



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA (NOUN)

Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Nnamdi Azikiwe Expressway, Jabi, Abuja, FCT

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(OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR)

15TH CONVOCATION CEREMONIES

The National Open University of Nigeria is pleased to announce its 15th Convocation Ceremonies, scheduled to hold from **Friday, 17th to Saturday, 18th April, 2026**, for the information of graduands, their parents/guardians, friends of the University, and the general public.

Please note that the Convocation Ceremonies will be conducted both on-site and off-site, as follows:

1. All First Class graduands; award winners; Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) graduands; Master's degree graduands; Doctorate and Honorary Doctorate graduands shall participate in the on-site ceremony at the Convocation Arena, University Headquarters, Jabi, Abuja.
2. All other first degree graduands from all Study Centres, including those in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) shall participate in the ceremonies at their respective State Capital Study Centres.
3. Graduands are hereby informed that certificates shall be made available for collection immediately after the Convocation Ceremonies at the University Headquarters, Abuja, and at their respective State Capital Study Centres. However, graduands from Study Centres within Abuja shall collect their certificates at the University Abuja Model Study Centre, Kubwa Expressway, Abuja.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Friday, 17th April, 2026:

Pre-Convocation Lecture is to be delivered by **Chief Kanu Godwin Agabi, SAN, CON**
Former Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Venue: On-site:

Conference Centre, National Open University of Nigeria, Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Nnamdi Azikiwe Expressway, Jabi, FCT, Abuja.

Virtual/Off-site:

Graduands and other interested participants are to join from their respective State Capital Study Centres via the University's livestream platform at:
<https://www.livestream.nou.edu.ng>

Saturday, 18th April, 2026:

Award of Bachelor's Degrees, Postgraduate Diplomas, Master's, Doctorate and Honorary Doctorate Degrees

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Venue: On-site:

Convocation Arena, National Open University of Nigeria, Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Nnamdi Azikiwe Expressway, Jabi, FCT, Abuja.

Virtual/Off-site:

Graduands and other interested participants are to join from their respective State Capital Study Centres via the University's livestream platform at:
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INFORMATION TO GRADUANDS

A. Collection of Academic Gowns

All graduands who have successfully completed their programmes and have been duly cleared for convocation are required to sign for and collect their academic gowns and hoods from their respective Study Centres with effect from **Monday, 9th March, 2026**. Graduands are required to present the following documents for verification at the point of collection:

- (i) Evidence of payment of a fee of **Fifty-Five Thousand Naira**

(**₦55,000.00**) via Remita, covering the hire of the academic gown, certificate folder (for placement of certificates), and other incidentals.

A sum of **Twenty Thousand Naira (₦20,000.00)**, being the refundable gown hire deposit, shall be refunded upon return of the gown, provided it is not torn or damaged.
(Applicable to Undergraduate and Master's graduands only.)

- (ii) In the case of **Doctoral graduands**, evidence of payment of **One Hundred Thousand Naira (₦100,000.00)** only, being the prescribed fee for the outright purchase of the Doctoral academic gown, certificate folder (for placement of certificates), and other incidentals.
- (iii) A duly completed and authenticated clearance form issued at the Study Centre.
- (iv) **Completed Alumni Membership Form**, accessible via: www.advancementlinkages.nou.edu.ng

The printed form must be submitted to the **Alumni Desk Officer**.

Please note: Academic gowns and hoods must be returned to the respective Study Centres not later than Monday, 27th April, 2026.

B. Assembly and Seating Arrangement

All First Class graduands; award winners; PGD graduands; Master's degree graduands; and Doctorate graduands are required to assemble at their designated locations at the Convocation Arena on Saturday, 18th April, 2026, between 8.00 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.

They must be **fully robed and properly queued according to their faculties**.

NO ONE, INCLUDING GRADUANDS AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS, SHALL BE ADMITTED INTO THE VENUE AFTER 9.00 A.M.

C. Accreditation of Photographers and Videographers

Commercial photographers and videographers who intend to operate at the University Headquarters, Abuja, are requested to register and obtain clearance forms from the Bursary Department, NOUN Headquarters, Jabi, Abuja, from Monday, 9th March to Friday, 10th April, 2026

Operators outside Abuja are to register and obtain clearance forms from their respective Study Centre Directors at the various State Capital Study Centres.

D. General Instructions

- (i) All graduands must wear the prescribed academic gowns. Security officers shall strictly enforce the "No Gown, No Entry" policy.
- (ii) **No luggage, handbags, or personal effects** shall be allowed into the Convocation Arena. Graduands and guests are advised, without exception, to comply strictly with this directive.

All invited guests of the University (duly identified with **Invitation Cards**) must be seated **not later than 9.00 a.m.**

- (i) Designated **parking lots** have been provided within the University campuses. Guests are advised to park their vehicles only in the areas specified on their Invitation Cards.

E. Clearance Process

Graduands are hereby advised to commence the clearance procedures at their respective Study Centres without delay.

We congratulate all graduands and wish them every success in the forthcoming Convocation Ceremonies.

Signed:
Oladipo A. Ajayi
Registrar