

President Tinubu Signs Student Loan Bill

The President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, last Monday, in Abuja, signed the Student Loan Bill into law.

The signing of the bill was in “fulfillment of one of his campaign promises to liberalise funding of education,” a member of the Presidential Strategic Team, Mr. Dele Alake, disclosed this to State House Correspondents.

The Students Loan Act becomes President Tinubu’s second piece of legislation signed since he assumed office two weeks ago.

The bill would enable indigent students to access loans at interest-free rates.

It would be recalled that the piece of legislation was sponsored by the Speaker of the 9th House of Representatives, Mr. Femi Gbajabiamila and passed the third reading at the House on May 25, 2023.

According to Mr. Alake, who was accompanied by other members of the media team, including Mr. Tunde Rahman and Mr. Abdulaziz Abdulaziz, and the Permanent Secretary,

“We’re very happy to announce to you that today the President, His Excellency, Bola Tinubu, signed into law the Student Loans Bill.

“This is a promise made during the



His Excellency, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR
The President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Ministry of Education, Mr. Andrew David Adejoh, the new law mandates prospective beneficiaries to show proof of their origins.

presidential campaign by the then candidate, His Excellency Bola Tinubu, that he will bring back the student loans issue onto the front burner.

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“And today, that promise he made has been kept. He has just signed that bill into law, which henceforth would allow or enable our indigent students to access Federal Government’s loans to fund the educational pursuit or career,” Mr. Alake said.

The Presidential Aide said the move was in sync with standard practice in developed climes globally and would ease access to education.

“This is how it’s done in other developed climes. So this is a boost to our youths and students nationwide.

“Of course, there are prescribed qualification parameters. And that is the proof of indigenship of whoever is to be a beneficiary.

“Of course, there are committees to be set up. The members of committees will be drawn from various bodies to superintend over the efficient and proficient disbursement of this facility,” he added.

Also said although the bill would commence immediately, the procedures for application would be worked out by the committees to superintend the process.

On his part, the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Mr. David Andrew Adejoh, said by implication, the current scholarship board of the Federal Government should become a loan board capable of offering educational credit facilities to qualified applicants.

“Today, what the President has done goes beyond the symbolism. It

is a demonstration of intent in terms of how he wants to handle education as he progresses in his presidency. Once the bill has been signed, that is the most important thing. A bill tells you what should be done. The how is what we are going to put together.

“What we have now is that nobody shall say money did not allow him to go to school,” he added.

Meanwhile, the Committee of Pro-Chancellors of Federal Government-owned universities on Wednesday hailed the President, Bola Tinubu, over the student loan act which he assented to on June 12, 2023.

The committee, during its 99th regular meeting at its secretariat also constituted a committee to look into the thematic area of university autonomy. According to a report the meeting brought together Pro-Chancellors from 50 federal universities.

In a statement issued by the Committee on Wednesday night, some of the issues discussed pertained to the; “state of affairs and well-being of the Nigerian University System (NUS), strategies for sustaining the proper conduct of academic activities in Nigerian universities.”

However, reacting, the Academic Staff Union of Universities described the loan bill as discriminatory between the children of the rich and the poor.

Meanwhile the National President, ASUU, Professor.

Emmanuel Osodeke, in an interview with newsmen, said, “The union will react soon but everyone knows our position on student loans because you will end up encumbering the children of the poor with loans and debt after graduating. This is discriminatory.

If what I read online is correct, it said it is only for children whose parents earn less than N500,000 per annum. That means if your father earns more, you won’t benefit.”

Similarly, the National President, Academic Staff Union of Polytechnics, Mr. Anderson Ezeibe, said, “I have not studied the bill and we don’t want to react on the surface. But I have seen one area that will not be practicable.

“It says that students should refund the money two years after NYSC. But what is the provision for someone who is not working after NYSC? And will they all get jobs immediately after NYSC?”

Also, the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) described the student loan bill as a “way forward” in the country’s education system.

