

Reworked Student Loan Law Ready for Tinubu's Assent

Barring any last minute change, the now reworked student loan bill passed by the National Assembly would soon be assented to, by His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR.

The Senate recently passed the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2024.

This was done after considering the report of the Senate Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND.

Also, the House of Representatives passed the harmonised copy of the bill into law.

Both chambers passed the bill within three legislative days after President Tinubu sent an Executive Bill last Thursday.

A key highlight of the bill was that one per cent of collectable taxes by the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) would be used to fund the scheme.

Under the new bill, false declaration attracts three years in jail, and there would be loan repayment forgiveness in case of a beneficiary's death.

Education Financing, Isiaka Adegboyega, said a joint committee of the Senate and House critically examined the provisions.



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

Senate Committee Chairman, Muntari Dandutse (APC – Katsina South) presented the report during plenary.

At the House, Chairman of the Committee on Students Loan, Scholarship and Higher

He said the re-enactment would boost educational advancement.

The student loan programme would have officially kicked off last Thursday, but it was shifted indefinitely.

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

The new Bill scrapped and substituted the hitherto Student Loan Act.

Both chambers suspended their relevant rules and passed the new Bill for first reading last **T h u r s d a y**.

They, thereafter, referred the Bill to the Committee of the Whole where they separately considered and passed it for Second Reading before a public hearing.

It would be recalled that President Tinubu, on June 12, 2023, signed into law the defunct Student Loan Bill to provide interest-free loans to Nigerians seeking higher education.

It was sponsored by former House of Representatives Speaker Femi Gbajabiamila, now Chief of Staff to the President.

The ex-lawmaker introduced the bill in 2016 as part of measures to address the funding gaps in

tertiary education.

The new Bill got expeditious consideration at the two chambers.

The Bill proposed one per cent of all collectable revenue by the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) to fund the scheme.

The hurdles of a guarantor, a parent's debt profile and others in the old Act have been removed in the new Bill, thereby making it easier for the loan to be accessed.

The proposal was entitled: "A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Students Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act, 2023 and Enact the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Bill, 2024 to Establish the Nigerian Education Loan Fund as a Body Corporate to Receive, Manage and Invest Funds to Provide Loans to

Nigerians for Higher Education, Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition and Related Matters".

A significant amendment, according to a policy brief, includes "the establishment of the Nigeria Education Loan Fund (NELFUND) as a body corporate that can sue and be sued in its name and has the power to acquire, hold, and dispose of movable and immovable property".

On eligibility criteria for applicants, the new Bill removed the family income threshold to enable Nigerian students to apply for loans and accept responsibility for repayment according to the Fund's guidelines.

It also removed the guarantor requirement so that students can apply for and receive loans subject to application and identity verification guidelines as provided by the Fund.

Student applicants should no longer be disqualified based on their parent's loan history.

The Bill establishes a justice and fairness provision mandating the Board to ensure a minimum national spread of loans approved and disbursed in each financial year.

Applicants to the Fund may apply for loans to cover tuition and other fees payable to the school and maintenance allowance

payable to the student.

On repayment of loans, the Bill indicated that beneficiaries of the Fund shall begin as soon as the beneficiary becomes employed in any capacity.

According to the brief, the Fund shall not initiate loan recovery efforts until two years after the completion of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) programme.

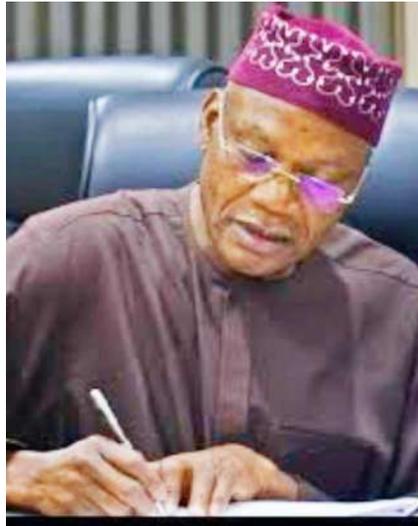
It stated “that a beneficiary may request an extension of enforcement action by the Fund by providing an affidavit indicating that he is not employed in any capacity and is not receiving any income.”

It provides “that any person who provides a false statement to the Fund under this section is guilty of a felony and is liable to imprisonment for three years.

It makes provision for loan forgiveness in the event of death or acts of God causing inability to repay.”

The brief says: “NELFUND can legally enter contracts, including loan agreements and may also initiate action to ensure repayment by beneficiaries.

