
***NEW EDUCATIONAL TRENDS IN
SUB-SAHARA AFRICA***

NIGERIA AS A CASE STUDY
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Educational Trends

- Increase in the establishment and accreditation of private universities by National University Commission.
- Increase in private universities enrollment.
- Linkages and collaborations between Nigeria universities and other institutions.
- Ranking issues by NUC

Challenges of Higher Institutions

- Accreditation (by NUC)
- Expanding campus facilities
- ICT facilities
- Funding Issues
- Increase enrollment verse available facilities

Challenges of Higher Education

- Resource flow
- Facility up-keep
- Academic staff recruitment
- Much more high schools compare to the number of higher institutions.

Destination Nigeria!

- England
- United States
- Canada
- Malaysia
- Dubai
- Ukraine
- Cuba

Recruitment Trends in Nigeria

- Admission officers visiting
- Alumni
- College fairs
- Marketing using technology
- Social networking – face book, yahoo
- Agents**

Enrollment trends

Nigeria: Students in the United States



OVERVIEW OF NIGERIAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:
ENGLISH**

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

- 6 years of primary education
 - 3 years of junior secondary school
 - 3 years of senior secondary school
 - 4 years of university education
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- 6-3-3-4 – Educational System

PRIMARY EDUCATION

- Duration: Ages 6 to 12 (Grades 1-6)
- Leaving Certificate: *Primary School Leaving Certificate*

SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Junior Secondary School: JSS 1 to 3. In JSS 3 students take the Junior Secondary School Examination.
- Entrance Requirement: *Primary School Leaving Certificate*.
- Leaving Certificate: *Junior Secondary Certificate (JSSC)*
- *Ages 12-15 (Grades 7-9)*

SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Senior Secondary School: SSS 1 to 3. In SSS 3 the Senior School Certificate is issued by the West African Examination Council-WAEC and the National Examination Council-NECO. They replaced the West African General Certificate of Education Ordinary and Advanced Levels (GCE 'O' and 'A' levels) in 1989. Students can still sit for 'O' and 'A' level exam as private candidates.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Entrance Requirement: JSSC
- Ages: 15-18 (Grades 10-12)
- Leaving Certificate: Senior School Certificate (SSC)
- Qualification: Minimum of 7 and Maximum of 9 subjects

CORE SUBJECTS @ SSC

- English
- Mathematics
- One Science
- One Nigerian Language
- All other subjects are electives and are selected based on the students interest be it in Science, Social Sciences or the Arts.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- The school year extends over ten months, divided into three terms each at the pre-primary, primary, junior and senior secondary levels.
- At the higher level (University and Polytechnics) the school year is divided into two terms, which begins in September and ends in July.

SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMS

WASSCE	NECO	GCE
MAY/JUNE	JUNE/JULY Private: OCT/NOV	Private Students OCT/NOV
Minimum of 5 credits (including Math and English)	Minimum of 5 credits (including Math and English)	Minimum of 5 credits (including Math and English)

SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADING SCALE

NIGERIA

A 75-100 = 5.00

B2 70-74 = 4.00

B3 65-69 = 3.00

C4 60-64 = 2.75

C5 55-59 = 2.50

C6 50-54 = 2.00

D7 40-49 = 1.75

E8 35-40 = 1.50

F9 0- 35 = <1.50

Technical and Vocational Secondary School Education

- ****A two-tier system of national certified courses is also offered leading to the award of National Technical/Business Certificates and Advanced National Technical/Business Certificates.**
- The lower program last three years after JSC and is equivalent to SSC. The advanced program entails two years pre-entry industrial work experience.