In its own statement made available to newsmen, the Coordinator, NANS, Zone D, Mr. Adejuwon Emmanuel, however, faulted the repayment terms.

“Without saying much, student loan bill is a way forward to the educational system in Nigeria, because it will assist student whose parent cannot afford to pay tuition fee to be able to pay with the loan.”

ES Receives Embassy of Sweden Delegation

The Executive Secretary National Universities Commission, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, FNAL last Thursday, received a delegation from the Embassy of Sweden led by the Ambassador-designate to Nigeria, Annika Hahn-Englund to discuss ways of addressing the digital entrepreneurship skills in Nigeria.

In his welcome address, the Executive Secretary welcomed the delegation and commended them for the timely visit. He said Sweden is one of the few countries that has sustained its development over the years by abating any crisis that might rock its very peaceful existence.

He said countries all over the world must borrow a leaf from Sweden as peace builders and promoters and expressed his delight that the Sweden Embassy has demonstrated interest in the plight of Africa and Nigeria.

He went on to state that Sweden has about 39 Universities and each of these Universities could be a role model to Universities in Nigeria. He further stated that the National Universities Commission was ably represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary, Mr Chris J. Maiyak at the National Sweden day that held last week.

The Executive Secretary informed the delegation that NUC celebrated its 60th Anniversary

last year and briefly recounted how the National Universities Commission came into existence with the establishment of the first six generation universities in the 1960s. He revealed that university

took the centre stage as one key area of knowledge revolving the world presently.

It affects the way people manage resources and live their lives. Professor Rasheed further



The Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed with the Ambassador-designate to Nigeria, Annika Hahn-Englund

education was initially dominated by public universities until 1999 when the first three private universities were approved, and presently, there are about 267 Universities in Nigeria, some of which still undergo the process of being validated, they include the University of Transport, Daura, African Aerospace University, owned by the Ministry of Aviation and the National Skills University championed by the Ministry of Communication.

He stated that digital revolution

revealed that 37 other private universities were scheduled to receive their provisional licenses shortly.

The exercise would bring the number of private institution to 147. He therefore advised that private organizations, key foundations and Philanthropists should be greatly encouraged to invest in education through establishment of private universities under the NUC Transnational education programme.

He added that 4 out of the 37 private universities being licensed would be centrally open online Universities, they include: Miva Open University, Abuja and Al-Muhibah Open University, Abuja, West Midland Open University, Ibadan and Iconic Open University, Sokoto.

The Executive Secretary also suggested that a meeting on digital entrepreneurship skills and Global

Embassy/Global Wissen Consult would come together to develop the text of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the concept of the MoU to be acceptable to both NUC and the Swedish embassy. He added that the MOU would be signed on the day of the meeting with the Vice-Chancellors, the Directors of Entrepreneurship and ICT. The Executive Secretary informed

address the digital entrepreneurship skills in Nigeria by delivering digital learning to the youths through modern ways of learning. She advised NUC to help students go beyond vocational to digital skills so that the students could be competitive in the global market economy. In the past two years, the Global Wissen Consult collaborated with some universities and implemented a digital



The meeting of the Executive Secretary and his Management team with Swedish Embassy Delegation in session

Wissen Consult should be organized with selected Vice-Chancellors each from the public and private universities in each geo-political zones of the country as well as Directors of Entrepreneurship and Director of ICTs of the Universities. The meeting should be on 4 critical areas: Subjecting the knowledge, improving the community, collaboration and utilizing the resources.

He further stated that NUC and the delegation of Swedish

the delegation that a copy of the transnational guidelines and all the models available should be sent to them with the hope that some investors across Nigeria would have access to quality Swedish education.

In her speech, the Ambassador-designate to Nigeria, Annika Hahn-Englund thanked the Executive Secretary for the warm reception accorded them and stated that the embassy has been working with Global Wissen Consult (GWC) to

entrepreneurship programme with the already existing entrepreneurship studies on digital and business skills to ensure that they implement business education programmes with entrepreneurship development centres, she stated.

