

FG Assures Nigerian Students of Easy Access to Education Loan Scheme

The Federal Government of Nigeria, last week Wednesday assured Nigerians that no indigent students would be denied the government education student loan scheme billed to be launched in the upcoming weeks.

The Presidency also said that the Government was making frantic efforts to avert the planned strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASSU).

Chief of Staff to the President, Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, disclosed these when he received in his office, at the state House, a delegation of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS), led by its President, Comrade Lucky Emonefe.

Hon. Gbajabiamila called on Nigerian students to speak up against voices condemning the Students' Loan Funds policies, saying the scheme was to ensure that no student, irrespective of their birth circumstances, was deprived of quality education in

Nigeria.

The Chief of Staff further assured the students that the government was ready to avert

directives, declared an end to the strike by the academic unions in universities and higher institutions. According to him, "there may be another looming



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

any looming industrial action by members of ASSU, explaining that government was currently addressing issues that concerned the union.

He added that President Tinubu, GCFR, had, through several

ASUU strike, and we are trying to address that, we are looking at issues that concern ASUU, the impending strike and i believe we should be able to avert that as you have said earlier.

"We can always do our best to

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Rt. Hon. Femi Gbajabamila
Chief of Staff to the President

avert strikes such as this. Luckily, we have a President who is more than anybody determined that the days of strike are over and left behind. We are hoping to be able to avert the strikes”, he added.

The Chief of Staff affirmed the determination of President Bola Tinubu towards the successful take-off of the scheme, adding that the program would be launched within the next few weeks.

According to him, “Mr President is determined that we see it through and see it through successfully. It was supposed to be launched in January but it is anything worth doing and it is worth doing well.

“We are hoping it will be launched in the next two to three weeks, we are trying to dot the I(s) and cross the T(s) before it is launched to ensure we have policies that cannot be faulted.”

He added that the student loan scheme, when successfully launched, would become part of the legacies of the present administration.

Hon. Gbajabamila solicited the

support of Nigerians to ensure that no indigent student, who was genuinely in need of the loan, was left behind. “Now we are going to need you in the success of this policy because, generally, it is a well-received policy but there may be one or two segments of the society for the reason some people in some quarters may be kicking against it, this policy is for the Nigerian students, it is to make sure that no student is left behind when it comes to education.



Prof. Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN
The Honourable Minister of Education

“It is to make sure people are not deprived of their education just because of circumstances of their birth that itself is unconstitutional. “Now that the child of indigent should not be deprived of what should be a right, not to make education a privilege but a right. “So when voices speak up against it we expect you to rise for support, this is something that you all support, embrace and work towards its success”, he said.

The Chief of Staff also applauded youth representation on the Federal Executive

Council, saying the Government was working on the establishment of a Youth Advisory Council that would advise the President on youth matters and other injunctions towards youth development.

“You have among you two comrades standing in for you in the cabinet, We are mulling the idea that has not come to fruition yet I hope it will come to fruition, we are working assiduously on the Youth Advisory council that will sit from time to time and advise the President on youth matters and other matters that are geared towards youth development. We are hopeful that will come to fruition soon.” He concluded.

Earlier in his address, the NAN President, Comrade Lucky Emonefe, commended President Tinubu for the up-scale of the Education budget, students’ loan scheme and other giant strides and achievements in the education sector, especially the tertiary education sub-sector.

He called on the Federal Government to put extra efforts to



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
The Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC

avert the strike actions intended by the ASUU by addressing their demands as well as those of other university-based unions.



President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, Hon. Gbajabiamila (9th and 10th left) and President, NANS, Comrade Lucky Emonefe (8th left) in a group photograph with the NANS delegation

Only Foreign Students in Nigerian Varsities Pay Tuition Fees in Dollar- Ag. ES

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, has debunked claims in some quarters that some universities in the country were charging tuition fees in dollar, but rather insisted that in the spirit of internationalisation of university education all over the world, only foreigners studying in universities in the country pay tuition in dollar.

While speaking last Thursday at a Media Parley with Education Correspondents Association of Nigeria (ECAN) in Abuja, Mr. Maiyaki warned that the Commission would not condone such act from any university.

He explained that no law in the country permitted that tuition in schools should be collected in foreign currencies.

