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Dr. Maruf Olatunji Alausa, the Honourable Minister of Education, Federal Republic of Nigeria

The Federal Government has reaffirmed that 16 years is the minimum age requirement for candidates seeking tertiary education in the country.

The Hon. Minister stated this while declaring open the 2025 Annual Policy Meeting on Admissions organised by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) held in Abuja, on Tuesday 8th July, 2025 at the Bola Ahmed Tinubu

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## JAMB INTEGRITY, CAPS, BEHIND CREDIBILITY OF ADMISSION PROCESS

### ...MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION

The Honourable Minister of State for Education, Professor Suwaiba Sa'id Ahmad, has commended the the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) for its sustained transparency, consistency, and integrity

in the administration of the UTME, saying the Board's improved operational efficiency, data reliability, and ethical standards have significantly raised the credibility of the admission process across the country.

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## SENATOR SHUAIB, HON. OLAJIDE, OFORJI, OTHERS PAY GLOWING TRIBUTES TO JAMB

The Chairman, Senate Committee on Cyber security, Senator Salisu Afolabi Shuaib (Ogun Central), has given a good account of how the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) was conceived and nurtured.

He recalled his role in the development of

the CAPS software in 2017 when he was a Consultant to the Board noting that CAPS had enabled the nation to have a credible admission process and gave kudos to JAMB for institutionalising the NATAP-M Awards.

He urged the awardees to be proud of

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## 2025 POLICY MEETING ADOPTS 150 BENCHMARK FOR VARSITIES, 100 FOR POLY, COLLEGES

Stakeholders at the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) annual policy meeting on admissions into Nigerian tertiary institutions chaired by the Hon Minister of Education have adopted a new National

Tolerable Minimum UTME Score (NTMUS), otherwise wrongly referred to as "Cut-off marks".

During the exercise, which took place at the Bola Ahmed International Conference Centre, Abuja, critical

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## JAMB CONDUCTS 2025 UTME IN SEVEN FOREIGN CENTRES

On July 12, 2025, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) successfully conducted the Unified Tertiary

Matriculation Examination (UTME) in seven foreign centres. This initiative aims to attract both foreign students and

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## ATTENTION!!!

SEND "UTMERESULT"  
(ONE WORD) TO 55019  
OR  
66019 USING THE SAME  
PHONE USED IN UTME  
REGISTRATION TO  
OBTAIN THE 2025 UTME  
RESULT

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International Conference Centre.

According to him, the age benchmark is sacrosanct. He said, "The issue of age at entry into tertiary institutions has generated much debate, but our position is clear.

"The entry age for admission into tertiary institutions is now officially pegged at 16 years. It was reduced from 18 which was to be effective from this year exercise hence the need for compliance.

"This policy decision reflects a balance between cognitive maturity and academic preparedness. Sixteen is non-negotiable. Institutions are hereby directed to ensure strict compliance."

On exceptionally brilliant candidates, he said, "We understand there may be a few exceptional cases, and provisions have already been made for legitimate exceptions, especially

for gifted children or those with accelerated educational pathways. However, these must be clearly demonstrated, documented and justified."

He warned against any attempt at circumventing this policy stating that the Federal Ministry of Education would be firm in its resolve, and those attempting to circumvent the policy by altering age records would be sanctioned accordingly.

Dr. Alausa also issued stern warnings to any institution that carried out admission outside the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) saying such admissions would be considered illegal, null and void and the licence of such institutions could be withdrawn.

On examination malpractice, the Hon. Minister disclosed that he had established a Central Examination Malpractice Unit within the Federal

Ministry of Education, which would be chaired by the Permanent Secretary following the recommendations of the Prof Oloyede's Committee on the Improvement of Quality of Examinations in Nigeria.

He pointed out that the Unit would serve as a national clearing house for the documentation and reporting of examination malpractice across all levels of education.

"This central database will be available to all institutions and regulatory bodies in the country. It is our hope that this will effectively reduce the tendency to engage in malpractice on the side of the candidates as the Unit would ensure that examination malpractice cases are appropriately tried under the Exam Malpractices Act which provides strict sanctions even for the underage."

## BRIEF NOTE FROM PROF. BONIFACE NWORGU

**T**his piece addresses the pervasive misconception surrounding the UTME, conducted by JAMB, in relation to the certificate examinations administered by NECO, WAEC, and NABTEB. Let me clarify: the fundamental qualification for admission into Nigerian universities is a credit-level pass in five subjects at O'level, including English Language and/or Mathematics. This criterion defines the quality and standard of candidates eligible for university entry, not their UTME scores.

So, why is the UTME necessary? Given that the number of

candidates who meet the entry qualifications far exceeds the available spaces in our universities, a mechanism is needed to select the best among those already deemed qualified. This is where the UTME comes into play as a selection examination, serving solely for the purpose of ranking candidates—not for certification.

In the selection process, it is imperative to assess the relative standing of candidates, a practice we refer to as ranking. Therefore, the UTME score does not alter the inherent quality of candidates seeking admission; rather, it establishes an objective criterion for

identifying the most qualified among them. If we had unlimited vacancies in our universities, there would be no need for the UTME, as all candidates with the requisite qualifications would be admitted, even those with aggregate scores as low as 10%.

The National minimum score, determined during JAMB's policy meetings, serves as an operational guideline to streamline the admission process across tertiary institutions. It does not, in any way, compromise the standards established for candidates aspiring to gain admission into our higher education institutions.