She further said that Digital Entrepreneurship encompassed IT based skills and internet based skills where students/youths were taught how to develop various apps to grow their businesses. She urged Universities to



L-R: NUC Deputy Executive Secretaries (Administration and Academics) Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki and Dr. Noel Saliu; Director, Executive Secretary's Office, Mr. John Mairafi; Embassy of Sweden Official, Mrs. Nathaie Sunderlen and Swedish Nigerian Consult, Mr. Nwokesi Oscar

embrace information technology and digital entrepreneurship, advising that NUC should help to promote and invest in digital education and digital skills in line with its goals because digital entrepreneurship skills could help to market any type of business. She said, part of the plans for the year by the Swedish embassy was the Swedish education day where different activities were lined up to promote Swedish Culture.

On the NUC team were Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, Deputy Executive Secretary (Administration), Dr. Noel B. Saliu, Deputy Executive Secretary (Academic), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu, Director, Executive Secretary's Office, Mr Ashafa Ladan, Acting Director, Skills Development and Entrepreneurship, Dr. Joshua Atah, Special Projects Coordinator, Prof Joseph

Ahaneku, Visiting Prof (NUC). The Delegation From Sweden Embassy had Annika Hahn-Englund, Her Excellency, Swedish Ambassador-designate to Nigeria, Elohor Ellen Folaranmi, Embassy of Sweden, Nathaie Sunderlen, Global Wissen Consult, Swedish-Nigeria, Nwokesi Oscar, Global Wissen Consult, Swedish-Nigeria.



Professor Rasheed and the Swedish Ambassador Designate to Nigeria, Hahn-Englund (6th and 7th right) in a group photograph with her delegation and some members of NUC Management

ES Receives Committees Report on Ave Maria and Khadijat Varsities ...Inaugurates another on NgREN

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, FNAL, last Wednesday received a report of fact-finding Committee headed by Professor Francis Egbokhare saddled with the responsibilities to look into the activities of Ave Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State and Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State.

Professor Rasheed had earlier set up the committee to look into the activities of both universities two months ago based on the observation that they were not adhering to the laws that governed their activities especially the unwholesome meddlesomeness into the institutions by their proprietors.

At the report presentation, the Vice-Chairman, Professor Yahuza Bello, who stood in for the Chairman stated that the Committee observed a plethora of issues in both institutions ranging from observed infractions about its governance and meddlesomeness on management issues, while the committee made appropriate recommendations that would not only benefit them but universities generally in the country.

In specifics, he asserted that the Committee observed the following problems in the course of carrying out their assignment: Challenge with result verification; both institutions were also found to be grossly understaffed as well as over dependence on visiting lecturers.

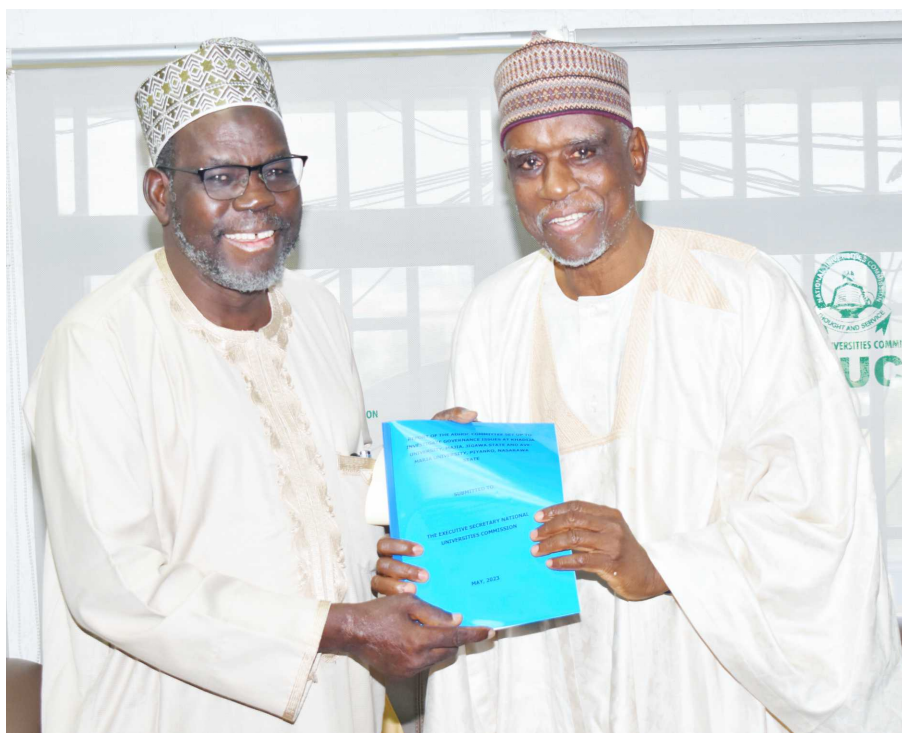
In addition, the Committee discovered that Khadija University's Vice Chancellor was a Visiting Lecturer, while in Ave Maria University, one of the Deans was also a Visiting Lecturer and visits only thrice a month. To worsen the situation, most of the lecturers in both

