

FG to Increase Education Budget by 25% – Minister

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, has committed to raising the budgetary allocation to education sector from paltry five percent to 25 percent, in line with his Renewed Hope agenda that places education as a major priority.

The Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, made the closure, on Monday 11th August, 2023, while delivering an opening address at Nigeria’s Annual Education Conference, NAEC, in Abuja. The event was convened for stakeholders to deliberate on enhancing entrepreneurial skills, and vocational and technical education in Nigerian schools.

He said that the Federal Government was determined to initiate a new creative means of funding tertiary education by granting universities the autonomy to explore new sources of financing their activities.

Professor Mamman, who applauded the foresight of the conveners, said that the the essence of the conference spoke to President Bola Tinubu’s vision of promoting technical and vocational education

as a means of absorbing the millions of young school leavers who completed primary and secondary schools every year but could not get admission to universities, other tertiary

conference is taking place shortly after my swearing-in as the Federal Minister of Education and at this early stage when my colleague, Minister of State, Dr. Hon. Yusuf Tanko Sununu and myself are



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institutions or employed with ease.

The Minister, who said he was delighted to be at the event, explained that:”My delight is underscored by the fact that this

developing a template to define a strategic road map for the education sector which when unfolded, we all will have responsibility to implement.”

He stressed that Mr. President had

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publicly declared his commitment to overhaul the education sector as a matter of priority, it was, therefore, important that the Federal Ministry of Education and all stakeholders in the sector worked together to see this vision come true, adding that the day of long declarations were over, this time, “we must work the talk”.

Professor Mamman noted that “today’s conference provides an opportunity for me to meet you, the pillars of the Nigerian education system and for us to restate our resolve to implement fundamental changes in the education sector for the benefit of the young, adult and the entire society.

Your presence at this event at short notice is an indication of the importance you attach to the growth and development of the sector in

Nigeria. Your presence, in this regard must be appreciated.”

The Minister further noted that the theme for the conference “Implementation of Education 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Nigeria” would always remain relevant until the country achieved 100% of the targets set in the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and beyond to education related indicators and targets of Agenda 2060 of the African Union.

He explained that as a signatory to the SDG 2030 and AU Agenda 2060, Nigeria must continue to demonstrate its commitment to achieving these goals through leadership and ownership of the implementation process.

The Education sector, he said, was one of the line sectors that ensured that planning and budgeting in the country were within the framework of the SDGS.

He expressed his delight that the technical sessions had been structured to address very contemporary and topical issues in the education sector in Nigeria, saying that discussions to be held on Tertiary education in Nigeria which was expected to focus on emerging trends, including University Autonomy and Students Loans Fund as well as education financing aligned perfectly with President Tinubu’s vision for the sector.

The HME told the gathering that Mr. President was determined, among others, to initiate a new creative means of funding tertiary education by granting universities the autonomy to explore new sources of financing their activities. He urged the participants to take a deep robust review of the system and devise ways for a more quality education, accessible to all, notwithstanding any physical, environmental and emerging challenges and with a peaceful setting.

“In proposing and developing implementation strategies, also provide mechanisms for constant monitoring and evaluation, to ensure goals are achieved. Therefore, I do expect that the report of this conference would contain strategies with clearly defined targets and measurable indicators that would be derived from very realistic deliverables. I have deliberately refrained from mentioning the challenges in the education sector because you are expected to be aware of them and

that is why you are gathered here today”, the Minister said.

Professor Maman added that “you



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must be aware of a committee with the same name established some days ago by the Hon Ministers. It’s work and the outcome of the Ministers briefings from the Directors of the Ministry and Heads of all parastatals would be concluded with a major policy direction for the sector within the context of the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Ahmed Bola Tinubu.

He explained that it was part of the plans of the FME to give robust attention to the foundations of the education system, that was basic and secondary schools, saying that the Ministry would also ensure that knowledge and skills were sufficient in all strata of education from basic to university to ensure students could easily be contributors to the economy without having to look for salaried employments.

The Minister appreciated Commissioners from the States’ Ministries of Education Chairmen, States’ Universal Basic Education Boards, Directors, Chief Executives of Parastatals, and the national and international collaborators for

gracing the occasion, to brainstorm on the possible ways to improve and harness quality education in Nigeria. He drew attention of stakeholders to the constitutional provision which he noted, provided for education as a concurrent matter involving all tiers of government.

The Minister charged the stakeholders to make their partnerships and collaboration work for the benefit of their various organizations, tiers of government and most importantly the Nigerian people, because, education was, and remained, the hub of all “our national developmental efforts.”