He said, “On the dollarisation of tuition fees in the said university, we

have investigated it and the university is not charging fees in dollars. They only charge dollars

Reacting to allegation that NUC had compromised the standard of education, given the number of



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to foreign students. So, I want the media to join hands with us to tell the public that no Nigerian university is allowed to charge fees in dollars.”

private universities it was approving, the NUC boss explained that the Commission was assiduously working to ensure that majority of Nigerians have access

to quality higher education through the involvement of well meaning Nigerians who have capacity, capability and wherewithal to undertake such a onerous venture.

Reaffirming the commission's determination to giving Nigerians quality higher education, he vowed that would continue to approve more universities as long as they meet standards and demonstrated the capacity for sustainability.

He disclosed that the commission would issue licences to two universities by next week to add to the existing ones in the country,



Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo
Ag. Director, Public Affairs

saying the development would give room for access to tertiary education and stem the tide of Nigerians going outside the country to study.

The Acting Executive Secretary added: "Due to the huge gap in demand and supply of university education, the National Universities Commission will continue to give approval for the establishment of more universities."

Similarly, Mr. Maiyaki stated that the commission would as a matter of deliberate policy continue to



Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu
Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics)

recommend the establishment of more public and private Universities in Nigeria as the current number cannot meet the demand and supply gap.

He affirmed that Nigeria with about 270 Universities would soon have an additional two coming on board next week as approval had been given.

He explained that each year, close to 2 million Candidates apply for admission into Nigerian Universities, however only between 500,000 to 700,000 candidates were admitted, a development which caused pain for the families of candidates, the candidates themselves, and the University leaders.

"Nigeria will continue to widen university access by approving more universities to meet its demands and supply of quality education.

"We have no choice but to as a matter of deliberate policy, undertake the massification of universities," he said.

He said comparatively, the USA which has 335 million population

has over 1,000 Universities, just as Brazil and Indonesia with a lesser population than Nigeria have more Universities.

He said based on this analogy, Nigeria with over 200 million population would require more Universities.

He declared that "Nigeria is under-subscribed as we have less numbers of Universities compared to the UK, USA, and India,".

Mr. Maiyaki said to improve access to Universities and meet the competing needs of candidates, Nigeria has approved the Transnational Education (TNE), Guidelines which gave the foreign countries opportunities to participate in the establishment of high standard Universities in Nigeria.



Mr. Chuks Ukwuatu
Chairman, ECAN

"This TNE system will make our graduates globally competitive. it is on the tripods of teaching, learning, and research.

He said the action would stem the tide of Nigerians going out to seek foreign University education.

According to him, the agency was



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also processing applications for the establishment of Distance Learning Centres (DLCs) that would provide quality University Education, stressing the that TNE was a departure from the previously banned distance learning programs across the country

He said the commission in addition to public-owned Open Universities, has approved four (4) new private open Universities for location in different parts of the country.

He said the commission has also

developed a Unit cost analysis of what it would take to train a student in Nigerian tertiary institutions, as part of ensuring the successful implementation of the student loan scheme, which would be launched next week.

“It is a guideline for public and private Universities in Nigeria as scholars begin to apply for the loan. They know how much it takes, for example, to train a medical doctor or an Engineer,” he said.

He called on stakeholders to key into the recently released 2023/2024 Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standard (CCMAS), as “it is a paradigm shift to make Nigerian Universities and its graduates globally competitive.”

He said a reference database for all Professors in Nigeria had also been published and will aid local and international agencies to collaborate and partner with Nigerian institutions for more development.



Mr. Ukwatu presenting a plaque to Ag. ES, Mr. Maiyaki accompanied by DES, Dr. Saliu

He further appreciated the decision of government to remove tertiary institutions from the IPPIS payment platform and consider it a major success recorded by the Commission as it had given the universities more autonomy.

The Acting Executive Secretary said the commission had always stood against issues of Degree mills, and certificate racketeering, stressing that the committee set up to investigate the foreign university certificate racketeering would soon submit its report.