institutions were part-timers which grossly affected their duties.

He also noted that most of their Programmes had not gone through Resource Verifications which portends great danger and a cause

resolutions would soon be made on same.

The Executive Secretary had at the wake of inaugurating the Committees decried the way and manner in which the Vice-Chancellors of both



The Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the review of Ave-Maria and Khadijat Universities, Professor Yahuza Bello handing over the Committee Reports to the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed

for concern and had also not employed lecturers.

On the positive side, Professor Yahuza Bello said the Proprietor of Khadija University had invested a lot on structures while Ave Maria has a lot of potentials with the level of work done so far.

The Executive Secretary thanked the Committee on their commitment, hard work and dedication to the task and for a job well-done. He expressed delight that they were able to meet the deadline given to them and promised that the observations and recommendations in the report would be discussed at the management meeting and

universities were hired and fired by their owners. He, therefore, set up the committee to tackle the challenges of both institutions, with the mandates to find lasting solution to the problems.

He had also charged them to look at the governance and operations of the two institutions and interrogate the management staff.

The committee had as Chairman, Professor Francis Egbokhare; Vice Chairman, Professor Yahuza Bello; other members were, Professor Abdulahi Ribadu; Professor Joseph Ahaneku; while the Acting Director, Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Imoroa, served as the Secretary and Mr. Matuaire Yahaya,



Professor Yahuza Bello on behalf of the committee making remarks before the handover to the Executive Secretary

as Assistant Secretary.

In a related development, Professor Rasheed inaugurated another Committee to look into the activities of Nigeria Research and Educational Network (NgREN). He urged the Committee to do a thorough job because NgREN cannot be independent of NUC since it was domiciled in the NUC. He said that it would be unheard of that money was given to NgREN and the Executive Secretary would not be aware of how

the money was spent or the modalities on how it was being utilised.

He, therefore, charged the Committee to investigate the work of NgREN and come up with a detailed report.

He said that the report must be ready in two week-time and expressed optimism of receiving same in record time.

Members of the committee included: Professor Yahuza Bello as Chairman; Professor Chinedu Nwajiuba; NUC Director, Executive Secretary Office (DESO), Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi; Acting Director of Research Inspection and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Farouk Lawal. Others were Deputy Director, Final Accounts in the Directorate of Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mr. Femi Yeye; Mr. Adewale Bakare and Pascal Eruaga, who would serve as Secretaries.



L-R: Assistant Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Matuaire Yahaya; the Secretary and Acting Director, Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Imroora; Vice Chairman, Professor Yahuza Bello; ES, NUC, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed; Professors Joseph Ahaneku and Abdulahi Ribadu

JAMB to decide Cut-off for Varsities, others June 24

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has stated June 24, 2023 to decide the cut-off mark for 2023 admissions into Universities, Polytechnics, and other tertiary institutions on .

