

Tinubu Signs Students Loan Amendment Bill into Law

The President, and Commander-in-Chief, Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His

Wednesday, the President noted that education remained a tool needed by Nigerians to fight poverty.

gave to it, the President said, “I have just signed a bill proclaiming the student loan effectively.



L-R: Deputy Senate President, Jubril Barau; Senate President, Godswill Akpabio; President Bola Ahmed Tinubu; Chief of Staff to the President, Femi Gbajabiamila and Minister of Education Prof. Tahir Mamman, during the signing of National Students Loan Amendment Bill into law, at the Presidential Villa, Abuja

Excellency, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, has signed the updated version of the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) Act (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill, 2024, into law to proclaim its effective take-off.

Speaking after the ceremony at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, last

He stressed his administration’s commitment to ensure that education was given the proper attention necessary for the development of the country.

Thanking members of the National Assembly for the expeditious consideration they

“First of all, I must thank members of the National Assembly for their expeditious handling of this bill considering the children of Nigeria, that education is the tool to fight against poverty effectively.

“We are determined to ensure that education is given the proper

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Mr. Olayemi Cardoso

CBN Governor / Chairman Special Committee on the Students Loan Fund Administration

attention necessary for the country including skills development programmes.

“This is to ensure that no one, no matter how poor their background is, is excluded from quality education and opportunity to build their future.

“We are here because we are all educated and were helped. In the past, we have seen a lot of our children dropped out of colleges and given up the opportunity.

“That is no more, the standard and the control is there for you to apply no matter who you are as long as you are a Nigerian citizen.”

President Tinubu had on 12th June 2023 signed the Student Loan (Access to Higher Education) Act 2023 into law but the implementation was hampered by problems with some provisions of the Act.

On the 14th of March, 2024, he,

therefore, proposed amendments to the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2024.

The Act established the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND) to supervise, coordinate, administer, and monitor the management of student loans in the country.

The administration of the fund was vested in a Special

Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

Committee, with the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) as the chairman.

The Federal Government had taken action to implement the legislation, including providing over N200 billion to the fund through appropriations and presidential directives.

It would be recalled that the Monday Bulletin, had on the 25th March, 2024, edition of the publication reported on the expeditious passage of the proposed amendments to the Student Loans (Access to Higher Education) (Repeal and Re-Enactment) Bill 2024, by the two chambers of the National Assembly which they also forwarded to the President for his assent into law.

The assent had laid to rest every issue and challenges identified in the previous bill signed into law on the 12th of June, 2023, by the President.

The short ceremony held in his office was witnessed by President of the Senate, Senator Godswill Akpabio; Deputy Senate President, Senator Jubril Barau; Chief of Staff to the President, Rt. Honourable Femi Gbajabiamila; Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, OON; Honourable Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu and Minister of Youth Development, Ayodele Olawande.

UNICAL 36th Convocation: FG committed to Returning Varsities' Autonomy

The President and Commander-in-Chief, Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Visitor to the University of Calabar (UNICAL), Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, has restated that the Federal Government was set to

from bureaucratic constraints and ushering in a new era of academic freedom and innovation.

He stated that the issue of the Integrated Personnel Payroll Information System (IPPIS) had

sense and that the guidelines clearly provided that there would be consequences for bridge of extant regulations.

Mr President commended UNICAL for its contributions to nation-building and stressed the



L-R: The Ag. Executive Secretary, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Vice-Chancellor, University of Calabar, Professor Florence Banku Obi and Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, at the University's 36th Convocation Ceremony

return autonomy back to the Nigerian University System (NUS).

In his Convocation Speech at the 36th Convocation Ceremony of the University, the President, represented by the Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, OON, reaffirmed his administration's unwavering dedication to advancing education.

President Tinubu's announcement of returning autonomy to Nigerian universities marked a significant milestone, which expectedly would free the nation's universities

been laid to rest, while a new guideline which would help keep Universities in check in this new era has been worked out through the NUC and to be released shortly.

He declared that the University Councils would soon be put in place, while the much-anticipated student loans fund would also be faithfully implemented to help students fund their education.

He tasked the Nigerian universities to ensure that the autonomy was utilised responsibly and with common

Federal Government's commitment towards enhancing the quality of education in Nigeria.

He lauded the university's initiatives in digitalization, entrepreneurship development, and partnerships with private entities, noting that it was in alignment with the administration's agenda for youth and women empowerment for economic growth.

He also advised UNICAL to focus, in addition to what they were currently doing, on adequate preparation of students for jobs of

today, and unknown jobs of tomorrow because of the current direction of the world of work and education.