Despite the success stories, the NUC Executive Secretary said the Commission had faced challenges of incessant strikes by the University-based Unions which affected the smooth running of the academic calendar, adding that paucity of funds had also led to the slow pace of ICT deployment in tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

Mr. Maiyaki informed the media that despite the paucity of funds, the NUC had done well to live up to its

responsibilities of serving as a bridge to ensuring that quality was maintained and sustained in the system.

This was achieved by the recent review and finalisation of work on the curriculum of Nigerian universities by bringing it in tune with global competitiveness, which was christened Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS).

One of the major highlight of the event was the presentation of an award for excellence by the ECAN to the NUC boss, which the body described as a recognition for a job well done.

The Chairman of ECAN, Mr. Chuks Ukwuatu said the recognition was based on key performance indicators set by the association which saw NUC excelling in the discharge of its responsibilities.

Receiving the award, the Acting Executive Secretary said: “I dedicate this recognition to all the

staff of the NUC, beginning from the security man at the gate to the highest ranking person. We did it together. I appreciate ECAN for the recognition.”

In a vote of thanks, the Deputy Executive Secretary, Academics (NUC), Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu expressed appreciation to the ECAN for being part of the NUC family and for always responding to even short notice whenever called upon by the Commission.

He also thanked them for timely and objective reportage of events of the Commission and for seeking clarification on issues before rushing to the press and prayed that the symbiotic relationship would be sustained into the future.

He also appreciated all the NUC directors who supported the Executive Secretary in moving the Commission forward.



Mr. Maiyaki and Mr. Ukwuatu (7th and 8th left front row), in a group photograph with the ECAN delegation and some members of the NUC management

ANAN University Approaches NUC for Status Change

The Governing Council of ANAN University, Kwall, led by the chairman of the council ably represented by a member, Professor Suleiman S. Aruwa and the Vice Chancellor,

education provided by the Institution at postgraduate level, adding that the University could no longer sustain its mandate as a postgraduate institution, due to low enrolment for its

undergraduate programmes to Nassarawa State.”

Professor Aruwa sought the understanding of the Commission to grant approval for a branch of the University to



R-L: The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; council member of ANAN University, Professor Suleiman S. Aruwa and the Vice Chancellor of the university, Professor Musa Inuwa Fodio

Professor Musa Inuwa Fodio, last Friday paid a courtesy visit to the National Universities Commission (NUC), to seek approval as well as guidance on its intention to change the status of the University from a specialised post-graduate institution to a conventional one.

Speaking on behalf of the delegation, Professor Aruwa, stated that the decision by the Governing Council to change the status of the University was due to high demand for undergraduate programmes occasioned by the quality

postgraduate programmes.

The Council member stated that the University had, in recent times, incurred huge running cost occasioned by insecurity, as the University had to engage the services of some security outfits to protect lives and properties in and around the Campus of the University.

He said “The University is incurring huge running cost due to insecurity in the State and that is why we have also concluded, with your kind approval to relocate the

be established in Nasarawa State, for its undergraduate programmes, adding that the University was ready to work with the NUC to achieve its goals.

In his response, the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, noted that since the licensing of ANAN University in 2021, the Institution had been on a steady path of growth, despite the prevailing challenges.

He stressed that the Commission would continue to provide the much needed



The meeting of the Acting Executive Secretary with ANAN University delegation and some NUC management in session

leadership as the regulatory body of the university system, to ensure its stability, adding that the Commission was a product of law, and its activities were also guided by law as such must ensure that the establishment of a branch Campus was done within the guidelines of the Commission.

Mr. Chris noted that the insecurity on the Plateau was of public knowledge saying “one

can understand your plight concerning insecurity. Usually, there is need to re-strategise when business plan is not meeting its purpose.”

The NUC Scribe encouraged the council management and staff of the institution to redouble their efforts towards achieving their mandates and vision.

He assured them that the commission would look at their request, engage and communicate to them.

Mr. Maiyaki reaffirmed the commitment of NUC to assist and support genuine requests that placed any university on the path of growth and development.



Mr. Maiyaki, Professors Aruwa and Fodio (10th, 11th and 12th right) in a group photograph with the ANAN University delegation and some members of NUC Management

Igbenedion University Intimates ES on Silver Jubilee

The Ag. Executive Secretary of NUC, Mr. Chris Maiyaki received members of the Governing Council of the Igbenedion University, Okada who were on a courtesy call to intimate him of the forthcoming 25th

on its anniversary.”