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### ...Senator Shuaib, Hon. Olajide, Oforji, Others Pay Glowing Tributes to JAMB



their achievements as their awards are no less than other ones being given elsewhere. Furthermore, he said that as the various award winners are being celebrated, we should not fail to chastise those who had repeatedly flouted extant admission guidelines as we would

not want a nation of quacks and fraudulent characters.

The Senator equally cited some of the big strides made by the Board so far to complement the Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR.

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# JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

## REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD

### JULY 05 2025 - JULY 11 2025

#### FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DECRPTION	AMOUNT (N)
1	E-facilities/Sales	183,091,100.00
2	PRC Service Charge	1,537,100.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184,628,200.00</b>
	The sum of N18,464,820.00 was auto-deducted by the AGF for	
	Operating Surplus remittance to CRF.	

#### FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DECRPTION	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (N)
1	Staff Claims & Welfare	Various	70,387,876.60
2	Abuja Electricity Distribution Company	Electricity	1,307,952.40
3	Federal Inland Revenue Service	Taxes	29,089,490.58
4	States Internal Revenue Services	Taxes	1,549,202.26
5	PAC Management Account	Staff Develoment	1,000,000.00
6	Assorted Buka	Meal for 2025 Policy Meeting	3,276,000.00
7	Esomah Fast foods Enterprises	Meal for 2025 Policy Meeting	1,842,400.00
8	Foodies Kitchen	Meal for 2025 Policy Meeting	2,038,400.00
9	Kispot and Event Catering	Meal for 2025 Policy Meeting	3,276,000.00
10	Menu 101 Com	Meal for 2025 Policy Meeting	3,276,000.00
11	Sheeds Chops Bakes	Meal for 2025 Policy Meeting	2,038,400.00
12	Tochani Integrated Services Ltd	Meal for 2025 Policy Meeting	4,808,100.00
13	Yetkem Concepts Ventures	Meal for 2025 Policy Meeting	3,276,500.00
14	Ummar Food Concepts	Meal for 2025 Policy Meeting	3,276,000.00
15	Hammer General Ventures Ltd	Publicity	12,130,000.00
16	Supervision of Examination	2025 Foreign UTME	113,814,008.00
17	Sensitive Material	IT Consulting	47,168,025.00
18	Legal Consultancy	Reimbursible Expenses	2,500,000.00
19	Osadolor Kingsley Osayande	Publicity	1,000,000.00
20	Sensitive Material	Sensitive	49,270,000.00
21	Remita	Financial Charges	64,367.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>356,388,722.34</b>

### JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2025

Happy Birthday

#### 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Eunice Moses Kazah  
Gertrude Ebonu  
Sunday Anih  
Justina Nkechi Uzonwanne  
Ugonna Lilian Okeke

#### 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Bala Tsaku Akwashiki  
Magdalene Akhuetie Enatomen  
Mohammed Kabir Abdullahi  
Elvis Kersha Gwaza  
Emmanuel Kaduna  
Taiwo Afusat Yusuf  
Ketim Usman  
Uchechi Onyeoma Nkwopara  
Garba Umar  
Mardiyah Abiola Olukade

#### 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Muktari Haruna  
Tope Oluwaseun Oluwafemi  
Damilola Shakirah Ali

#### 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Sa'adatu Madi Aliyu  
Rafiu Bankole Adededeji  
Zainab Igonoh Yakubu  
Muhammed Bello  
Nasiru Hussaini Nabayi  
Ibrahim Abbas  
Oluwadara Daniel Ogunade

#### 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Ubaidatu Muhammed Ibrahim  
Chika Rachael Onwoagba

Temitope Sawyerr-Hassan  
Victor Harrison Umoh

#### 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Martha Za'anana  
Bolanle Oluwaseun Odubanjo  
Gambo Abba Ibrahim

#### 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Oyinkansola Adebimpe Odhigada  
Victor Nzogbu  
Rashidat Olajumoke Ganiyu  
Taiwo Opemipo Oloyede  
Kehinde Opeyemi Oloyede







## EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

NATION, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025: Tertiary Institutions Must Drive Rural Transformation – UAES VC-: The Vice Chancellor of the University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (UAES), Umuagwo, Prof. Christopher Eze, has said that tertiary institutions in Nigeria are not just centres of learning but also research incubators that should provide practical solutions for rural development.

He stated that the faculties of Agriculture, ICT, and Environmental Sciences are dedicated to generating applied knowledge that addresses the needs of local farmers, government agencies, and technology providers.

Prof. Eze stated this when he declared open one day seminar on "Regulatory/policy validation on universal access and digital financial solutions" with the theme: "Strengthening research, policy and partnership for Inclusive digital transformation in Agriculture."

He noted that research is the foundation upon which relevant, context specific policies must be built, stressing that it explains what works where it works and why. "It is our duty as an academic institution to bridge the gap between empirical evidence and policy implementation."

NATION, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025: Fed Govt to Establish Mechanised Commercial Farms in 10 Varsities-: The federal government said it was mulling the idea of establishing mechanised commercial farms and livestock operations in ten universities. The project will be handled under the

Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) 2025 intervention.

Speaking while inaugurating the five-member Committee on Agricultural Commercial Farms Evaluation, Chairman, TETFund Board of Trustees, Aminu Masari, explained that the beneficiary institutions must meet specific criteria.

He explained that one of the criteria is owning at least 50 hectares of unencumbered land and operating a functional commercial farm with at least one agricultural value chain.