Technical and Vocational Secondary School Education

- Vocational and Technical education is designed to train low-level manpower and is offered in technical colleges or business and engineering skills training centers
- Is offered through a variety of programs from either primary or junior school. At the end of the course students may take examination for the **Senior School Certificate.**

Technical and Vocational Secondary School Education

- ALL certificates are awarded by the National Business and Technical Examinations Board (NABTEB)

HIGHER EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY HIGHER EDUCATION

- 25 Federal Universities, 15 State Universities, 8 Private Universities.
- Entrance Requirements:
 - Senior Secondary Certificate Examination
 - University Matriculation Examination (UME)
 - 'Direct Entry' – with a minimum merit pass in the National Certificate of Education, National Diploma and other advanced level certificates.

NON-UNIVERSITY HIGHER EDUCATION

- Higher technical education is provided at technical colleges, polytechnics and colleges of education.
- Entry to colleges and polytechnics is based on JAMB entrance examination

NON-UNIVERSITY HIGHER EDUCATION

- Programs and Degrees
 - National Diploma – 2 year program
 - Higher National Diploma – 2 year program (admission based on the national diploma and students are expected to have at least one year work experience).
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OTHERS

- Colleges and specialized training institutes offer various certificates and diplomas that can be obtained after one, two, three years e.g.
 - NURSING COUNCIL OF NIGERIA
 - INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY
 - COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

CERTIFICATE AND DEGREES

- Interim Joint Matriculation Board
 - IJMB (school of basic studies)
- College of Education
 - Nigerian College of Education 3 year
- Polytechnics
 - Ordinary National Diploma (ND) 2 year
 - Higher National Diploma (HND) 2 year
- University
 - Bachelors of Arts/Science 4-5 year

CERTIFICATE AND DEGREES

- Nursing Council of Nigeria
 - Diploma of Midwifery 1 year
 - Registered Nurse Certificate 3 year
- Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology
 - Associate Medical Laboratory Technology 4 years
 - Fellowship Diploma 1 year

CERTIFICATE AND DEGREES

- Grade II teaching -Teacher Training Colleges – phased out
 - Grade II Certificate/Higher Elementary Teachers Certificate *** (phased out)
 - Associate Certificate in Education II*** (phased out)

EXAMINATION BODIES

- National Examination Council
 - To conduct examinations for some junior secondary schools and for senior secondary school jointly with WAEC
 - <http://www.neconigeria.org>
- West African Examination Council
 - www.waecdirect.org

EXAMINATION BODY

- National Business and Technical Examination Board
 - Administers technical and business examination.
 - <http://www.nbte.edu.ng>
- Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board
 - Is the central body responsible for administering applications to tertiary-level institutions and conducting the **University Matriculation Examination**
 - <http://www.jambng.com>

ACCREDITATION BODIES

Both private and public primary schools and secondary schools are accredited by various States Ministry of Education except for the Unity Schools – Accredited by the Federal Government.

ACCREDITATION BODIES

NATIONAL BOARD FOR TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

Plot B, Bida Road, P.M.B 2239, Kaduna,
Nigeria

<http://www.nbte.edu.ng>

ACCREDITATION BODIES

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COLLEGES
OF EDUCATION

Plot 829 Central Area District, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria

<http://www.ncce.edu.ng>

ACCREDITATION BODIES

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

Plot 430, Aguiyi-Ironsi Street, Maitama, P.M.B. 237,
Abuja, Nigeria.