The event which was scheduled to hold at the National Judicial Institute (NJI). In attendance, JAMB invited all heads of tertiary institutions and regulatory bodies such as the National Universities Commission (NUC), National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), and National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), among others.

According to a statement in the official bulletin of the Board which was released by the Director, Public Affairs (DPA) of JAMB, Dr. Fabian Benjamin, the board said, “Only two representatives each from respective tertiary institutions comprising the Head of the Institution and one official of the institution, who shall be nominated by the Head, will be welcomed.”

Other critical issues slated for discussion at the Policy Meeting aside from issues emanating from the presentation of the

Registrar, JAMB, on the just-concluded UTME, may include other issues of national importance

Furthermore, the Policy Meeting, among other things, would decide the acceptable minimum admissible score to



Professor Ishaq Oloyede
Registrar/CEO JAMB

particularly as they concerned the education sector.

The stated meeting would also be expected to chart policy directions for the nation’s tertiary institutions, set admission guidelines, present and analyse application statistics, and candidates’ performance, as well as evaluate the 2023 Admission exercise.

be applied in all admissions to be undertaken by all tertiary institutions in Nigeria.”

It is noteworthy that in 2022, the meeting granted institutions the power to set their minimum allowable cut-off marks for admission, which they could not go below once adopted and general concessions were reached.

Newgate University Offers Sponsorship to Indigent Students

Newgate University Minna (NUM) in its bid to become a community-based institution that positively impacts the lives of the youth and people of Niger State, has granted 100% scholarship to one student each of the 25 local government areas in the State.

In addition the scholarship initiative has a separate scheme specifically for indigenes in the various programmes at 50% discount rates through the Maidakuwa Scholarship Foundation.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Malam Hassan Nuhu informed the Commission of the laudable initiative in a letter received by the Executive Secretary's Office.

In the conveyance letter, Malam Nuhu said the aim of the scholarship was to provide opportunities for talented and deserving students from every corner of the State to pursue their higher education dreams at the University.

He added that investing in the education of the individuals would hopefully foster human capital development and promote equal access to quality education across the state and even the country at large.

He further stated that the scholarships was in line with the promise made during the interactive sessions prior to the issuance of the license, it was the believe of NUM that the noble initiative aligned perfectly with the vision and mission of the University. He reiterated the University's commitment to the principles of excellence, innovation, community service and to work closely with the Commission to fulfil its objectives.

The Commission noted that there

were 44 beneficiaries in the distribution list for the 100% scholarship scheme ranging from programmes in Mass Communication with five students

Science boasts of 10 students, I.C.T with eight students, Accounting has a single student being among the least, Cyber-Security, being among the least with a single student, Software



Mallam Hassan Nuhu
Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, Newgate University, Minna

benefiting, International Relations has three, Business Administration with six beneficiaries, Medical Lab Science has four, Public Health

Engineering claims the same with only a single student and Nursing with five students.

Also, there were another 42 beneficiaries for the 50% Scholarship Scheme in programmes with the distribution lists showing Mass Communication with nine students, Accounting has four, ICT boasts of the largest with 19 beneficiaries and Business Administration has 10 student benefiting.

The Scholarship programmes which enlisted a total of 86 students ensured that indigent ones were equitably and fairly selected across the 25 local Government Area of Niger State, with the institution located at the heart of the state capital, Minna.



Professor Yusuf Sadiq
Vice-Chancellor, Newgate University, Minna



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The attention of the Association of African Universities (AAU), Accra, Ghana, has been drawn to a purported incorporated Association of African Universities-NA, (AAU- NA), by three individuals who have no authorization from the Association of African Universities to represent its interest in the United States of America.

The Association of African Universities (AAU) wishes to inform the public that the only organization approved to represent her in the United States of America, is the North America Office of the Association of African Universities (NAMO)

All our stakeholders are directed to note that the so-called 'Association of African Universities-NA'(AAU-NA), has been illegally incorporated without due authorization and do not represent the interests of the Association of African Universities. "NAMO" is not equivalent with "AAU-NA".