PUNCH, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025: LASU Overtakes UNILORIN As Varsity Of First Choice-: The Lagos State University has officially overtaken the University of Ilorin as the most preferred institution for admission, according to data from the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, which was released during the ongoing policy meeting in Abuja on Tuesday.

For years, the University of Ilorin remained the institution with the highest number of applicants.

The University of Lagos stood in second position with a total of 58,645 applicants, while the University of Ilorin was placed in third position with 56,758 applicants.

Over the years, UTME candidates have been revealed to prefer UNILORIN because, for many years, the institution has not had any form of strike, unlike many other public tertiary institutions in the country.

PREMIUM TIMES, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025: Nigerian Govt Officially Adopts 16 as Minimum Age for Tertiary Admissions-: The federal government

has pegged the minimum age for admissions into Nigerian tertiary institutions at 16. The Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, disclosed this on Tuesday at the 2025 policy meeting organised by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

The annual meeting is held to decide on procedures of admission for the academic year.

During last year's meeting the former education minister, Prof. Tahir Mamman, set the minimum age for admissions at 18, raising concerns.

Following his removal, Dr. Alausa, who succeeded him, reversed the policy and pegged it at 16 for last year's admissions exercise. With this new announcement, the minister has now formalised 16 as the official minimum age for admissions into Nigerian tertiary institutions.

He warned institutions against breaching the rule, asking them to ensure strict compliance. He said the age reflects a balance between cognitive maturity and academic preparedness. "We understand there may be a few exceptional cases, and provisions have already been made for legitimate exceptions, especially for gifted children or those with accelerated educational progress," he said. Also in Blueprint, Tuesday, July 8, 2025; Punch, Tuesday, July 8, 2025;

PREMIUM TIMES, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025: Nigeria's Govt to Revoke Licenses of Institutions Engaging in Illegal Admissions-: The Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, has warned that any tertiary institution

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found admitting students outside of the official JAMB Central Admission Processing System (CAPS) will face severe sanctions, including the withdrawal of its academic licence.

Dr. Alausa announced this at the 2025 policy meeting organised by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). He noted that such admissions are illegal, regardless of intent, and violate the standardised process put in place to ensure fairness, transparency, and quality control.

The minister reaffirmed the federal government's commitment to enforcing strict compliance with CAPS, which JAMB introduced in 2017 to regulate admission procedures and eliminate human interference.

"Let me state emphatically and unequivocally, any admission conducted outside CAPS, regardless of its intentions, is illegal. Both institutions and the candidates involved in such practice will be held accountable," he said.

PREMIUM TIMES, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025: Admission: Six Nigerian institutions win N710 million JAMB prize for compliance- The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has awarded N710 million to six tertiary institutions during this year's National Tertiary Admissions Performance Merit Award (NATAP-M). Every year since 2018, JAMB awards prizes to tertiary institutions for compliance with its admission processes.

The winners were presented with dummy cheques during the award ceremony shortly after the 2025 policy meeting on admissions into tertiary institutions, also convened by JAMB in Abuja on Tuesday.

PREMIUM TIMES, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025: JAMB To Clear FUTA Graduate, Over 4000 Others With Admission, NYSC Issues- The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) is set to clear 4,845 individuals, including Jamiu Basola, a graduate of the Federal University of Technology (FUTA), who has been unable to

register for the National Youth Service Scheme (NYSC) over issues with their admission status.

Mr. Basola and FUTA had complained to JAMB after the board described his admission as fake whenever he tried to register for the National Youth Service Scheme. Both FUTA and the graduate insisted his admission was genuine, and the university said it had written to JAMB to confirm the graduate's admission.

Mr. Basola, the FUTA graduate, and 12 other candidates with similar issues would be asked to effect the corrections that may have led to the challenge they are facing on the JAMB portal. Also in Punch, Monday, July 7, 2025

NAIRAMETRICS.COM, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025: FG Begins Free Nationwide Training To Upskill Vocational Teachers Across Nigeria- The Federal Ministry of Education has announced the commencement of the 2025/2026 Technical Teachers Training Programme (TTTP), a tuition-free, one-year Post-Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) designed to upskill public secondary school teachers handling technical and vocational subjects across Nigeria.

The announcement was made through the Federal Ministry of Education's Department of Technology and Science Education in Abuja, highlighting the government's renewed commitment to strengthening Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the country...

The application portal will open on 8 July 2025 and close on 21 July 2025. The Ministry warns that only one submission is permitted, and multiple applications will lead to disqualification.

DAILY POST, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025: 2025 UTME: There's Foul Play in Result of Highest Scorer – JAMB- The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, JAMB, says it suspects foul play in the results of one Chinedu Okeke, the best candidate in the 2025 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination, UTME.

JAMB Registrar, Prof. Ishaq Oloyede, said this on Tuesday at the 2025 Policy Meeting of the Board in Abuja. Prof. Oloyede announced that Okeke, an indigene of Anambra, emerged the best candidate with 375 score in the examinations.

The JAMB boss, however, stated that the Board made some discoveries regarding Okeke, who applied for Mechanical Engineering at the University of Lagos. According to him, data from JAMB revealed that Okeke was admitted to study Medicine year ago in the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, UNN.

He said JAMB wrote UNN for clarification about the candidate, and the school revealed that Okeke is a student of the institution, and he is doing fine.

Speaking on the development, JAMB Public Communications Advisor, Dr. Fabian Benjamin said the Board is suspecting foul play. "The law does not allow a student to matriculate twice, and as an undergraduate, he has advantage over the other candidates in the examinations.