<http://www.nuc.edu.ng>

HOW TO VERIFY CREDENTIALS

IT MUST BE ACCEPTABLE

ACCEPTABLE CREDENTIALS

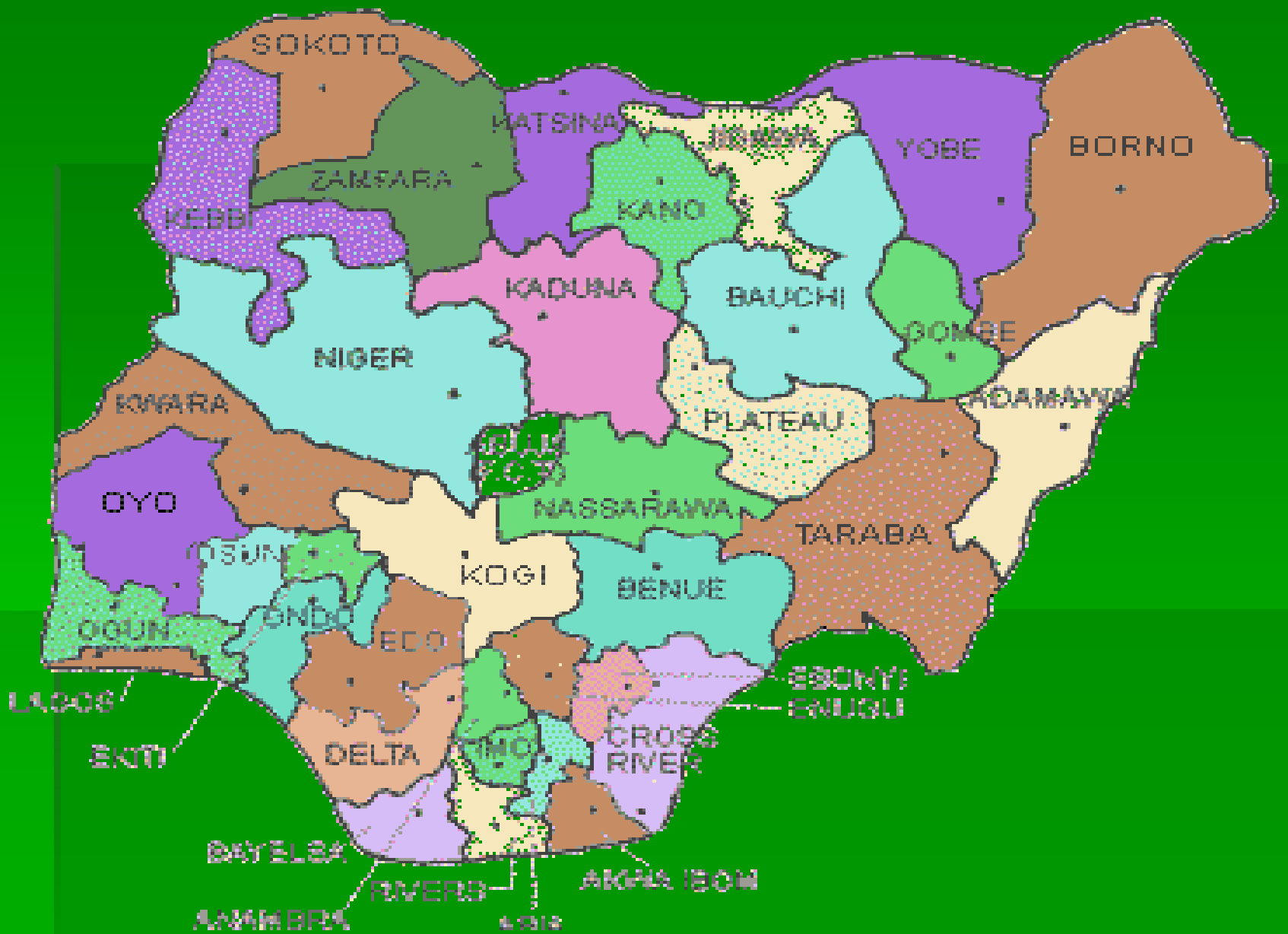
- Does the institution exist?
- What is the status of the Institution?
- Does it offer the program that is indicated on the document?
- Did the candidate complete the prerequisites for admission in the program that led to the credential in question?