While commending the University for its strides and positive achievements, the President frowned at the negative news of recent that flooded the Institution for reasons that were adduced to the misconduct of some lecturers in respect of sexual harassment of their students.

He, therefore, charged the University to cleanse itself of misfits and ensure the campus was free of such deviants as the students must learn in an environment that remained conducive, safe and devoid of fear and intimidation.

The Visitor remind all that the University system had a key role to play in fulfilling this administration's agenda, as it was expected to be part of the solution for renewing hope for Nigerians, especially the younger ones.

To this end, the present administration decided to place premium on funding of education by creating funding opportunities and doubling its commitment by providing interventions on funding options designed to advance research, teaching and learning in the nation's educational institutions generally and in preparing their academic programmes.

He used the occasion to congratulate the three honourees of the University and applauded



Prof. Florence Banku Obi
Vice-Chancellor, UNICAL, delivering her Convocation Address

the University especially for fishing out these great amazons of Nigeria, who shared very impressing diverse business backgrounds but business areas that were key to the development of the country.

The President congratulated the Vice-Chancellor for her dedicated team, comprising also of women, who have clearly led the institution to its present capability, with a remarkable

increase in the number of PhD graduands compared to the previous year.

According to him, the University of Calabar has demonstrated its commitment to academic excellence and timely completion of studies, expressing his enthusiasm that women were showcasing their achievements which, he said should be the norm.

While harping on recent concerns regarding misconduct, the Visitor emphasized the imperative of cultivating a safe and nurturing learning environment, free from harassment and intimidation.

He reassured stakeholders of the government's steadfast commitment to funding education and supporting students through initiatives like the Student Loan Scheme in order to ensure equitable access to quality



The VC, Prof. Banku Obi congratulating UNICAL's best graduating student, Mr. Takon Roland Ausaji



The University's Officials in a procession during the convocation

education for all.

Delivering her Convocation Address, The 11th Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calabar, Professor Florence Banku Obi, a trailblazer as the institution's First Female VC, acknowledged the university's strides in promoting academic excellence under her watch in the past years.

She disclosed that University had a total of 11,152 graduands, who were awarded Diplomas, First and Master's Degrees. Out of this number, there were 10,117 undergraduates, with 46 of them graduating with First Class Honours. The University also produced a total of 218 Diplomas, 807 Masters and 218 Post Graduate Diplomas during the convocation.

She noted with pride the increase in PhD graduands from 520 in 2023, to the production of additional 457 in less than a year in this 2024 convocation ceremony,

explaining that the University had, through, this showcased its unwavering commitment to scholarly pursuits and timely completion of studies aimed at fostering research and scholarship.

Professor Banku Obi, who commended the Federal government for their support towards the sustenance of the university academic programmes, re-echoed that the presence of distinguished

guests, including representative of the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria, underscored government's unwavering commitment to education.

She Commended the Hon. Minister of Education and Executive Secretaries of National Universities Commission (NUC) and TETFUND for their support and encouragement, which made possible the commissioning of six Tetfund projects at the Institution.

These projects were: three lecture pavilions, two students' hostels and the Department of Mass Communication Building as well as ongoing TETFund Capital projects, namely; Dean of Engineering Office building, Faculty of Pharmacy administrative building and Academic buildings, Engineering Workshop, Extension of Faculty of Law Building and Educational Technology Building, among others.

She acknowledged the roles of the



Some of the First Degree graduands



Other graduands

hosts to the University including the Governor of Cross River State, Senator Prince Bassey Edet Otu; the Chancellor of the University of Calabar, His Highness Alhaji Aminu Ado Bayero (Emir of Kano) and the Obong of Calabar; the Ndidem of the Quas; the Muri Munene of the Efut, the Chairman of Cross River State Traditional Rulers Council.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the urgent needs of the university to include, infrastructural improvements and enhanced security measures, support to develop the University's sporting and recreational facilities in preparation for its hosting of NUGA 2026, stressing the importance of government support in addressing these challenges.

She also outlined the challenge institutions across the country now face in retention of top academic talent, which, she said, required collaborative efforts from government agencies, stakeholders, and well-meaning Nigerians in order to support the

country's continued growth and development.

Professor Banku Obi encouraged the graduands to build their self-confidence and to allow the convocation ceremony serve as a testament to their resilience and dedication.

She also charged them to serve as ambassadors of their Alma-mater and to contribute positively to society, with a renewed focus on excellence and innovation, mentioning that the University of Calabar



The Deputy Director, Office of Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), Joseph Nte Bisiong (middle) one of the PhD graduand

remained poised to continue its legacy of producing leaders and scholars of impact.