PUNCH, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025: FUTA Graduate Bags \$10,500 US Fellowship- A Nigerian scholar and researcher at Arizona State University, Adesola Adegoke, has been awarded the Trent R. Dames and William W. Moore Fellowship by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The award comes with a \$10,500 research grant and recognises Adegoke's innovative work in sustainable geotechnical engineering.

The association in a letter signed by the Executive Director of the ASCE, Thomas W. Smith, commended Adegoke's proposal, which focused on developing mycelium-based bio-materials as sustainable alternatives to traditional construction inputs.

"These materials show potential in applications such as slope stabilisation and erosion control, offering both structural performance and environmental benefits," the letter stated.



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**PUNCH, WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025: NECO Releases 2025 BECE Results-** The National Examinations Council has announced the release of the 2025 Basic Education Certificate Examination results.

A total of 179,201 candidates registered for the examination in 12 subjects, according to a statement by Mr. Azeez Sani, the Acting Director of Public Affairs of the examination body. The examination, which commenced on May 12, 2025, was concluded on May 23, 2025.

"The results of the examination were released following the successful conclusion of the 2025 BECE Award Committee Meeting held at the Council's Headquarters in Minna.

"During the meeting, the chairperson of the Award Committee, Dr. (Mrs) Folake David, Director, Basic Education, Federal Ministry of Education, expressed satisfaction with the processes leading to the successful release of the results...

"Meanwhile, the Award Committee has approved the Date and Timetable for the 2025 BECE Re-sit. "The Re-sit examination is scheduled to hold on 23rd and 24th July 2025 for Mathematics and English Studies."

**NATION, WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025: TETFund Threatens to Delist Institutions over Misuse of Intervention Funds-** The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has issued a stern warning to beneficiary institutions, threatening to delist those that fail to properly utilise funds allocated for intervention projects.

Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono, gave the warning recently in Abuja during a two-day strategic workshop for directors of physical planning, academic planning, and ICT from beneficiary institutions.

Arc. Echono said the workshop underscored TETFund's commitment to strengthening Nigeria's tertiary education system by addressing procedural gaps and ensuring institutions fully understand the agency's intervention guidelines.

He stressed that TETFund would not

tolerate underperformance or mismanagement, stating, "We will not stand idly by while some institutions fall short of expectations."...

**PUNCH, WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025: 2025 admissions: Stakeholders set 150 Benchmark, Bars Under-16-** The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board and the tertiary education stakeholders have approved the National Minimum Tolerable Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination score also known as the cut-off point for 2025 admission into the nation's universities.

Also, the Federal Government reiterated its stand on the 16 years as a minimum for admission into tertiary institutions.

At this year's annual Policy Meeting on admissions into tertiary institutions held in Abuja, on Tuesday, the meeting adopted 150 as the benchmark for admission into universities and 100 for polytechnics and colleges of education.

The meeting adopted 140 for colleges of nursing across the country.

This means that no tertiary institutions should admit students who score below the approved benchmarks, while institutions can still fix higher cut-off marks for their applicants. Last year, 140 was adopted for universities and 100 for polytechnics and colleges of education.

The decision was adopted after the heads of the institutions voted.

The JAMB Registrar, Prof Ishaq Oloyede and the Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, wanted the institutions to increase the minimum tolerable score to at least 160. However, most of the Heads of Institutions were quite adamant about increasing the minimum tolerable scores. Also in Blueprint, Tuesday, July 8, 2025; Guardian, Tuesday, July 8, 2025; Punch, Tuesday, July 8, 2025;

**GUARDIAN, WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025: ABU Beats UNILORIN, Others To Win JAMB's ₦500m Best Institution Award-** Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, has been declared the best-

performing institution in Nigeria at the National Tertiary Admissions' Performance-Merit Award (NATAP-M) for the combined admission years of 2023/2024 and 2024/2025.

With an impressive aggregate of 14 points across all five performance criteria of the mega award, ABU clinched the coveted first place and was awarded ₦500 million.

The University of Ilorin emerged as the first runner-up with nine points, receiving a ₦75 million prize, while the Nile University of Nigeria came third with six points and was awarded ₦25 million.

The winners were unveiled at the fifth edition of the NATAP-M awards, held during the 2025 JAMB Policy Meeting in Abuja on Tuesday, July 8, 2025. The awards, organised by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), aim to promote healthy competition and reward excellence among tertiary institutions in Nigeria...

**VANGUARD, WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025: NABTEB Releases FTC Entrance Results, Only 39% Scored 50% And Above-** The National Business and Technical Examinations Board (NABTEB) reports that only 39 per cent of candidates who took the 2025 entrance examination into Federal Technical Colleges scored 50 per cent and above.

The Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Board, Dr. Aminu Mohammed, disclosed this on Wednesday in Benin while announcing the results of the recently conducted National Common Entrance Examination...

He commended the Federal Government's renewed interest in TVET and the invaluable contributions of the Minister of Education and the Minister of State for Education to the initiative.

In his remarks, the Minister of Education, Dr Tunji Alausa, urged administrators in the sector to implement the government's policies.

**PUNCH, THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025: EG Begins Pioneer Admission into 34 Tech Colleges-** The National Business and

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Technical Examinations Board has commenced the selection of pioneer students into Federal Technical Colleges across the country. The Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Alausa, disclosed this during the opening of the selection exercise held at NABTEB's headquarters in Benin City, Edo State.

