and 9th August, 2021 for the post of the Head, Procurement Division in Geneva.

Chris J. Maiyaki

Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)

For: Executive Secretary

Cc: Executive Secretary

Deputy Executive Secretary (Acad)

Deputy Executive Secretary (Admin)

Directors

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24th June, 2021

Vice-Chancellors

All Nigerian Universities

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) – COMMUNITY-LED MONITORING OF HIV SERVICES

The National Universities Commission is in receipt of a letter dated 21st June, 2021, from the Embassy of the United States of America, Abuja in respect of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Coordination Office, which is organising an open competition for targeted organizations to apply to carry out a Community-Led Monitoring Programme (CLM).

The Community-Led Monitoring is a community initiated, client-centered, evidence-based approach which seeks to expedite a continuous and convenient access to HIV services for people living with HIV. The goal of the project, among others, is to develop a shared understanding of the enablers and barriers to accessing and utilizing

HIV services, in a manner that is productive, collaborative, respectful, and solutions-oriented, toward improved service delivery and client outcomes for end users at the facility and community levels.

Consequently, I am to bring the above for the urgent attention of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities for information and wide publicity, as appropriate. Interested institutions are encouraged to apply on or before 30th July, 2021.

The detailed information about the programme including eligibility criteria can be obtained from: https://ng.usembassy.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/177/NOFO_PEPFAR_SmallGrant.pdf and <https://ng.usembassy.gov/education-culture/ambassadors-small-grants-program-2/>.

As always, please accept the assurances of the Executive Secretary's highest regards.

Chris J. Maiyaki

Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)

For: Executive Secretary

Cc: Executive Secretary
Deputy Executive Secretary (Academic)
Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration)
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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.

IBRAHIM USMAN YAKASAI
DIRECTOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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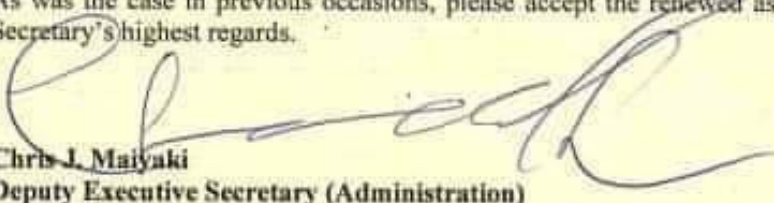
RE: SECOND WAVE OF COVID-19: STAY-AT-HOME DIRECTIVE TO GL 12 OFFICERS AND BELOW

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



THE PRESIDENCY

**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

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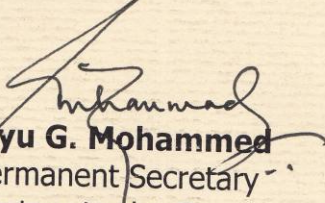
The Hon. Minister
Federal Ministry of Education
Abuja

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



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, *nni, MFR, FNAL*
Executive Secretary, NUC
Announcer



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	Alex Ekwueme 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	45	Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State	2020

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

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



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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
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NASIRU	BRAHIM	LIMAN	20 SEPTEMBER
ABUBAKAR	SULEIMARI	MOHAMMED	20 SEPTEMBER
STELLA	ENE	AGBAJI	20 SEPTEMBER
UCHENNA	NGOZI	OKPARA	21 SEPTEMBER
DORIS	NDIDI	NWEKE	23 SEPTEMBER
ADAMU	ABDULKADIR	SULEIMAN	23 SEPTEMBER
VIRGINIA	N	OKORIE	24 SEPTEMBER
MAUREEN		ABBEY	25 SEPTEMBER
EMIKE	H	OSINERE	25 SEPTEMBER
DANLADI		ABIMIKU	26 SEPTEMBER
OLAYEMI		DADA	26 SEPTEMBER
AROME	JOSEPH	WADA	26 SEPTEMBER

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