“It also empowers the Fund to provide loans to qualified Nigerians for tuition, fees, charges, and upkeep during their studies in approved tertiary education institutions and vocational and skills acquisition



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

institutions in Nigeria.

“It empowers the Fund to build, operate, and maintain a diversified pool of funds to provide loans to qualified applicants and ensure access to higher education, vocational training, and skills acquisition.

“These changes will ensure that students can apply for and receive loans to cover tuition,



Mr. Chris J Maiyaki
The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

institutional charges and some upkeep costs.

“It also separates the governance functions from the

management operations of the NELFUND by establishing a Board of Directors with a Chairman and Secretary.

“The board’s members are drawn from the relevant ministries, regulatory bodies, and participating agencies, including the Federal Ministries of Finance and Education, the FIRS, National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), National Universities Commission (NUC), National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), and National Commission For Colleges of Education (NCCE), as well as representatives of universities, polytechnics, and colleges of education, students of tertiary institutions, and the organised private sector.

“It also properly defines the resource structure of the Fund by, amongst other things, establishing the General Reserve Fund into which shall be paid one per cent of all taxes, levies and duties collected by the FIRS and accruing to the benefit of the Federal Government of Nigeria.

“It indicated that this is from which the Fund shall pay amounts payable as loans to qualified applicants for tuition, fees, charges, and upkeep, as well as the Fund’s operational expenses and such expenditures necessary to attaining its objectives and functions.”

ODL Future of Nigeria's Education-FG

The Federal Government has declared that Open and Distance Learning (ODL) remain the future of education in Nigeria in view of the high number of those seeking university education annually.

Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, OON, who said this charged the National Universities Commission (NUC) and other regulatory agencies to come up with quality assurance mechanisms to strengthen open universities in the country.

Professor Mamman spoke in Abuja at the unveiling and maiden matriculation ceremony of Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, where he also urged the management of the Open University to offer programmes that were relevant to the local communities.

At the event, 105 students across three faculties and 14 programmes were matriculated.

The Minister said owing to the large pool of candidates searching for university education, there was a need to open up the system for private education to meet the educational yearnings of the youths.

Professor Mamman said: "Open distance learning education is a relatively new frontier for us and that is the direction our tertiary education is moving.

"I know as a fact, the government ownership of open university has risen to over 700,000 students, the

largest in Africa and the pool of young men and women who are interested in education is unsearchable and very large. So, certainly the government cannot meet these demands.



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"So it is appropriate that we open the system to the private sector who are really committed to the provision of this level of education."

He said: "What we have at the moment is largely focused on conventional institutions, as we strengthen this level of university education, the public must have the assurance that they deliver the quality programmes which they give approval for.

"Secondly, one of the focus areas of this government are qualifications that are relevant to our local community, they must be relevant while having the same quality that will make you competitive in the international

arena.

"How do you become relevant within the local frontier? It is by ensuring that you have programmes that embed in them skills which will

make them readily employable or better still employers of Nigerians.

"This government is set and already working with corporate skill sets of the Nigerian education sector right from primary schools to the university because the level we are now is such that we need more people with skills who will provide solutions to Nigerian problems."

While congratulating the newly admitted students, Professor Mamman charged them to adhere to the university's regulations and contribute responsibly to the institution.

In his remarks, the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris. J Maiyaki, noted that Al-Muhibbah Open University, was



The husband of the proprietor and Bauchi State Governor, His Excellency, Senator Bala Mohammed and the Proprietor, Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, Her Excellency, Dr. Aisha Bala Mohammed

among the four flagship Private open Universities licenced by the Commission to provide quality education to Nigerians beyond the normal mortar and bricks of the conventional institutions.

He congratulated the pioneer matriculating students and the proprietor for investing in university education, stating that universities

all over the world remained a legacy that lived beyond their owners.

In her remarks, the Proprietor of Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja and Wife of Bauchi State Governor, Her Excellency, Dr. Aisha Bala Mohammed, recalled that she founded it with the desire to provide affordable and

accessible learning opportunities to the teeming Nigerian population.

She said technology remained the driver of development, noting that the choice of Open Distance Learning (ODL) was aimed to break barriers to continuous learning and to introduce flexibility and innovation in the mode of delivery of tertiary education.