Dr. Alausa, who was represented by the Director of Technology and Science Education in the Ministry, Dr. Muyibat Olodo, said the process is aligned with the recently launched Technical and Vocational Education and Training programme of the Federal Ministry of Education. He noted that the selection exercise is a critical step toward achieving one of the core mandates of the TVET initiative, which was launched on May 30, 2025...

"We have faced persistent challenges of low enrolment in our colleges due to societal and parental apathy toward technical and vocational education. However, with the federal government's free tuition initiative for students in Federal Technical Colleges, we are beginning to see a gradual shift in public perception," Alausa said.

PUNCH, FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025: FG

Flags Falling Teaching Standards, Unveils Reform Plans-: The Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, has said the government is revitalising the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria to ensure higher professional standards across the education sector.

This is as he asserted the commitment of the Federal Government to raising teaching standards nationwide through improved teacher recruitment, training, and welfare.

Dr. Alausa spoke while delivering the keynote address at the KADA EduPACT International Summit 2025, on Wednesday, themed "Strategic Visioning for Educational Transformation: Developing the Kaduna State Education Model."

"...No education reform will succeed without teachers. We must prioritise teacher recruitment, training, motivation and continuous professional development," the Minister said.

PUNCH, FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025: 15-Year-Old Abia Student For US Tech Training-: A 15-year-old Abia student, Grace Nkpa, is set to embark on a three-month technology and leadership training programme at Virginia Tech University, United States, after emerging as one of Nigeria's

three representatives at the 2025 TechGirls International Exchange Programme.

Ms. Nkpa, a Grade 12 student of Academic Planet School, Aba, will participate in hands-on training in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as well as mentorship and leadership sessions alongside other outstanding girls from 37 countries.

During a visit to Abia State Governor, Alex Otti, and members of the State Executive Council in Nvosi, Isialangwa South, Nkpa, she expressed her excitement and pledged to make the state proud.

"I thank God for bringing me this far. I promise to represent Abia and Nigeria well. I won't disappoint the state," she said.

She urged other teenage girls to focus on their dreams and ignore distractions.

Governor Otti praised her achievement, describing it as a proud moment for Abia. He urged her to return after the programme and share the knowledge gained with other girls in the state. "All of us—your parents, your school, and the people of Abia—expect you to come back and inspire others," he said.

## EXAMINOTRICKS



PUNCH, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025: JAMB to Delist 130 CBT Centres Over Examination Fraud-: The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has announced plans to delist no fewer than 130 Computer-Based Test centres over alleged manipulation and activities that compromise its monitoring of examination processes.

JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, disclosed this during a courtesy visit by a delegation from MTN Nigeria, according to the Board's weekly bulletin released on Monday...

"The Board noted with dismay that some unscrupulous CBT centre owners deliberately circumvented the operations of its devices through the relocation of their allocated routers as well as engaging in acts capable of undermining the sanctity of the Board's examination monitoring and surveillance.

Condemning the heinous practice, the JAMB Boss said, "No fewer than 130 CBT centres will be delisted for their involvement in these criminal activities.

PUNCH, WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025: JAMB Uncovers Fingerprint Fraud In 19 CBT Centres-: Data released by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board during its 2025 Policy Meeting on Tuesday revealed that Computer-Based Test centres in Imo and Anambra states topped the list of centres busted for finger pairing malpractices.

In total, about 19 centres were busted nationwide, with Anambra having six; Imo with four; Abia with one, Edo with one; Kano with two centres; Ebonyi, Delta, Kaduna, Rivers and Enugu with one centre each.

The Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, made this known in his presentation during the 2025 Policy Meeting held with vice-chancellors, rectors, and provosts, among other stakeholders in Abuja, on Tuesday...



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**Registrar/Chief Executive**



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6<sup>th</sup> May, 2024

### **MANDATORY USE OF THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (NIN) FOR REGISTRATION WITH JAMB BY CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR NON-REGULAR PROGRAMMES**

**This Advisory is issued to all the concerned institutions, and candidates desirous of applying to study under the non-regular mode of study in tertiary institutions in Nigeria.**

As part of measures to checkmate the nefarious activities of fraudulent characters, who are scheming to compromise candidates' records through dubious registration channels and in compliance with its enabling act, JAMB has mandated that all applicants desirous of studying in Nigerian tertiary institutions must provide their NIN while registering for any programme of study in any tertiary institution in Nigeria irrespective of whether the mode of study is **regular and non-regular**.

2. Consequently, it has now become mandatory for all prospective candidates in the **non-regular category (NOUN, Distance Learning, Part-time and Sandwich programmes)** to create a profile code, before registering with JAMB, by sending their NIN, through their unique phone number to either of the Board's sort code (55019 or 66019).
3. Immediately after the creation of profile, each candidate will proceed to a CBT Centre for registration. After the registration, the candidate's details will appear on the CAPS of the institution of choice under non-regular admission. The institution will then propose and recommend to the Board for approval and the candidate will accept and print admission letter.
4. Furthermore, all previous candidates in the non-regular programmes, who had not integrated their NIN or unique phone number on the Board's platform, would have to create a profile using their respective NINs to access any of the services of the Board.
5. No candidate can use the process to change any of the data already supplied to the Board.
6. JAMB, as a responsive organisation that is conscious of the peculiarities of the non-regular studies, will continue to make the registration process as flexible as possible by making its platform available throughout the year. It is, therefore, expected that candidates, who fall under this category, will apply through JAMB before approaching their preferred institutions to process their admission with their respective JAMB registration numbers. They would also be expected to pay their preferred institution a processing fee as determined by the respective institutions.
7. Please be guided for compliance.