The Council and NUC management met at the NUC new Board Room.

The Chairman and Chancellor of Igbenedion University,

grace the occasion and thanked the Executive Secretary for the warm reception and hospitality extended to the delegation.

Addressing the members of the Governing Council, the Acting Executive Secretary gave a



L-R: Directors, Executive Secretary Office, Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu; Open Distance and e-Learning, Engr. Kayode Odedina; The Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki and Director, Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi,

Anniversary of the Institution scheduled for 10th May, 2024.

While welcoming the delegates he mentioned that Igbenedion University, Okada, Edo State remained “one of the pioneer private universities in Nigeria; it started alongside Babcock and Madonna Universities. The University had come a long way and it is still waxing stronger amongst its peers. I am proud of Igbenedion University in spite of the fact that it is just twenty Five years old and the National Universities Commission (NUC) is looking forward to celebrating with the University

Professor Sheikh Ahmed Abdallah, in company of the Vice-Chancellor and members of the Governing Council presented a goodwill message from the founder of the institution, Chief Gabriel Osawaru Igbenedion, to the Acting Executive Secretary and the NUC management.

Professor Abdallah used the occasion to formally invite the Acting Executive Secretary to the Anniversary, as a special guest of honour, for his role in maintaining quality education in Nigeria. He said that other invited dignitaries would also

brief history of NUC and said that universities came into existence to assuage the yearning of young Nigerians to acquire university education to develop themselves and the nation.

He stated the development of university education in Nigeria. He noted that that from 1948 to 2024 the Commission now had 270 universities cutting across Federal, State and privately owned universities.

The ES informed that every State in Nigeria now had the



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presence of a Federal University, some state had up to four, some three, while others had two and one, as the case might be.

He said that the Commission ensured it discharged its responsibilities by laying down the Minimum Academic Standard, it had also reviewed its curriculum; the Core-Curriculum for Minimum Academic Standard (CCMAS)

to meet international standard and best practices.

He declared that the Nigerian University System (NUS) could not remain stagnant while the rest of the world was moving with speed.

He further stressed that the Commission was empowered to undertake resource verification exercise and accreditation exercise as peer

review mechanisms.

Mr. Maiyaki added that NUC issued license to commence a University that met the required standard and would continue to approve and support the establishment of more universities, due to the ever-increasing population of students that sought admission into higher institutions yearly without fruition.



The Chairman and Chancellor of Igbenedion University, Professor Sheikh Ahmed Abdallah and other members of the Igbenedion University Governing Council

He noted that about 2 million qualified admission seekers were yearly denied access to university, saying that this became a source of frustration to many and they resorted to trooping to some mushrooms universities in neighbouring countries and other places to acquire fake certificates.

The Acting Executive Secretary informed the visitors that NUC

increasingly become a crucial component of higher education, with globalization and digital technologies making it easier for institutions to operate across borders.

The NUC Scribe said that today, the System had a consistent flow for education goods and services within the context of global trade and

the founder of the Institution had awarded scholarships to students from various part of Nigeria, without discrimination, saying that NUC was happy with what the university had achieved.

Other members of Igbenedion University delegation included the Vice Chancellor, Professor Lawrence Ezemonye; Professor Abubakar Sani



R-L: Ag. Directors, Public Affairs, Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo; Inspection and Monitoring, Mrs Lydia Tani Imoroa; Finance and Account, Mrs. Hauwa Amos; Students, Ms. Rita Okonjo and Human Resources, Mrs. Victoria Omorodion at the meeting.

formulated and implemented policies, granted approval for all academic programmes run in Nigerian universities, ensured quality of all academic programmes offered in the NUS and granted approval for the establishment of all higher educational institutions offering degree programmes in Nigeria.

He noted that the Commission had just launched its Transnational Education (TNE) guidelines, noting that TNE had

movement of human populations, explaining that these came in the form of education tourism, international students flow and the export of technology that had become integral aspect of TNE and of the prevailing realities.

He averred that 25 years was a milestone in the life of a university and that Igbenedion University had become a household name in Nigeria as

Sambo, Professor Ahmed Tijani; Hajia Aisha Abubakar and Mr. Friday Bakare.