As the ceremony concluded, the message echoed was one of hope, resilience, and determination to overcome obstacles and achieve greatness. The University of Calabar remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders, innovators, and scholars who will drive Nigeria's progress and prosperity.

The 36th Convocation Ceremony served as a testament to its enduring legacy of academic excellence and its pivotal role in shaping the future of Nigeria. The institution stands poised to continue its journey towards greatness, guided by a shared vision of education as a catalyst for national development.

The event was a resplendent affair, illuminating the halls of academia with a fervent celebration of scholarly achievement and a reaffirmation of the Nigerian government's



Some of the Royal Fathers at the event

unwavering dedication to advancing education.

The event, saw the conferment of first degrees, Masters and PhDs upon deserving students, along with the recognition of distinguished individuals with Honorary Doctorate Degrees.

Among those, who bagged PhD at the ceremony was the Deputy Director, in the office of the Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics and the son of

the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calabar, Joseph Nte Bisong, PhD.

The Ag. Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, was among the dignitaries at the convocation. The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Architect Sonny Echono, was represented at the ceremony.

They were in attendance to lend support to the President's efforts in consolidating the Tertiary education space through the administration's policies aimed at improving access to education among Nigerians.

All the dignitaries at the convocation departed with a sense of pride and optimism, knowing that the Nigerian government remained steadfast in its commitment to education and the advancement of the nation.



The Honourable Minister for Education, Prof. Mamman, (sandwiched from the left by Mr. Maiyaki and right by Prof. Banku Obi) commissioning one of the several multi-million naira projects at the University of Calabar, as part of activities commemorating the institution's 36th convocation ceremony.

FG's New Education Policy Will Compel Private Schools to Slash Fees – Prof. Mamman

The Federal Government last Tuesday announced that the new education policy it was fashioning out for the country would compel private schools at all

business and scale down amounts they're charging our students."

Speaking on fake certificates, the Minister said: "Talking about

employers so they are all flushed out of the system. And in appropriate cases investigated."

Professor Mamman further



L-R: Honourable Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu; Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman and the Permanent Secretary, FME, Mrs. Esther Didi Walsan-Jack, during the maiden quarterly Citizens and Stakeholders Engagement on Nigerian Education Sector Ministerial Deliverables

levels to drastically reduce their fees.

The Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, OON, who stated this at the maiden quarterly Citizens and Stakeholders Engagement on Nigerian Education Sector Ministerial Deliverables", organised by the Ministry in Abuja, said government remodelled education policy to be unveiled in August captured all the ingredients that make the nation's education sector stand at par with that of advanced nations.

He said the government had put measures in place to reposition the nation's education sector, adding that "by the time we're done, private schools will run out of

accreditation of certificates, some two, three months ago, the issue of fake certificates flooding the country and a high-powered inter-ministerial committee was set up.

That committee is rounding off its work. And from what I heard, we have major breakthroughs about fake certificates flooding this country.

"So, as we promised earlier on, once we get the report, not only will it help the Ministry strengthen its recognition and accreditation of certificates, but those who patronize fake certificates will have themselves to blame. This is because we are going to trace them with the help of security agencies, to their

disclosed that over two million Almajiri children have been lifted from the street and enrolled in school, Arabic literacy programmes to acquire basic education and vocational training.

The Minister mentioned many successful strides recorded by his administration since assumption of office, under the the ministry's 23 deliverables handed down by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to his Ministry.

According to him, the mechanism established by the ministry for inter governmental relations had helped in building public private partnerships, brought about an increment in school enrolment, transition and completion for learners especially those with



Professor Tahir Mamman
Honourable Minister of Education

disabilities.

Professor Mamman who noted that the reduction of out-of-school children in Nigeria was one of the major focus of the current administration, gave assurances that before the end of the year, many more children out of school would be brought back to acquire learning and skills.

He said: “2,000,000 out-of-school children, Almajiri’s were enrolled in basic education and an Arabic literacy programme with vocational training. Developed the guidelines and training manuals for the implementation of inclusive basic education in Nigeria.

“These have increased access, enrollment and retention, completion of both basic, secondary and tertiary school levels”

The Minister also revealed that in the last six months, 70,674 teachers and non-teaching staff from across all levels of academic and non-Academic training institutes were trained; 2,122 students were awarded Nigerian scholarship awards, 2,889 students studying

abroad benefited from bursary awards amongst other scholarships.