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**Registrar**





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## ADMISSION INTO THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED UNIVERSITIES AFTER 2024 REGISTRATION

The Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) is by this advert informing candidates who are seeking admission for the 2024/2025 academic session and who registered with JAMB for the 2024/2025 session that there are some Universities established after the 2024 registration that will be willing to offer admission to such candidates.

- The Universities are also available for 2025/2026 session. The candidates are advised to utilize the change of institution service in any CBT Centre to change to the University, if they so wish.
- The Universities and the courses offered are listed in the table below:

S/N	UNIVERSITY NAME	PROGRAMME OFFERED
a)	KWARA STATE UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, ILORIN, KWARA STATE	BUSINESS EDUCATION
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		EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS
		EDUCATION AND MATHEMATICS
		EDUCATION AND PHYSICS
		AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND EDUCATION
		EDUCATION AND BIOLOGY
		EDUCATION AND CHEMISTRY
		EDUCATION AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
		CREATIVE ARTS EDUCATION
		EDUCATION AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE
		EDUCATION AND YORUBA
b)	FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, MUBI, ADAMAWA STATE	EDUCATION AND HISTORY
		ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS EDUCATION
		AGRICULTURE
		AGRICULTURE/AGRIC - ECONOMICS & EXTENSION
		CROP SCIENCE
		FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
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		PHYSICS
		MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS
		COMPUTER SCIENCE
		GEOGRAPHY
		EDUCATION AND CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
		EDUCATION AND ISLAMIC STUDIES
		EDUCATION AND GEOGRAPHY
c)	ADEYEMI FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF EDUCATION, ONDO STATE	HISTORY AND DIPLOMATIC STUDIES
		EDUCATION AND MUSIC
		CREATIVE ARTS
		EDUCATION AND ECONOMICS
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		AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND EDUCATION
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		ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION
		SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION
		EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT
		EDUCATION AND YORUBA

- For emphasis, any eligible candidate willing to seek admission in the listed Universities is advised to apply for a change of institution as his/her first choice.
- In addition, the universities concerned are urged to re-advertise the statement and inform the candidates of the offer and the process.
- It is important to emphasize that none of the universities is allowed to admit any person or student who did not apply to JAMB for the 2024/2025 admission session. No regularization or condonement of illegal admission will be allowed.
- For further clarification, you can contact the Director, Admissions through your institution's Desk Officer or CAPS Mail.
- Be guided.

Signed

**Prof. Is-haq O. Oloyede** CON, FNAL  
Registrar



# NATAP-M AWARDS: JAMB DOLES OUT N2.42 BILLION TO TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS OVER FIVE EDITIONS

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has doled out a total of N2.42 billion to tertiary institutions through five editions of the National Tertiary Admissions Performance Merit Award (NATAP-M) since its launch in 2018.

The award, which was initiated in 2018 by the Prof. Is-haq Oloyede-led administration, was to recognise tertiary institutions complying with admission guidelines as well as spur healthy competition among the institutions.

The maiden edition of the Awards, which was held in 2019, featured five categories, namely: the most-subscribed institutions by candidates, the most-national

institution in terms of admission spread and the institution with the highest number of admission of international students.

Other categories are the most-improved institution in intake of female students and the most-compliant institution in keeping within the guidelines.

The University of Ilorin, University of Maiduguri, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Rivers State University, and Kaduna Polytechnic were among the recipients of the maiden edition, collectively receiving N125 million in prize money.

In the 2019 NATAP-M Awards, a total of N500 million was awarded. The third edition, held on July 21, 2022, also featured N500 million in prizes

for winning institutions.

The fourth edition, which combined the awards for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 academic years which was held in 2024, offered a cash prize of N710 million, with the University of Ilorin winning the top award.

The fifth edition, held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, for the 2023/2024 academic year, also had a total prize pool of N710 million, with Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, winning the grand prize of N500 million.

Studies conducted by the Board have shown that the NATAP-M Awards have significantly improved compliance with admission guidelines and fostered healthy competition among institutions.

## PICTURES FROM 2025 NATAP-M AWARDS



## PICTURES FROM THE 2025 POLICY MEETING









### ...Senator Shuaib, Hon. Olajide, Oforji, Others Pay Glowing Tributes to JAMB

These, according to him, included the fact that 70% of FinTechs in Africa comes from Nigeria and hence, urged the Hon. Minister to bequeath an education sector devoted to turning out job creators rather than job seekers.

In the same vein, the Distinguished Prof. Peter Okebukola, Chairman, JAMB Equal Opportunity Group (JEOG), also conveyed the good wishes of JEOG and described the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, as the No. 1 Champion of Ease of Access for equal opportunity in Africa.

The Professor Okebukola recalled that JAMB had set up JEOG eight years ago to boost the admission ratio of Peoples with Disabilities (PWDs). He expressed happiness that the objectives of JEOG are being met as indicated in the number of candidates with special needs being admitted into the nation's tertiary institutions.

He noted that 30% of PWDs that had taken the UTME had gained admission. He thanked the Registrar, Prof. Oloyede, and conveyed the prayers of these candidates with special needs while also relating the commendation of the Global Network for Innovation (GUNI) to the Registrar, whom, he said, was largely responsible for the rating of Nigeria as first in Africa. He added that Nigerians should appreciate those

talents among us noting that the crises in the nation's education sector are not peculiar to Nigeria.