In the NUC Team were; Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi, Director, Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU) Engr. Kayode Odedina of Directorate of Open Distance and e-Learning and Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu of the Executive Secretary Office (DESO). Others were Ag. Directors;

Inspection and Monitoring (DIM); Mrs. Lydia Imorua, Research, Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT); Mal. Mohammed Lawal Farouk, Skills Development and

Entrepreneurship (DSDE), Mal. Ashafa Ladan, Public Affairs (DPA); Malam Haruna Lawal Ajo, Students (DOS); Ms. Rita Okonjo, Finance and Account (DFA); Mrs. Hauwa Amos,

Accreditation (DA); Engr. Abraham Chundusu, Human Resources (DHR), Mrs. Victoria Omorodion as well as Deputy Directors; DRIIT, Mr. Obinna Nwachukwu and Legal Division, Bar. Pascal Eruaga.



The Ag. ES, NUC, Mr. Maiyaki and Chairman/Chancellor of Igbenedion University, Prof. Sheikh Ahmed Abdallah (3rd and 4th right front row), in a group photograph with the Igbenedion University delegation and some members of NUC Management after the meeting

First Lady Announces N50m Endowment Fund for Graduate

The First Lady, Senator Oluremi Tinubu, has announced a N50 million endowment fund for the best graduating law student of the Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria (MAAUN), Kano. Mrs. Tinubu made the announcement last week at the inauguration of the institution's School of Law Building, which was named after her by the university's management.



Senator Oluremi Tinubu
First Lady, Federal Republic of Nigeria

The first lady, who unveiled the building, expressed satisfaction

with the facilities put in place and thanked the founder of the

university, Professor Adamu Gwarzo, for naming the school

building after her. She also lauded Gwarzo for his contribution towards uplifting the standard of education in Nigeria and beyond.

“I am delighted for being honoured at this occasion and I am not taking it for granted as I will continue to support the youths because education is the key to freedom,” she said.

Mrs. Tinubu recalled that she did her one year mandatory National Youth Service in Kano State and recalled with nostalgia how she stayed at the popular Sabon Gari area in the ancient city.

In his welcome address, the Founder, Professor Gwarzo said MAAUN’s vision was to be a world-class university renowned in teaching, research and services for global mankind.

He said the mission of the university was to “offer the world



Prof. Adamu Gwarzo
The Founder, MAAUN

with well-educated and talented leaders and captains of industries by providing affordable and acceptable qualitative education and skills to all”.

Narrating the history of the school, Professor Gwarzo stated that the university started in Maradi, Niger Republic. He reiterated the commitment council, management and staff of the institution to providing quality education and high moral standard to the students.

After inaugurating the edifice,

the first lady was conducted round the School of Law and the Murtala Ramat Mohammed library.

Mrs. Tinubu was accompanied to the event by former First Lady, Hajia Maryam Abacha, Minister of State, FCT, Dr. Mariya Bunkure, former Minister of Women Affairs, Mrs. Pauline Tallen and wife of the Secretary to Government of the Federation, Mrs. George Akume.

Other personalities that accompanied the First Lady were wives of governors from 17 states, including, Niger, Borno, Ekiti, Ebonyi, Ogun, Nasarawa, Gombe, Plateau and Jigawa.

Other states were Katsina, Taraba, Adamawa, Kogi, Akwa Ibom, Edo, Lagos and the host state, Kano.



The First Lady, Sen. Remi Tinubu (8th right); Former First Lady, Hajia Mariam Abacha(9th Right) in a group photograph with other dignitaries at the event

LASU Canvasses Value-Adding Education

The Vice-Chancellor, Lagos State University, Professor Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello, has emphasised the importance of relevant knowledge that will make students contribute meaningfully and add value to society.

The VC spoke at the LASU Career and Entrepreneurial Seminar 2024 held in Lagos recently.

The seminar was organised in collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria, Ogun State Branch; LASU and the National Young Adults and Youth Affairs of RCCG.

Titled, ‘Navigate,’ the seminar underscored the crucial role of strategic guidance in steering the trajectory of individual careers and entrepreneurial endeavours.

The VC said, “For us as a university, education goes beyond the four walls of the classroom. It is the skills that we impart to our students to help them live meaningful lives and add value to their society.