“To achieve this, we also have the good fortune of support of our local and international partners for which we would always continue to be appreciative.

“Although I did not see this as one of the themes for discussion, but I want to assume that in the course of your deliberations issues relating to the unacceptable number of out of school children and girl child education would find a place. The President Ahmed Bola Tinubu is truly concerned also about this and has, in fact, given the Ministry and relevant agencies to address the problem. We want to hear from this gathering, strategies and methods with time lines, how this scourge can and must be solved.

In line with, he said that the current administration would spare no effort in putting in place systematic approaches to funding, accountability and “my improved learning outcomes would also want to work effectively with the

state governments to strengthen the mechanism for ensuring that state actors live up to their responsibilities.”

He called on all stakeholders of the education sector to work with the Federal Ministry of Education and agencies as well as state ministries of education and their agencies to identify innovative approaches for improved funding and ensuring inclusive equitable, quality education and life-long opportunities.”

In his remarks, the Permanent



Mr. David Adejo Andrew, OON
Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education

Secretary, FME, Mr. Andrew David Adejo, explained that the 2021 and 2022 edition of the conference could not hold because of Covid-19 pandemic and the need to also incorporate the agenda of the new government in the recommendations.

The Permanent Secretary, who was represented by the Director of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Mal Abubakar Isah, urged stakeholders to deliberate on collaborations towards actualizing the 2020 education agenda.

Tinubu Targets Return of 10.5m OSC to Classroom by 2027

The President, Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, has directed the return of 10.5 million out-of-school children in the country to the classroom before the expiration of his tenure in 2027.

Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, who made this known while declaring open the 2021 and 2022 Nigeria Annual Education Conference (NAEC) in Abuja on Monday, expressed the readiness of the President to improve budget meant for education by 25 per cent with the right policies in place.

The Minister also pledged the commitment of the Federal Government to bridge the gaps between education policy statements and its actualization outcomes. “President Tinubu has directed the return of the 10.5million out-of-school children to school at the expiration of his tenure.

”We still have a long way to go. We are not matching the children in the country with the desired education and this is because our policies are not producing the values we need. “What we need is the action on ground and not the policy declaration. This is where I can tell you we intend to come in. “We want to bridge the

gaps between policy statements and actualization of outcomes.

“This is to give them future training that will enable them to live their lives and make them employers of labour.



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Everybody deserves to live a life of dignity for the well-being of their family,” he said.

The Minister noted that the country had a lot of good policies on what was required to do in the best interest of the nation but that those policies were not bringing values to the sector.

He said that the responsibilities of government was to provide opportunities for Nigerians to be empowered, adding that now was the time to walk the policies. He also said that the basic and secondary schools

must be equipped by developing appropriate skills template for creativity and research.

Professor Mamman added that “we know that societies that had benefited from education are

known for nurturing of creativity and research which starts from the lower levels.” He said there was need for implementation strategies to provide mechanisms for constant monitoring and evaluation of policies, to ensure the SDG goals were achieved.

The Minister expressed concern over the state of insecurity in the schools and nation at large, lamenting the recent killing of one Miss Deborah Atanda, a nursing student of Federal University, Oye-Ekiti few days ago. He, however, directed Vice-Chancellor of the

institution, in concerted efforts with the security, to uncover the perpetrators of the killing.

In his remarks, the Education Adviser, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), James O'Donoghue, pledged UK's commitment to support Nigeria in actualizing the 2030 SDG agenda and to ensure every



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child received quality education.

O'Donoghue called on the Nigerian government to ensure increased funding for education while also ensure that the fund was utilized for the overall education purpose.

Nursing & Midwifery Council Visits NUC

The Ag. Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC) Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, last week, welcomed the delegation of the Nursing and Midwifery

Commission and other professional bodies were making effort to ensure that the Core Curriculum for Minimum Academic Standard (CCMAS) becomes a legal document for

The Acting Executive Secretary stressed that as a regulatory agency, the Commission took the issues of Academic Content, Physical Facilities, Manpower and Resource Verification very



The Registrar Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria (NMCN), Dr. Faruk Umar Abubakar; Acting ES, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki and Deputy ES (Academics), Dr. Noel B. Saliu during the NMCN visit to the Commission

Council of Nigeria (NMCN), led by its Registrar, Dr. Faruk Umar Abubakar to the Commission.

