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SPECIAL NOTICE ON THE LIST OF APPROVED SUBJECTS/OFFERINGS FOR THE NEWLY REVISED BASIC AND SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION CURRICULUM.

The Federal Ministry of Education (FME) under its National Education Sector Reform Initiatives (NESRI) announced the Curriculum reform efforts undertaken to reposition Basic and Senior Secondary Education in Nigeria.

Pursuant to this, the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) released the list of approved subject offerings at the respective levels. The Curriculum review which followed requisite stages and processes reduced and reposition the contents to avoid overload for positive learning outcomes.

However, it came to the notice of the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) that different versions of fake and unauthentic subject listings and offerings are in circulation causing serious confusion and apprehension.

For the avoidance of doubt, find below the authentic and approved subject lists for Basic Education and Senior Secondary Education:

Primary 1- 3			
S/N	Subject		
1	English Studies		
2	Mathematics		
3	Nigerian Languages (One Nigerian Language)		
4	Basic Science		
5	Physical & Health Education		
6	CRS (For Christian Pupils Only) and IS (For Muslim Pupils Only)		
7	Nigerian History		
8	Social and Citizenship Studies		
9	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)		
10	Arabic Language (Optional)		
Minir	Minimum of 9 and maximum of 10 subjects		



Primary 4- 6			
S/N	Subject		
1	English Studies		
2	Mathematics		
3	Nigerian Languages (One Nigerian Language)		
4	Basic Science and Technology		
5	Physical & Health Education		
6	Basic Digital Literacy		
7	CRS (For Christian Pupils Only) and IS (For Muslim Pupils Only)		
8	Nigerian History		
9	Social and Citizenship Studies		
10	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)		
11	Pre-vocational studies		
12	French (Optional)		
13	Arabic Language (Optional)		
Minimum of 11 and maximum of 12 or 13 subjects			

Junior Secondary School 1-3				
S/N	Subject			
1	English Studies			
2	Mathematics			
3	Nigerian Languages (One Nigerian Language)			
4	Intermediate Science			
5	Physical & Health Education			
6	Digital Technologies			
7	Christian Religious Studies (CRS) (For Christian Pupils Only)			
7	Islamic Studies (IS) (For Muslim Pupils Only)			
8	Nigerian History			
9	Social and Citizenship Studies			
10	Cultural & Creative Arts (CCA)			
11	Trade subjects (Students to choose one trade subject)			
	Solar Photovoltaic installation and maintenance			
	Fashion design and garment making			
	3) Livestock farming,			
	4) Beauty and cosmetology			
	5) Computer hardware and GSM repairs			
	6) Horticulture and crop production			
12	Business Studies			
13	French (optional)			
14	Arabic Language (Optional)			
	Note: Minimum of 12 subjects; Maximum of 13 or 14 subjects			

SENIOR SECONDARY CURRICULUM OFFERING			
Fields of Study	Subjects		
5 Core and Compulsory subjects	English Language, General Mathematics, One Trade subject, Citizenship and Heritage Studies, Digital Technologies		
Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Agriculture, Further Mathematics, Physical Education, Health Education, Foods & Nutrition, Geography, Technical Drawing		
Humanities	Nigerian History, Government, Christian Religious Studies, Islamic Studies, One Nigerian language, French, Arabic, Visual Arts, Music, Literature in English, Home Management, Catering craft		
Business	Accounting, Commerce, Marketing, Economics		
One Core Trade Subject	Trade subjects (Students to choose one trade subject) 1) Solar Photovoltaic installation and maintenance 2) Fashion design and garment making 3) Livestock farming, 4) Beauty and cosmetology 5) Computer hardware and GSM repairs 6) Horticulture and crop production		

We fervently call on all critical stakeholders to disregard any other fake and unauthentic list that is at variance with the authentic and approved list provided above. Nationwide sensitization and teacher capacity building have been slated to commence immediately for effective implementation. Implementation commences at the beginning of each 3-year education circle (Primary 1, Primary 4, JSS1 and SS1) as the revised Curricula are unveiled.

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