An Aerial view of the guests and Principal Officers of the Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, during the maiden matriculation ceremony of the university



The state-of-the-art Online Smart Classroom of the Open University

While congratulating the 105 students admitted into various programmes of the Open University, she said that the vision of AL- Muhibbah remained to serve as a top-tier Open University and a hub of excellence for the provision of high quality, innovative, and accessible university education.

The over-reaching objective, she said, was to produce students who would have acquired 21st century skills, become problem-solvers and provide service to humanity.

She declared that the excellent facilities in the university provided an environment of international standards for learning, research, acquisition of specialized skills and comprehensive training of students by empowering them to apply knowledge and skills to the benefit of society.

The students were admitted in various degree programmes that included B.Sc Entrepreneurship, B.Sc Accounting and Finance,

B.Sc International Relations, B.Sc Economics, B.Sc Business Administration, B.Sc Marketing and B.Sc Project Management.

At the matriculation ceremony included the husband of the proprietor and Bauchi State Governor, Senator Bala Mohammed; the Emir of Bauchi, Alhaji (Dr) Rilwanu Suleimanu Adamu, CFR,; as well as some prominent members of the Bauchi State Government.



Some of the members of the governing Council of the Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, during the unveiling and maiden matriculation of the students

TETFund Earmarks N25 billion for Equipment Upgrade in Varsities

The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Architect Sonny Echono has disclosed that the Fund has earmarked a sum of N25 billion for the upgrade of equipment in laboratories and workshops in public universities, polytechnics and colleges of education across the country.

He said this was captured in the 2024 intervention budget of the agency in view of the decay in the research facilities across the beneficiary institutions.

He said the findings have revealed that the equipment in the laboratories and workshops in beneficiary institutions were obsolete, inadequate or underutilised.

Architect Echono made this known in Abuja, during the inauguration of the three ad- hoc committees with the task of upscaling skill development in the country as well as strengthening the Fund's intervention activities.

The committees were those on operationalisation of equipment upgrade in workshops and laboratories for universities, polytechnics and colleges of education (technical); Committee on assessment/review of TETFund centres of excellence and Committee on operationalisation of skills development special intervention.

The TETFund boss said: "You will recall that in 2022, we undertook a national survey to assess the availability, functionality, and compatibility

informal apprenticeship training through the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF).

He added that in consonance with



Arc. Sonny Echono

The Executive Secretary TETFund, making a remark during the Inauguration of the TETFund Ad-Hoc Committees in Abuja.

of all existing research facilities across our beneficiary institutions in relation to contemporary requirements and global best practices."

He noted that the promotion of skills development was one of the priority areas of the government to address the prevailing challenges of youth unemployment and prevalence of poverty in our society.

Architect Echono commended the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) for making deliberate efforts to improve skill development in Nigerian polytechnics by formalising the

the Fund's commitment to the promotion of skill development, provision was made for skills development programmes in polytechnics under the Fund's Special Interventions.

"In line with the Fund's commitment to deepen its content-based interventions and facilitate the institutionalisation of research and development, concerted efforts are being made to identify more innovative ways to enhance research capacities of our beneficiary institutions and promote skills development for our teeming youths.

"Modern economic development



Chairman Ad-Hoc Committee on Operationalization of Equipment Upgrade in Workshops and Laboratories for Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education (Technical), Prof. Hayward Mafuyai Babale with the Executive Secretary NBTE/Chairman Ad-Hoc Committee on Assessment/Review of the TETFund Centres of Excellence, Prof. Idris M. Bugaje during the Inauguration of the TETFund Ad-Hoc Committees at the Funds Headquarter in Abuja.

process continues to depend on increased productivity arising from purposeful and problem-solving research. It has been acknowledged that no society can succeed without adequate research infrastructure facilities to support innovative research for solving societal problems,” he said.

According to him, to ensure effective implementation of the intervention, the Fund constituted an advisory committee chaired by Professor Hayward Babale to advise on the functionality of the upgrade of equipment in workshops and laboratories of the institutions.

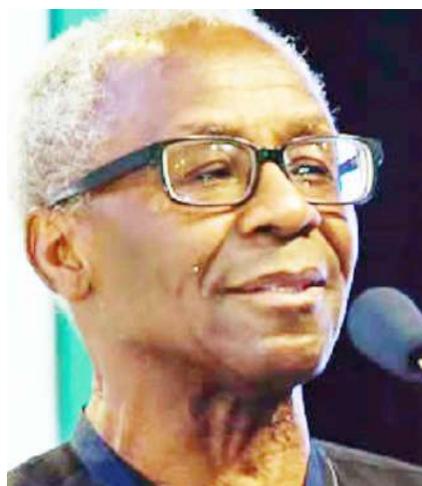
He said the committee was tasked with the reference of assessing the state of workshops and laboratories in the target institutions including equipment and other facilities in use.