The Association of African Universities has not given any authorization to the said "AAU-NA" to solicit for funds, organize activities in the name of AAU, or represent its interests in the United States of America. Whoever is involving in whatever activity under that name of AAU-NA is doing so illegally and with no knowledge of the Association of African Universities and without the permission, or authority of the Association of African Universities.

Necessary legal actions are being initiated to terminate the illegal incorporation of the 'AAU-NA'. In addition, the Directors and the Board Members of the AAU-NA do not represent the interests of the Association of African Universities and no approval has been given to them to act on behalf of the Association of African Universities.

The Association of African Universities will continue to be committed to its Regional Offices program through its North America Office (NAMO) in North America, the North Africa Office (NARO) and the East Africa Regional Office (EARO)

Yours in the service of higher education in Africa

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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, Seventeen Universities in the NUS, 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.
13. Babcock University Ilisan-Remo, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.
14. University of Ilorin, Centre for Open and Distance Learning.
15. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti - Open and Distance Learning Centre.
16. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Open and Distance Learning Centre.
17. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Porthacourt, Institute of Distance Education..

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 the Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU).

7. Interactive meeting of DEPU 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



LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	21	Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, Benue State	1988	38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	41	Nigeria Maritime University Okerekenkoko, Delta State	2018
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	42	Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna	2018
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	43	Nigerian Army University, Biu	2018
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	44	Federal University of Health Sciences, Otuokpo, Benue State	2020
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	45	Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State	2020
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	46	Federal University of Technology, Babura, Jigawa State	2021
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	47	Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State	2021
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	48	Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Bauchi State	2021
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	49	Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State	2021
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	50	King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State	2022
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	34	Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	51	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2023

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	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	42	Kingsley Ozumba (K.O) Mbadiwe University, Imo State	2016
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	23	Plateau State University, Boko	2005	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	24	Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State	2008	44	Borno State University	2016
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagan	2005	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	49	University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State	2019
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	50	Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - Ekiti State	2020
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	51	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	52	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	53	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	54	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021
15	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	55	Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Oto/Ijanikin, Lagos State	2022
16	Aliko Dangote University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	56	Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State	2022
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012	57	Shehu Shagari University of Education, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022
18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	38	Technical University, Ibadan	2012	58	Enugu State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State	2022
19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013	59	University of Ilesa, Osun State	2022
20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015	60	Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, Oyo State	2022
						61	Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education, Kumbotso, Kano, Kano State	2023