“We also understand that the acquisition of relevant career and entrepreneurial skills by

students has become, not just necessary but indispensable in the pursuit of a life of value outside the university.”



Professor Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello
The Vice-Chancellor, LASU

The President and Chairman of the Governing Council, CIPM, Olusegun Mojeed, stressed the values of integrity and commitment to the educational journey of students and professional pursuits.

In his address titled, ‘Navigating the future,’ Dr. Sola Owoeye, emphasised the importance of meticulous goal-setting, adaptability, continuous learning, networking, and resilience in shaping a successful future.

“Network and build connections. Your network is your net worth. Engage with

professionals to expose yourself to different opportunities.”

Speaking on, ‘Building a solid foundation for career success,’ Chairman, CIPM, Ogun State chapter, Mr Sean Badiru, said, “In your quest for a fulfilling future, you need to embark on a journey of self-discovery today.

Look within. What natural talents do you have that you can develop into skills relevant for today and the future?”

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION, ABUJA



RE: ABOUT 100 FAKE PROFESSORS JUST UNCOVERED IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES – NUC A REBUTTAL

The attention of the National Universities Commission (NUC) has been drawn to news items, circulating on the social media, some national dailies and television stations, to the effect that the Commission has just “discovered over 100 fake Professors in Nigerian Universities”. The NUC wishes to deny these media reports categorically and unequivocally. They are fake, untrue and a figment of the imagination of the author(s), all happening at an unsuitable time, when the nation is awaiting the outcome of the investigation into the fake certificate saga from universities in some neighbouring countries. The Commission therefore finds this development as unfair to all stakeholders.

Specifically, the fake news items have been circulating in two forms – (i) as a link to a 2019 online news item; and (ii) as a separate list of names of the alleged fake Professors in various Nigerian Universities, which was not the case. We consider these unfounded publications as ill-conceived and a ploy by unscrupulous persons to create in plausible a tone, disquiet, panic and provoking outcries at both the national and international levels.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Commission can confirm that it initiated in 2019 a laudable project, with the intent of compiling and publishing a list of full Professors in the Nigerian Universities System (NUS) through the use of an online portal to collate the requisite data. During the exercise, the NUC found anomalies, such as Associate Professors being listed as full Professors. It is essential to also state clearly that the Commission as a responsible Federal Government Agency, does not engage in half-baked exercises capable of tarnishing the image of Nigeria and the NUS. That was why the Commission deemed it necessary to share the collated data with the Nigerian Universities for the purpose of authentication by the competent authorities as to who qualifies to be a full professor. Based on the verified data, the Commission then in a landmark accomplishment, first published the list of full Professors who participated in the exercise in 2019. It was understood that this

would be succeeded by a continuous process of updating the list of full Professors. It is important to state at this point that all the issues pertaining to the 2019 verification of full Professors in Nigerian Universities were concluded in 2019. Since then, the Commission has entrenched a more reliable system of generating the list of full Professors in the NUS. The Commission is also conscious of the fact that some of the academics not captured in the 2019 exercise may now have matured and progressed to become full Professors; this being the reason why it continuously updates the list of full Professors in the NUS.

The National Universities Commission questions the rationale behind recycling this stale 2019 news of an activity it initiated, conducted and laid to rest in the same year. The purpose and objective of resurrecting in 2024 (more than 4 years later) this-no-longer-fresh news, is clearly intended to generate unnecessary controversy at an unsuitable time, whilst lacing it with a false list of fake Professors.

The National Universities Commission owes it a solemn duty to protect and guard the integrity of the many hardworking and committed academics in the NUS, who have earned national and international respect and recognition. Therefore, the Commission has been saddled with the vital and strategic responsibility by its enabling laws, to uphold the sanctity of quality in all aspects of our University Education delivery.

The Commission wishes to use this medium to advise Government officials at all levels, members of the NUS, the international community, and the public, to please disregard these items of fake and stale news which have long been laid to rest in 2019. All information concerning the role of the NUC in the regulation of the NUS can be found on our official website www.nuc.edu.ng. Further enquiries can also be made via the Commission's official email address: info@nuc.edu.ng

Please be assured of our highest considerations, at all times and best wishes for a much more fulfilling and prosperous 2024.