Similarly, the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Mr. Abel Enitan, in his address, described the Hon. Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa, as a vibrant and energetic individual in whose company you dare not take anything for granted. In the same vein, he commended the Hon. Minister of State for Education for her dedication to the job.

Further in his address, he said the meeting would involve the interaction of stakeholders to see how JAMB could take its game to the next level. He also commended the Board for weathering the storm over the years.

In the words of the Chairman, House Committee on Cybersecurity, Hon. Adedeji Stanley Olajide, he said the Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, deserved to be applauded for running a digitally-friendly organisation adding that the series of reforms introduced by the Registrar into the operations of the Board would reverberate in other sectors of the nation's economy.

According to him, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has revolutionised the way we do business nowadays and stated that two years from now, JAMB would not remain the same in

terms of how it goes about its operations owing to the widespread deployment of relevant technology in its processes.

He, therefore, urged JAMB to lay AI on top of its processes such that things as fake results would be instantly detected adding that by so doing, the Board would achieve even greater heights. As for his committee, he expressed the readiness of members to back the Board with relevant legislative action.

In the same vein, the Chairman, House Committee on Examination Bodies, Hon. Oboku Oforji, congratulated the Registrar, JAMB, for delivering a successful 2025 UTME in spite of the technical glitch recorded in some areas. He urged all institutions to always put their best foot forward while urging the Board to avoid such glitches in the future. He also commended the Board and other stakeholders, for keeping the ship of the nation's education sector afloat despite persistent challenges and the Registrar for being brave enough to take responsibility for everything.

He lauded the Board for institutionalising and sustaining the NATAP-M Awards over the years noting that the awards had spurred many institutions to strive for excellence.

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### ...2025 Policy Meeting Adopts 150 Benchmark for Varsities, 100 for Poly, Colleges

stakeholders, comprising Vice Chancellors of Universities, Rectors of Polytechnics, Provosts of Colleges of education, Heads of Monotecnics, Innovative Enterprise Institutes (IEI), Registrars, and Admission Officers, among others, deliberated extensively on the NTMUS for the various categories of tertiary education in the country.

Eventually, stakeholders adopted, through voting, 150 as the benchmark for admission into universities and 100 for polytechnics and colleges of education for the 2025/2026 academic session.

By this adoption, no tertiary institution is expected to admit students, who score below the approved benchmark for its category, however institutions are at liberty to set higher benchmarks for their applicants based on their competitiveness.

It would be recalled that the 2024 policy meeting on admission into tertiary institutions had adopted 140 for universities and 100 for polytechnics and colleges of education.

The proceedings were conducted

and overseen by the Honourable Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa, who chaired the occasion, and was assisted by the Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.

In his remarks, Prof. Oloyede explained that the policy meeting aimed to ensure fairness, access, and quality across the board, while also promoting national standards. He emphasised that institutions are expected to conclude their admission processes in line with the approved schedule and report to JAMB for central processing.

## ...JAMB Integrity, CAPS, Behind Credibility of Admission Process - Minister of State for Education



The Minister gave this commendation in her remarks at the 5th edition of the National Tertiary Admissions Performance-Merit Awards (NATAP-M) in Abuja on Tuesday, 8th July, 2025. The Minister characterized the NATAP-M Award as an initiative designed to promote transparency, equity, and compliance, emphasizing that it will enhance the admissions processes. She noted that this award is supported by the Central Admissions Processing System. She pointed out that the automation of the admission process through the

Central Admissions and Processing (CAPS) was crucial for achieving a credible admission process into Nigerian tertiary institutions as it ensures transparency, efficiency, and fairness in admissions.

The Minister said CAPS is a good initiative that empowers candidates to track their status while enabling institutions to process their admissions online. She also noted that CAPS provides for a transparent admission process, allowing candidates to monitor their admission status and offers in real-time, ensuring that admissions are based on merit and established guidelines.

Prof. Ahmad said CAPS gives candidates the ability to accept or reject admission offers directly through the system, as well as restore the autonomy of candidates while providing ample information on available choices.

The automation of the admission process, according to her, also helps to eliminate the issue of multiple admissions and enhances efficiency as it streamlines the admission process for institutions, as well as help them to process admissions more quickly and accurately, while reducing manual bottlenecks, among other benefits.

Earlier, the Minister had made a case for a merit-based and inclusive admission process while describing the gathering as a statutory convergence of stakeholders to assess progress in the education sector.

She pointed out that the meeting is not only aimed at reviewing institutional practices but also one geared towards strengthening policy directions to ensure alignment between access, quality, and equity in Nigeria's tertiary education system in line with President- Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda.

## ABU WINS N500M NATAP - M AWARDS, UNILORIN, NILE UNIVERSITY OTHERS SHINE AT EVENT



**A**hamadu Bello University, Zaria, has emerged the overall winner in the 5th Edition of the National Admission Performance-Merit (NATAP-M) Awards for the combined admission years of 2023 and 2024.

ABU carted away the ₦500million Mega Award with 14 points to emerge the Best-Performing Institution in Nigeria.

Coming a close second was the University of Ilorin, which emerged the Runner-Up with nine points and was awarded ₦75 million, while Nile University of Nigeria, a private university in Abuja, emerged the 2nd Runner-up with six points and ₦25 million prize money.

In the sectoral awards category, Kaduna Polytechnic, Kaduna, emerged the best polytechnic with an aggregate of 10 points and the Federal College of Education, Zaria, won the best College of Education Award, with an aggregate of 18 points, with both institutions winning ₦50 million respectively.