In addition, the Minister further revealed that the Ministry was at the verge of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a private firm on the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, to overcome the challenges of data confronting the education sector.

While lamenting that students were receding into illiteracy, Professor Mamman said one way to address the learning crisis in the country was to infuse skills and digitisation into the education system beginning from primary schools.

To this end, he said, there was need to review the curriculum to accommodate new teaching methods that gives room for skills and digitisation.

“We cannot go into the next century with this situation; students who cannot think, who cannot communicate amongst themselves, who cannot collaborate, who don’t have these

soft skills and have problem with access to digital facilities.

“That’s why we have so many out of school children because first, they don’t see the value of going to school so we want to introduce skills and digitization from primary school. Those of us who went to school especially 60s, 70s we were beneficiaries of what was then called comprehensive Secondary School where they were the regular courses. There was a section on commerce and there was a separate section on trades.

The Minister who described the recent kidnap of three students of the University of Calabar as sad, said government was developing a safe school agenda with a view to giving protection to schools and students.

He said the government was working assiduously with security agencies to secure the release of the students unhurt.

He also promised that the Ministry would engage the Tertiary Education Trust Fund, TETFund, to roundly fence the school for adequate protection.

Speaking earlier, the Honourable Minister of State for Education (HMSE), Dr. Yusuf Sununu, said the Ministry deployed technology in education to promote learning as well as promoting skills development and acquisition at all levels.

Dr. Sununu said this would address teachers and learning crisis at basic education level.

“We quite believe that there is a



Some of the Participants at the event

need for strong team approach in addressing the numerous challenges confronting our education sector.

“Education being a tool for individual, community, country and global development cannot be treated in isolation.

“It was in realisation of this that International Labour Organisation (ILO) classified education as exportable commodity. By extension therefore, the need for both local and international collaboration becomes a

necessity,” he said.

Also speaking, the Commander, National Safe School Response Coordination Centre, Dr. Hammed Abodunrin said it was time the country took security of the citizens serious.

Dr. Abodunrin said there was need to give security education to the citizenry, noting that the centre in collaboration with the education ministry was ready to take-off security education in schools.

On his part, Education Adviser of

the British High Commission, Dr. Mikayla Ibrahim, said the UK Government has supported Nigeria’s basic education through the implementation of the GEP III project.

According to him, the GEP project has given about 1.5m girls access to learning.

The GEP project, he said, has also worked well in the Reading and Numeracy as well as the Cash Transfer Programme.



Other Participants at the event

NUC Partners British Council on Designing Varsities' Curriculum

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, has called for collaborative efforts to initiate continuous curriculum reform in Nigerian universities.

Mr Maiyaki made the call last Monday at a workshop organised by the NUC and the British Council (BC) last Monday on “Enhancing Curriculum and Pedagogical Approaches in Nigerian Universities” in Abuja, where he gave the keynote address entitled: “Enhancing Curriculum and Pedagogical Approaches in Nigerian Universities.”

He emphasised the need for continuous curriculum reform in Nigerian universities to enable them to adapt to a fast-changing world.

“Continuous curriculum reform has been considered a necessary measure to assist schools in responding to a fast-changing world.

“Initiating such reforms is not without challenges, as sometimes the actualisation of the curriculum renewal is not fully realised due to implementation challenges.

“The new CCMAS is a product of sustained stakeholder interactions and engagement over the years. This involved a blend of academic experts, government (represented by NUC), professional bodies, and the private sector represented by the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG),” he said.

Mr. Maiyaki said these inputs, along with the curriculum of programmes obtained from some foreign and renowned universities, served as major working materials for the

various panels constituted for that purpose.

“Innovative courses such as venture creation, entrepreneurship (programme specific) and innovation, among others, were incorporated into the general studies courses to enhance graduates’ employability skills,” he said.



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

The Acting Executive Secretary added that the new curriculum unbundled the Bachelor of Agriculture, Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication, and Bachelor of Architecture programmes while establishing some emerging specialisations in these fields in line with global practices.

He, however, stated that this was not a one-time process as there would be curriculum development and review to be at pace with current global trends.

The NUC boss expressed optimism that the workshop would no doubt

equip academic staff of Nigerian Universities with the requisite knowledge and skills to design and develop as well as deploy the curriculum using innovative modern teaching strategies to enhance student learning experience in the Nigerian university space.

He reminded the meeting that the NUC had tried overtime to mitigate

some envisaged challenges that hindered the effective implementation of the curriculum viz: inadequate training of academic staff, inadequate learning and teaching infrastructure, limited knowledge of technology enhanced teaching methods, among others.