Welcoming his guests, the Ag. Executive Secretary said that the Visit was timely as the

the universities. He said that NUC had received their proposal seeking for NUC support, concerning the upgrade of the Nursing Colleges to degree-awarding institutions.

seriously, noting that whatever step the College of Nursing would take must be in line with NUC's mandate. He assured them that NUC would do whatever it could to support the Nursing profession in Nigeria,

since the Commission owes the nation a duty to ensure the orderly development of a well-coordinated and productive university system that would guarantee quality and relevant education for national development and global competitiveness.

Responding, the leader of the delegation, Dr. Faruk Abubakar thanked the Ag. Executive Secretary for his warm reception. He said that the council has been

nursing and midwifery practice and enforce discipline within the profession.

He lamented that the growth of the Nursing profession had been slow, but that fifty three colleges (53) had been approved and thirty six (36) had recently been granted approval.

The leader of the delegation said that in the last 18 years, they had been doing their best to ensure that the College

commitment to the promotion and maintenance of the best practices in the Nursing profession, he explained that the council was making concerted effort to continue to collaborate both nationally and internationally with all relevant stakeholders in education and health sectors, in order to take the profession to the highest pedestal of excellence.

NUC team at the meeting included the Deputy Executive



L-R: Directors of Public Affairs, Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo; Academic Planning, Mal. Abubakar M Girei and Executive Secretary's Office, Mr John Ahmadu Mairafi

mandated by law to regulate the standards of Nursing and midwifery education and practice in Nigeria and to preview such standards from time to time, to meet the changing health needs of the society.

Dr. Abubakar explained that the primary objectives of the NMCN were to ensure high quality of Nursing and Midwifery Education in Nigeria, maintain high standard of professional

became a degree awarding institution and the qualification to become a lecturer was to be either a Master Degree holder or a PhD holder. He added that they had also been seeking affiliation and pleaded with NUC to upgrade them to a university status, assuring that the college was very ready to meet NUC's guidelines.

While assuring the NUC management of NMCN's

Secretary (DES) Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu; Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi; Ag. Director, Public Affairs (DPA), Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo as well as Ag. Director, Academic Planning (DAP), Mal. Abubakar M.Girei.

The NMCN team included the Vice Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo,



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Professor A.O. Fatusi; Chief Medical Director (CDM), University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, Professor A. Ikpeme; Professor of Nursing, Obafemi

Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Professor O. Irinoye; Associate Professor of Nursing Science, Bayero University Kano (BUK), Dr. M.A. Ladan;

Director, Nursing Education Department, NMCN, Margaret C. Eze as well as NUC Visiting Professor David King Yawe.

Ag. ES Receives Uniabuja VC

The Vice-Chancellor, University of Abuja, Professor Abdul-Rasheed Na'Allah, has, last week, paid a courtesy call on the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, in his office.

Professor Na'Allah said that the purpose of the visitation was to brief the Executive Secretary on the efforts made by the University of Abuja to source for complementary funding for the implementation of the University's mandates; Teaching, Research and Community Service, as government funding was no longer sustainable.

He said that UNIABUJA was establishing a tradition of

university advancement, involving fundraising and culture of giving by the University Alumni and philanthropists,



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Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

including attracting funds from international sources, noting that the University was setting up machinery for this purpose.

Professor Na'Allah added that, as part of its effort to achieving the above, the University invited a renowned expert in Fundraising, Mr. Arif Ekram of Candid, New York, United State, to train relevant University personnel at the department and faculty levels, including the staff of the Directorate of Advancement on the culture of fund raising.

He told the Ag. Executive Secretary that they were in the Commission to brief the NUC, as the regulator of University education in Nigeria of the development so far and to also introduce Mr. Arif Ekram to the Commission.

In his remarks, the Resource Person, Mr. Arif Ekram,



L-R: Vice-Chancellor, UniAbuja, Prof. Abdur-Rasheed Na' Allah; the Resource Person, Mr. Arif Ekram and Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), Dr. Noel B. Saliu

Manager, Candid, New York, United States, said he was happy to be in Nigeria and thanked the Vice-Chancellor, University of Abuja for his visionary leadership, while highlighting the activities of his organization as experts in fundraising.

He thanked the Executive Secretary, Management and the entire staff of the Commission for the warm reception accorded him and thereafter briefed the meeting part of the lessons taught at the University of Abuja on fundraising.

Mr. Ekram stressed the need for Nigeria to customize the process locally to fit for its purpose, stating that what worked for 'country A' might not necessarily work for 'country B'. He encouraged foundations in Nigeria to partner with foundations in other part of the world with a common purpose to achieve maximum potentials, noting that collaboration that was properly annexed over time would

produce the right results.