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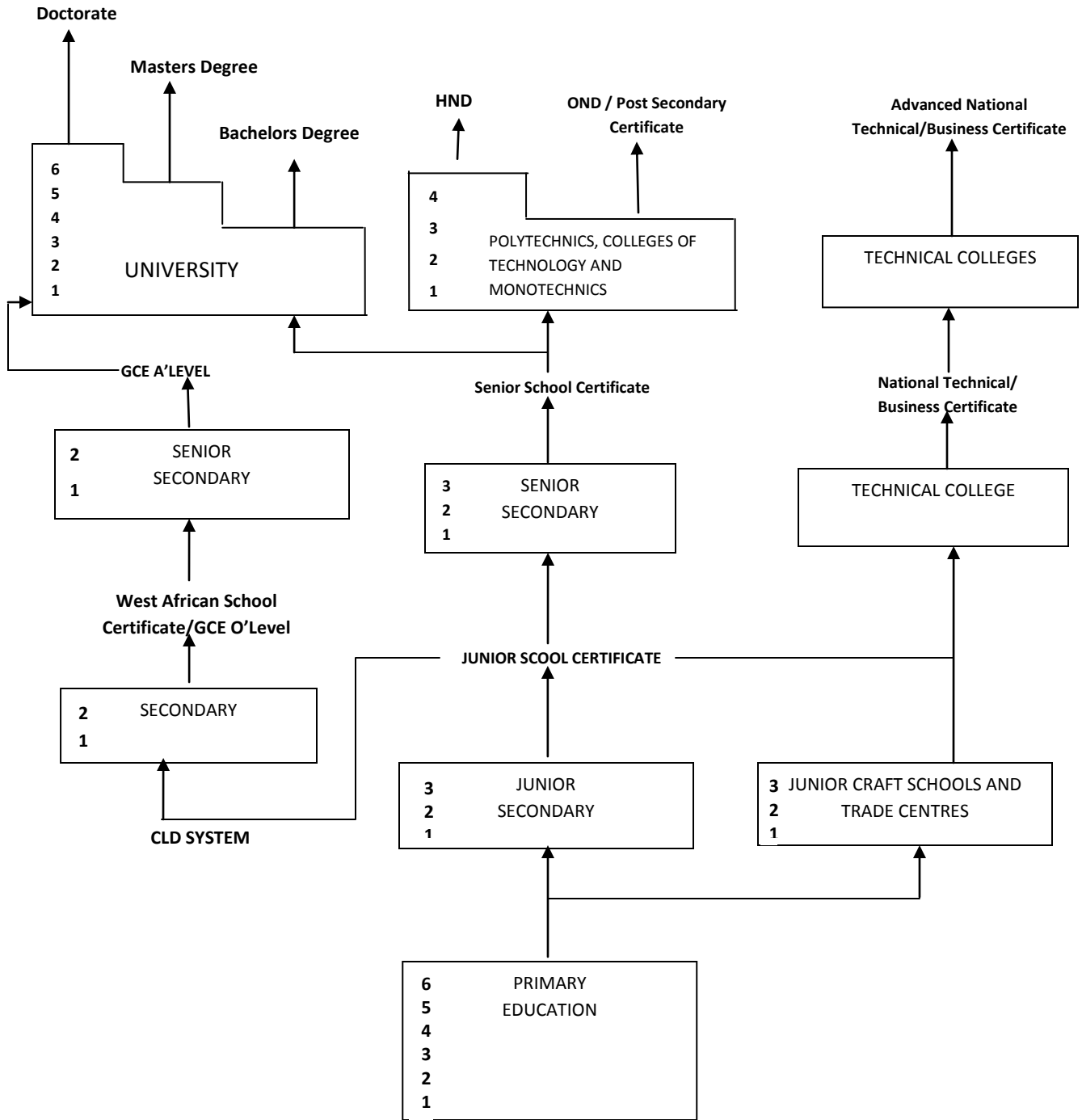
- Use scratch cards to verify WAEC and NECO results
 - www.neconigeria.org
 - www.waecdirect.org
- For other certificates
 - Contact the issuing institutions

VALUABLE RESOURCES

- <http://nigeria.usembassy.gov>
- www.waecdirect.org
- <http://www.neconigeria.org>
- <http://www.nuc.edu.ng>
- <http://www.ncce.edu.ng>
- <http://www.nbte.edu.ng>



EDUCATION SYSTEM AND QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE



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1 = Study in years