Signed.

Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary
National Universities Commission



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Federal Secretariat, Phase III, Abuja

Press Release

SUSPENSION OF EVALUATION AND ACCREDITATION OF DEGREE CERTIFICATES FROM THE BENIN AND TOGO REPUBLICS.

The attention of the Federal Ministry of Education has been drawn to the commendable work of investigative journalism that led to the publication by the Daily Nigerian Newspaper dated 30th December 2023 titled "UNDERCOVER: How DAILY NIGERIAN reporter bagged Cotonou varsity degree in 6 weeks, participated in NYSC scheme". This was also carried in various social media.

2. This report lends credence to suspicions that some Nigerians deploy nefarious means and unconscionable methods to get a Degree with the end objective of getting graduate job opportunities for which they are not qualified.
3. The Federal Ministry of Education vehemently decries such acts and with effect from 2nd January 2024 is suspending evaluation and accreditation of degree certificates from Benin and Togo Republics pending the outcome of an investigation that would involve the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria and the two countries, the ministries responsible for Education in the two countries as well the Department of State Security Services (DSSS), and the National Youths Service Corps (NYSC). The Ministry therefore wish to call on the General Public to support its efforts, show understanding and provide useful information that will assist the Committee in finding lasting solutions in order to prevent further occurrence.
4. The Ministry has also commenced internal administrative processes to determine the culpability or otherwise of her staff for which applicable Public Service Rules would be applied.

5. The issue of degree mills institutions, i.e institutions that exist on paper or operate in clandestine manner outside the control of regulators is a global problem that all countries grapple with. FME has been contending with the problem including illegal institutions located abroad or at home preying on unsuspecting, innocent Nigerians and some desperate Nigerians who deliberately patronize such outlets. Periodically, warnings have been issued by the Ministry and NUC against the resort to such institutions and in some instances, reports made to security agencies to clamp down on the perpetrators. The ministry will continue to review its strategy to plug any loopholes, processes and procedures and deal decisively with any conniving officials.

6. The Ministry had always adopted the global standard for evaluation and accreditation of certificates of all forms which relies on receipt of the list of accredited courses and schools in all countries of the World.

7. The Ministry wishes to assure Nigerians and the general public that, it is already putting in place mechanisms to sanitise the education sector, including dissuading the quest for degree certificates (locally or from foreign countries) through a re-invigorated focus on inclusivity: reliance on all skill sets as directed by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR.

8. The Federal Ministry of Education is committed to collaborating with stakeholders, including civil society organizations, to consistently enhance the Nigerian education system and we value the public's understanding and patience as we strive to address these issues.

9. The Federal Ministry of Education wishes all Nigerians a happy new year. A year in which we would all work together to strengthen our education sector.

Signed

Mrs. Augustina Obilor-Duru
Acting Director, Press and Public Relations
2nd January, 2023



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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	52	Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State	2023
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	34	Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	53	African Aviation and Aerospace University, Abuja, FCT	2023
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) Mbadiewe University, Imo State	2016
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho	1990	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	44	Borno State University	2016
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	45	Moshodo 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, Umagwo, Imo State	2019
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	50	Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - 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	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	63	AbdulKadir Kure University, Minna, Niger State	2023		

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
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	2009	67	Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
3	Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State	1999	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	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 Adegboyegea 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 Clark 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, 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	Ojaja University Ilorin, 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	North-Eastern University (Formerly Pen Resource), 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						



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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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ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
TIJANI	IDI	ADAMU	19 February
MUKAILA		AYINDE	19 February
FOLAKE	HALIMA	AJAYI	19 February
LOIS	AFAMEFUNNE	EJEMIZU	19 February
LIVINUS	OKECHUKWU	ODUM	21 February
CLARA	OPEYEMI	ABU	22 February
CHUKWUEMEKA	CHRISTOPHER	NWUFO	22 February
YUSUF		AUTA	22 February
ESTHER	ODONMA	ODIGWE	22 February
THEODORE	TERRY	UNUAJOH	22 February
FYAFA	ANDEYANSTO	KWENA	24 February
ASHAFA		LADAN	25 February

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Best Wishes for the week



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