As part of the measures, Mr. Maiyaki stated that the Commission organised a 5-week on-site and virtual capacity building workshop held on May 16-21, and June 21-27, 2023, respectively for academic staff of Nigerian universities on the effective implementation of the CCMAS.

He recalled that the academics were

taken through various teaching strategies employing technologies such as the CVLE (Class Virtual Learning Environment).

The Commission, he stressed, could confidently inform the Nigerian University System (NUS) that for the first time in the history of University systems globally, textual materials (in the form of CCMAS Book Series) and CCMAS model videos had been developed by academic experts with enhanced innovative teaching strategies to serve as a guide to academic staff on effective implementation of the developed curriculum.

He, however, noted that with a stakeholder like the British Council coming forth with this workshop to compliment the efforts of the Commission, there were expectations that participants would derive maximum benefit from the workshop in order to improve the lot of their respective universities in the implementation of the CCMAS.

The Director of Programmes at the British Council, Mr. Chikodi

Onyemerela, who spoke at the event, said the partnership was necessary to keep up with global trends.

He said there was a need to change from the traditional teaching and learning approach to digital literacy in solving problems.

“NUC has since introduced the Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS), which emphasises the cultivation of critical thinking, digital literacy, problem-solving, and entrepreneurial skills among graduates.

It is imperative for our educational institutions to adapt accordingly.

“We must acknowledge the hurdles ahead of the traditional approach to teaching and learning, which has long been entrenched in our university system and is not easily overturned.

“To change this will require a concerted effort from each of us to challenge the status quo,” he said.

While fielding questions from the sidelines of the workshop from media men, Mr. Maiyaki disclosed that the NUC had less than 10 percent of the two million students in Nigerian universities enrolled in the 149 private universities in the country.

He said: “If you look at the population bracket of Nigeria, Nigeria is the only country that is highly under subscribed, with 200 million people, and we only have today 272 universities: 61 are federal-public funded, 63 are owned by state governments, and 149 are owned by private individuals.

“There are over two million students in Nigerian universities and only 10 per cent of the two million are in private universities.”

The NUC boss emphasised the need for continuous curriculum reform to enable them to adapt in a fast-changing world.

The Acting Executive Secretary noted that initiating such reforms came with challenges, adding that



Mr. Maiyaki and the Director of Programmes at the British Council, Mr. Chikodi Onyemerela (4th and 5th left front row) with other participants from the Nigerian Universities and some members of NUC Management

sometimes curriculum renewal was hampered due to challenges of implementation.

He said: "It is gratifying to note that this workshop is coming on the heels of the implementation of the recently-

developed Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards in line with the commission's enabling laws."

At the workshop were NUC Directors and some relevant

Deputy Directors, key staff of the Directorates of Academic Planning (DAP) as well as those of Inspection and Monitoring (DIM).

*Happy
Ed-el Fitr*

*Season's
Greetings*



The Acting Executive Secretary NUC, on behalf of the Management and Staff as well as the Nigerian Universities System (NUS) wishes to felicitate with the Muslim Faithful's on the occasion of the Ed-el fitr celebration.

As we reflect on the significance of this solemn occasion, may Allah accept our prayers and reward us bountifully now and always. May the joy of the season be evident in our families and homes.

Barka Da Sallah.

Signed:

Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki

Acting Executive Secretary, NUC



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) 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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S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
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, 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) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- 56) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 57) 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.**

Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION
ANNOUNCER



This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
TEMITOPE	CHRISTIANA	OLAOYE	09 April
PASCHAL	AIDOGHEDA	ERUAGA	10 April
ODEGUA	FLORA	ONI	10 April
PETER	OTAMERE	TOBRISE	11 April
IDACHUMA	SAMUEL	ATOKALA	11 April
HAUWA		AMOS	12 April
TREASURE	AGBENU	OSAKWE	12 April
SALIHU	AZARE	MUSTAPHA	12 April
CHIANU	AKA	EDEMODOU	12 April
ALEX	TERUNGWA	UVAH	13 April
MUNET	MARY	IBADIN	14 April
ROSEMARY	EGO	ALU	14 April
DANIEL	OJO	AYENI	14 April
OCHUDO	AGBENU	AYI	14 April
SUNDAY	EMMANUEL	YAKUBU	14 April

Wishing You Many happy returns!

Best Wishes for the week



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DO YOUR BIT TO MOVE THE
COMMISSION TO GREATER HEIGHTS

*Dress Well and Earn
Respect.*

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