On the ‘Committee on assessment/review of TETFund centres of excellence,’ Architect Echono said the Fund under the 2024 intervention made provision

for the upgrade of the most performing centres.

“Consequently, the Fund considered it expedient to constitute an Ad hoc Committee chaired by Professor Oyewale Tomori to assess and review the performance and progress of the centres in the universities in line with their specific mandate.

“The terms of reference for the committee include assessing performance of the existing TETFund Centres of Excellence



Prof. Oyewale Tomori
Chairman, Ad-hoc Committee

hosted in universities based on their given mandates and areas of specialisation, among others.

The TETFund boss also said that the Fund was committed to the promotion of skills development; hence provision was made for skills development programmes in Polytechnics under the Fund’s special interventions.

He said consequently, the Fund constituted an advisory committee chaired by, the executive secretary of NBTE, Professor Idris Bugaje, to advise on the modalities for the operationalisation of the skills development special intervention.

The Executive Secretary TETFund charged the committee to assess the present state of skills development programmes in Polytechnics based on the entrepreneurship and skills development policy of the government.

He also urged the committee to harvest and determine skills



Some of the participants at the 2024 Discourse on the TETFund Intervention Budget

development priorities as well as gathering of complementary resources, expertise needed for technical development and industrial growth.

Architect Echono, however, commended President Bola Tinubu for approving the 2024 intervention budget of the Fund in which these activities were encapsulated.

He, therefore, tasked the committee to submit their reports within six

weeks from the day they were constituted for upward development of the country.

Responding, the Chairman, Committee on operationalisation of skills development special intervention, Professor Bugaje commended the fund for investing in skills development saying that “in this lies the future of the youths.”

“The three committees are very

important because skills cut across all of them. In the past, polytechnics were behaving like ivory towers doing what universities are doing. This is not right, we are complimentary to universities.

“We have specific roles to play and the role is the provision of skills. We must train our own and use them.



Arc. Echono (6th right) in a Group Photograph with the Chairmen and Members of the newly inaugurated Ad-Hoc Committees of the Fund

University, Good as its Registry – UI VC

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan, Professor Kayode Adebowale, has described the registry as the engine room and live wire of any university, saying that no university can meaningfully operate without a virile registry.

Professor Adebowale who made the statement while speaking at the ‘2024 Registry Discourse of the Institution, added that a university was as good as its registry.

This, he noted, “explains why university administrations, all over the world, pay particular attention to the quality of their registries and the quality of their staff.

He boasted that the University of Ibadan has a strong and robust registry that was grounded in tradition and with gatekeepers that were effective in ensuring that due process was adhered to in university operations.

“Over the years, UI has been blessed with registrars who are iconic in upholding the time-tested tradition of excellence as instituted by the founding fathers of the university,” he said.

The Registrar of the University, Mr Ganiyu Saliu said that “the registry discourse is an annual event that brings together academics, administrators, policy makers, and stakeholders in the higher education sector to discuss and exchange ideas on pertinent issues affecting the system.”

He noted that the universal theme which is ‘Evolution of the University Registry in a Globalized World’ reflects the changing dynamics and

challenges of the registry as the nerve centre of university administration.

The theme of this year’s discourse was ‘Administration of Higher Education Institutions in the Face of Public Policy Somersault.’



Professor Kayode O. Adebowale, mni, FAS
Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan

The discussion was led by Otunba Sola Olatunji, a renowned entrepreneur, philanthropist, and community leader, who has made significant contributions to the development of the energy sector and the Nigerian economy.

Mr. Otunba Olatunji, an alumnus of the University of Ibadan, enumerated some reasons for policy somersault and the failure of the educational system.

He listed the reasons for the failure of the public schools in the country, advising that the nation should allow public institutions to function according to the laws of the land instead of allowing individuals in public institutions to personify public laws.

Mr. Olatunji called for total restraint of political authorities from interfering in the administration of higher education in Nigeria.

This, he noted, would honestly prevent policy somersault that has continually characterised our public

institutions.

He also advised the government to adopt a solution approach to resolve policy somersault problems in the administration of higher education in Nigeria.