The Resource person used India as an example, having similar peculiarities as Nigeria, a third world country with high demography, saying that India introduced the philanthropist model in fundraising in its Universities. The model, according to him, made it easy for people to give at the lowest level through the internet, with resources harnessed and used for developmental purposes, while he enjoined Nigeria's education administrators to emulate the Indian style, with light modification to suit its peculiarities.

Responding, the Ag. Executive Secretary, represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), Dr. Noel B. Saliu, thanked the Vice-Chancellor and his team for deeming it necessary to visit the NUC to brief the Commission on its activities.

He said, although government at all levels wished to fund University education, but the available resources were not enough, noting that funding was key for development of University education, as no meaningful teaching, research and community services could be done without proper financing.

The DES Academics expressed his delight at the direction the University of Abuja was moving, stating that making fundraising a culture was important in developing the system. He expressed hope that other Universities would emulate the Institution by keying into the culture of fundraising.

He thereafter, urged the University to be transparent in its activities as funds would only be released in a transparent environment.

On the brief presentation by the Resource Person, the



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representative of the Ag Executive Secretary said it was an idea that Nigerian Universities should embrace and specially leverage on the organized philanthropist model as practiced in Indian.

He promised that the Commission would give its fullest support to the University of Abuja to make the project work. He thanked the team and assured them that the Acting Executive Secretary would be adequately briefed of the visit and the needful August Project.

In his remarks, the Director of the Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu, thanked the Vice-Chancellor for the initiative to make fund raising a culture in the University, stressing that this was the first of its kind in the Nigerian University System (NUS), against the former practice of one-off donations.

He added that it was a step in the right direction and congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, the entire

Management and staff of the University of Abuja for putting up this laudable idea.

In her remarks, the Director of Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia T. Imorua also commended the Vice-Chancellor for the innovation and stressed that sustainability was key in achieving the set goals. She hoped that other Universities would buy into the noble idea which according to her would make them not to solely depend on government funding.



The Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), Dr. N. B. Saliu (3rd right); the Vice-Chancellor, UniAbuja, Prof. Na' Allah and the Resource Person, Mr. Ekram in a group photograph with some members of NUC Management

ARCON Seeks Collaboration With NUC

A powerful delegation from the Architect Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON), on Wednesday 13th September, 2023, visited the National Universities Commission (NUC), to seek collaboration with the Commission on some of its professional activities vis-a-vis the Nigerian University System (NUS).

Receiving delegation, led by ARCON President, Arc. Dipo Ajayi, the Ag. Executive Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Chris Maiyaki, received the delegation and gave a rundown of the activities of the Commission, as the sole regulatory agency for the NUS, right from its inception till date.

Mr. Maiyaki went down memory lane to enlighten his guest about NUC, which was established in 1962 as an advisory agency in the cabinet office. He said that in 1974, it became a statutory body and since its establishment, the Commission had transformed from a small office in the cabinet office to an important arm of government in the area of development and management of university education in Nigeria.

He noted that the NUC has the power to grant approval for the establishment of universities degree programmes offered in higher institutions in Nigeria. He said that ARCON and NUC were partners and should not be seen to be working across purposes, stressing that the Commission as a body had its own limitations, so also all the professional bodies in Nigeria.

He explained further that NUC, being the sole regulatory agency of Nigerian Universities, empowered by law, to lay down minimum academic standard, which, according to him, was the standard document used to

NUC, including the captains of industries, citing the Nigeria Economic Summit Group (NESG), as one of such, who made useful contribution to the CCMAS.

He therefore urged ARCON to



President, Architect Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON), Arc. Dipo Ajayi in a hand shake with the Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki

evaluate the courses and programmes in the universities.

The Ag. Executive Secretary said that NUC has been a unique agency. The Commission in the course of the view of MAS document, now renamed CCMAS, had allowed the universities to contribute 30% of its own quota to the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standard (CCMAS).

He explained that the Commission had always worked in harmony with all the professional bodies that had extended a hand of friendship to

make haste in adding their own input to the CCMAS and that they have only three days to do that before the door would be permanently shut. He however disagreed with members of ARCON that all Nigerian graduates were unemployable.

He said that the academic and industries were strategic partners, stressing that this was the reason the Commission came up with the Triple Helix approach, with a view to bridging the gap between the universities and industries.

He stressed that the Nigerian graduates who had the opportunity



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to pursue their postgraduate studies abroad had excel in their various areas of specialisation and were doing well in other capacities.

Responding, the President of ARCON, said that the Nigeria Institute of Architects (NIA) and ARCON were at logger heads over alleged statutory functions and unresolved dispute which was now in court, had rendered many young and fresh graduates of Architecture redundant in the last few years, as they could not sit for exams or be certified as professional architects.