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1	Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State	1999	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	76	Dominion University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019
2	Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State	1999	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	77	Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State	2019
3	Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State	1999	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	78	Westland University, Iwo, Osun State	2019
4	Bowen University, Iwo, Ogun State	2001	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	79	Topfaith University, Mkpatik, Akwa-Ibom State	2021
5	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State	2002	42	Baze University, FCT Abuja	2011	80	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State	2021
6	Covenant University, Otta, Ogun State	2002	43	Landmark University Omu-Aran., Kwara State	2011	81	Maranatha University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
7	Pan-Atlantic University, Lekki-Express Way, Lagos State	2002	44	Glorious Vision University (formerly Samuel Adegboye University), Ogwa, Edo State	2011	82	Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State	2021
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State	2003	45	Mepheron University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, State	2012	83	AL-Istiqama University, Sumaila, Kano State	2021
9	Ajayi Crowther University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	84	Mudiame University, Irrua, Edo State	2021
10	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2005	47	Southwestern University Oku Owa, Ogun State	2012	85	Havilla University, Nde-Ikom Cross River State	2021
11	Al-Qalam University, Katsina, Katsina State	2005	48	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	86	Claretian University of Nigeria, Nekede, Imo State	2021
12	Bells University of Technology, Otta, Ogun State	2005	49	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	87	Karl-Kumm University, Vom, Plateau State	2021
13	Bingham University, New-Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	88	Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021
14	Caritas University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	89	James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
15	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	90	Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2021
16	Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State	2005	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu-Itele, Ogun State	2015	91	Capital City University, Kano, Kano State	2021
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	54	Kings University Ode-Omu, Osun State	2015	92	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021
18	Kwararafa University, Wukari, Taraba State	2005	55	Michael & Cecilia Ibru University, Owhode, Delta State	2015	93	University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State	2021
19	Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005	56	Mountain Top University, Makogi/Oba, Ogun State	2015	94	Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021
20	Renaissance University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwalbom State	2015	95	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021
21	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015	96	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021
22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	59	Edwin Clerk University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015	97	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015	98	ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021
24	Veritas University, Abuja, FCT 2006	2006	61	Anchor University Ayobo, Lagos State	2015	99	Pen Resource University, Gombe, Gombe State	2022
25	Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State	2007	62	Arthur Jarvis University Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016	100	Al-Ansar University, Maiduguri, Borno State	2022
26	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, FCT	2007	63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016	101	Margaret Lawrence University, Galilee, Delta State	2022
27	Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State	2007	64	Coal City University Enugu, Enugu State	2016	102	Khalifa Isiyaku Rabiu University, Gadon Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State	2022
28	Fountain University, Oshogbo, Osun State	2007	65	Crown-Hill University Eiyenkorin, Kwara State	2016	103	Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State	2022
29	Obong University, Obong Ntak, Akwa Ibom State	2007	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016	104	Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State, Kano, Kano State	2022
30	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	67	Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016	105	Saisa University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022
31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo State	2007	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016	106	Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State	2022
32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	69	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017	107	Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra Stat	2022
33	Salem University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2007	70	Precious Cornerstone, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017	108	Newgate University, Minna, Niger State	2022
34	Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti - Ekiti State	2007	71	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State	2017	109	European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT	2022
35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2007	72	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017	110	Northwest University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022
36	Nigerian-Turkish Nile University, FCT Abuja	2009	73	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos	2017	111	Rayhaan University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State	2023
37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu - Osun State	2009	74	Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2018			
			75	Greenfield University, Kasarami-Kaduna, Kaduna State	2019			

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112	Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2023						
113	Sam Maris University, Supare, Ondo State	2023						
114	Aletheia University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State	2023						
115	Lux Mundi University, Umuahia, Abia State	2023						
116	Maduka University, Ekwegbe - Nsukka, Enugu State	2023						
117	Peaceland University, Enugu, Enugu State	2023						
118	Amadeus University, Amizi, Abia State	2023						
119	Vision University, Ikogbo, Ogun State	2023						
120	Azman University, Kano, Kano State	2023						
121	Huda University, Gusau, Zamfara State	2023						
122	Franco British International University, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023						
123	Canadian University of Nigeria, Abuja, FCT	2023						
124	Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023						
125	Gerar University of Medical Sciences, Imope-Ijebu, Ogun State	2023						
126	British Canadian University, Obudu, Cross River State	2023						
127	Hensard University, Toru-Orua, Bayelsa State	2023						
128	Phoenix University, Agwada, Nasarawa State	2023						
129	Wigwe University, Isiokpo, Rivers State	2023						
130	Hillside University of Science and Technology, Okemesi Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023						
131	University on the Niger, Umunya, Anambra State	2023						
132	Elrazi University of Medical Sciences, Kano, Kano State	2023						
133	Venite University Iloro - Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023						
134	Shanahan University, Onitsha, Anambra State	2023						
135	The Duke Medical University Calabar, Cross River State	2023						
136	Mercy Medical University, Iwara, Iwo, Osun State	2023						
137	Cosmopolitan University, Abuja, FCT	2023						
138	Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2023						
139	West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2023						
140	Amaj University, Abuja, FCT	2023						
141	Prime University, Abuja, FCT	2023						
142	El-Amin University, Niger State	2023						
143	College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023						
144	Jewel University, Gombe, Gombe State	2023						
145	Nigerian University of Technology and Management, Apapa, Lagos State	2023						
146	Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023						
147	Al-Bayan University, Ankpa, Kogi State	2023						



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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
MUSIBAU	AYINLA	DOSUNMU	19 June
UHUNOMA		AIMIENWANWU	21 June
CHIGBOGU	OGBONNAYA	ETU	25 June



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