The UI Registry at the programme celebrated one of its former Registrars, Mrs Omotayo Ikotun, who turned 70 earlier in the year.

A former Registrar of the University of Lagos, Dr Taiwo Ipaye, was the Special Guest at the discourse.

The yearly event was attended by UI staff particularly Registry Administrators as well as many invited guests.

Happy Easter



The Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, on behalf of the Management and staff of the NUC and the entire Nigerian University System (NUS) wishes to felicitate with the Christian Family on this solemn occasion and to wish all a **Happy Easter celebrations..**

May we all continue to experience the reality of the resurrection power and the blessings thereof, which Jesus exemplified.

HAPPY
EASTER





INTER-MINISTERIAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE ON DEGREE CERTIFICATE MILLS

**Federal Ministry of Education
Federal Secretariat, Phase 3,
Abuja.**

11th March, 2024

CALL FOR MEMORANDA FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Following the recent publication of allegations of certificate racketeering involving some foreign institutions, especially in Cotonou, Benin Republic and other countries, the Federal Ministry of Education has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to investigate the allegations with a view to providing lasting solutions to the problem. The Committee was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister of Education on Tuesday, 9th January, 2024 with the following Terms of Reference:

- I. Examine the veracity of the allegations of degree certificate racketeering within both foreign and local private universities in Nigeria;
- ii. Review the role of any MDA or its officials (including identifying such officials) in the facilitation of the recognition and procurement of the fake certificate in question;
- iii. Review existing policies and procedures related to accreditation and certification to identify weaknesses contributing to the issue;
- iv. Examine the rules, procedures and processes for recognition and accreditation of foreign universities and programmes by the Federal Ministry of Education;
- v. Establish if unapproved foreign institutions (Degree Mills) exist or not in Nigeria in whatever form with their identities and locations if any;
- vi. Make appropriate recommendations for review of any rules, procedures, and processes to prevent re-occurrence and sanctions for identified erring officials;
- vii. Make other recommendations that will strengthen the system of recognition, accreditations and quality assurance of degrees in Nigeria;
- viii. Examine the extant rules, procedures and processes for granting provisional licenses to new universities by the National Universities Commission (NUC);
- ix. Examine the procedures and processes for periodic accreditation of programmes in the universities by NUC and examine their effectiveness in quality assurance of the programmes;
- x. Without prejudice to the periodic accreditation exercise of the NUC, examine whether or not Private Universities established in the last 15 years have in place prescribed facilities, appropriate management structure, adequate funding of programmes, requisite staff (nature of staff – full-time, contract, adjunct, visiting, other types).

2. Memoranda from the general public are, therefore, solicited to provide information to the Committee to help it make appropriate recommendations to address the menace in line with its Terms of Reference and any other information that will be useful to the Committee. Submission should be forwarded in soft copy to the Committee's email: fakecertcommittee@education.gov.ng not later than 25th March, 2024.

3. Thank you.

Prof. J.D. Amin
Committee Chairman



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. Ladoko 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
21. Igbinedion University, Okado Centre for Distance Learning
22. Federal University Akure, Open and Distance Learning Centre
23. Mountain Top University Centre For Open Distance and e-Learning
24. University of Port-Harcourt Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning
25. University of Calabar Open and Distance Learning Centre
26. Covenant University Ota, Centre for Distance e-Learning

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

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

1. Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
2. Interview of prospective proprietors
3. Collection of application forms
4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
5. Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in relevant NUC departments
6. Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of 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) Mbadie 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	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, 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

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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	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, Oko-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 Rabi 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	148	Lighthouse University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2024			
112	Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2023	149	African School of Economics, FCT, Abuja	2024			
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, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
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This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
OBIECHEFU	THEODORE	UKWUAGU	25 March
OGECHI	CHIDIMMA	EZEANYIKA	26 March
OBIANANMA	ROSITA	ASO	27 March
ISAAC	ABULE	NATHANIEL	27 March
JULIET	NGOZI	ADEBOYE	27 March
OLUWASEYI	ADEMOLA	OBADELE	27 March
ORIABURE		IYAYI	28 March
ALEX	A	NWOSU	28 March
OBIANUJU	MARYANNA	EZENYI	29 March
MARYAM	OZIYEREMI	SADIQ	29 March
AYODEJI	ADETUTU	ODEJOKE-MAXWELL	30 March
VICTORIA	EBERE	AKUMA	31 March
UZOAMAKA	ONYEKELU	MIKE -MBANEFO	31 March

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Best Wishes for the week



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