He lamented that ARCON had been pushed aside in contributing to the CCMAS and that courses of Architecture in the CCMAS were not complete. He appealed to NUC to accept the ARCON's document, which they believed would add value to Architecture courses in the CCMAS. He therefore sought for partnership between NUC and ARCON, saying that ARCON was more like a bridge between the academia and industries.

ARCON delegation included the Registrar, Arc. Umar Munanai;

Arc. Justus Okah; Arc. Prof. Uji Zav Zav; Arc. Prof. Emeka Chukwidi; Mr. Andy Ohiomah; Arc. Wilson Agbonya; Arc. Akinola Abiola and Mr. Hussaini Lamidi.

NUC Team included the Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi; Ag. Director, Public Affairs (DPA), Mal. Haruna Lawal Ajo as well as the Deputy Director, Curriculum Division, Directorate of Academic Planning (DPA) Mrs. Yetunde Adekoya.



Mr. Maiyaki and Arc. Ajayi (6th and 7th right) in a group photograph



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Yours in the service of higher education in Africa

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Approved Open University and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

Open Universities in Nigeria

List of approved Open Universities in Nigeria, Five Open Universities currently operating in the NUS are as follows:

1. The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which has 72 study/resource centres nationwide
2. Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT
3. Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State
4. West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria, Twenty 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.
18. Usmanu Danfodio University Centre for Open and Distance Education (CODE), Sokoto
19. Enugu State University of Science and Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre, Agbani
20. University of Benin Centre for Distance Learning, Edo State

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

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

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	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	University of Cross River State, 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) Mbadiwe 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, Ogbomoso	1990	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	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	University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State	2019
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	50	Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikeru - Ekiti State	2020
15	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	51	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020
16	Aliko Dangote University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	52	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	53	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021
18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	54	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021
						55	Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Oto/Ijanikin, Lagos State	2022



56	Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State	2022	60	Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, Oyo State	2022		
57	Shehu Shagari University of Education, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	61	Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education Kumbotso, Kano, Kano State	2023		
58	Enugu State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State	2022	62	Kogi State University, Kabba, Kogi State	2023		
59	University of Ilesa, Osun State	2022					

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

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97	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021	134	Shanahan University, Onitsha, Anambra State	2023			
98	ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021	135	The Duke Medical University Calabar, Cross River State	2023			
99	Pen Resource University, Gombe, Gombe State	2022	136	Mercy Medical University, Iwara, Iwo, Osun State	2023			
100	Al-Ansar University, Maiduguri, Borno State	2022	137	Cosmopolitan University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
101	Margaret Lawrence University, Galilee, Delta State	2022	138	Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2023			
102	Khalifa Isiyaku Rabiu University, Gadon Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State	2022	139	West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2023			
103	Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State	2022	140	Amaj University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
104	Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State, Kano, Kano State	2022	141	Prime University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
105	Saia University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	142	El-Amin University, Niger State	2023			
106	Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State	2022	143	College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023			
107	Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra State	2022	144	Jewel University, Gombe, Gombe State	2023			
108	Newgate University, Minna, Niger State	2022	145	Nigerian University of Technology and Management, Apapa, Lagos State	2023			
109	European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT	2022	146	Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
110	Northwest University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	147	Al-Bayan University, Ankpa, Kogi State	2023			
111	Rayhaan University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State	2023						
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						



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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 Udo 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, Mbaize, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State

- 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
- 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 52) Career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 54) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Business School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- 57) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 58) Gospel Missionary Foundation (GMF), Theological University. 165 Iselo road, Cele bus stop, Egbe-Ikotun, Lagos.

In addition to the closure, the following Degree Mills are currently undergoing further investigations and/or ongoing court actions. The purpose of these actions is to prosecute the proprietors and recover illegal fees and charges on subscribers.

- 1) National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State
- 2) North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State
- 3) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
- 4) Richmond Open University, Arochuku, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.
- 9) L.I.F.E Leadership University, Benin City, Edo State.

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

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

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

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This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
ALI	BASSHIR	DAUDA	18 September
ZAINAB		MOHAMMED	18 September
RUTH	ENIYEPADE	EKPERIWARE	18 September
FAIZA		MOHAMMED	19 September
OGHENETEGA	YVONNE	ENUJIOKE	19 September
MANASSEH	OSIMO	ETSEGAMEH	19 September
KAYODE	EBENEZER	ALONGE	19 September
JOSHUA	ALEWO	ATAH	20 September
NASIRU	IBRAHIM	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

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