In the Innovative Enterprise Institutes, PEFTI Film Institute, Lagos, emerged the best IEI, with an aggregate of four points, to clinch the ₦10 million prize.

In his remarks, the Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, said the Board based its assessment on five criteria to rate the institutions. He added that the award was introduced to encourage national spread in the admission of candidates as well as promote internationalisation of admissions into tertiary institutions in the country.

Additionally, he said the award was essentially to bring about national unity through institutions admitting candidates from all States of the

Federation, as well as create healthy competitions among the nation's tertiary institutions.

Prof. Oloyede expressed optimism that the award was capable of entrenching transparency in the admission process across the nation, and bridge the gap in gender inequality by encouraging the female gender to aspire for tertiary education.

Responding on behalf of the awardees, the Vice Chancellor, ABU, Zaria, Prof. Adamu Ahmed, thanked the Federal Ministry of Education, JAMB, and the Alumni of the university governing council for their support.

He pointed out that the university would continue to strive for excellence with a view to taking its rightful position in the global ranking of universities while positively projecting the image of Nigeria to the outside world.



# WHY WE RANKED THE 2025 UTME RESULTS SLIP - OLOYEDE



**T**he Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has explained the wisdom behind the ranking of over 1.9million results of candidates that sat the 2025 UTME.

The JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who gave the reason for the measure during his presentation at the just-concluded policy meeting on admission into tertiary institutions held on 8th July, 2025, said the move was aimed at providing a better context and interpretation to scores and curbing the unnecessary celebration of so-called high scorers without considering their relative

performance, thereby helping tertiary institutions make more informed admission decisions.

He explained that the ranking of the UTME results slip would put tertiary institutions in a better position, not only to assess the scores but would also ease the task of assessing the national ranking and standing of each applicant among their peers.

Prof. Oloyede, while defending this initiative backed by extant law that created JAMB as an examination and ranking body carrying out assessment of hitherto-qualified candidates, said the new system would go a long way towards addressing fraud, impersonation

and acts of criminality perpetrated by candidates and unscrupulous elements, who issue fake and inflated scores to gullible candidates.

He said, "For the 2025 UTME, a candidate, who scored 370 is ranked 16th among the nearly two million candidates. A score of 320 is ranked 5,806 while 250 is ranked 107,819.

"A score of 200 places a candidate at position 533,805, and 180 ranks at 948,026. Lower scores such as 140, 120, and 100 are ranked at 1,855,607; 1,900,872; and 1,903,661, respectively."

Prof. Oloyede explained that the ranking system is a paradigm shift to de-emphasise the use of score without the global picture and assist institutions in screening and selection of the best-qualified candidates, especially in highly-competitive programmes and choice of institutions.

"Candidates ranking position will be indicated on the result slip for each candidate. This will help the institutions determine the candidates to be admitted. It will also discourage candidates, who parade fake scores."

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## ...JAMB Conducts 2025 UTME in Seven Foreign Centres

Nigerians living abroad who wish to pursue their education in Nigerian tertiary institutions. The examination took place in centres in the following location:

- London, United Kingdom

- Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- Buea, Cameroon
- Johannesburg, South Africa
- Cotonou, Benin Republic
- Lome, Côte d'Ivoire; and
- Accra, Ghana

This foreign examination component enhances the global visibility of Nigerian tertiary institutions, encouraging international students to enroll.

## JAMB MOURNS THE LOSS OF DEDICATED STAFF

**T**he Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, (JAMB), Kaduna Zonal Office, has announced the passing of Hajiya Mariam Mohammed Idiyaro, a dedicated and valued staff of the Board, whose unwavering commitment to excellence and commitment to duties will be deeply missed by her colleagues and the

JAMB community as a whole.

Hajiya Mariam Mohammed was born on 3rd February, 1966, into the family of Mallam Idiyaro in Ilorin East Local Government area of Kwara State.

She attended Kaduna Polytechnic and obtained her Higher National Diploma in 1992, and thereafter joined the services of the Board as an Administrative Assistant in

August, 1992. She was to rise through the ranks to become an Executive Officer and Head, Matriculation Monitoring Division of the Annex Office, a position she held until her demise.

She was survived by three children and a host of other relatives.

# ATTENTION!!!

## THE NEW NOMENCLATURE FOR THE BOARD'S OFFICE AND OUTSTATION DIRECTORS

S/N	Zonal Office	Office's Acronym	Nomenclature of Head of Office	Director's Acronym
1.	Abuja Zonal Office	AZO	Zonal Director, Abuja	ZDA
2.	Bauchi Zonal Office	BZO	Zonal Director, Bauchi	ZDB
3.	Lafia Zonal Office	LZO	Zonal Director, Lafia	ZDL
4.	Maiduguri Zonal Office	MZO	Zonal Director, Maiduguri	ZDM
5.	Kano Zonal Office	KZO	Zonal Director, Kano	ZDK
6.	Port Harcourt Zonal Office	PZO	Zonal Director, Port Harcourt	ZDP
7.	Ibadan Zonal Office	IZO	Zonal Director, Ibadan	ZDI
8.	Benin Zonal Office	NZO	Zonal Director, Benin	ZDN
9.	Sokoto Zonal Office	SZO	Zonal Director, Sokoto	ZDS
10.	Enugu Zonal Office	EZO	Zonal Director, Enugu	ZDE
11.	Owerri Zonal Office (HA)	OWZO (HA)	Zonal Director (HA), Owerri	ZDOW
12.	Lagos Zonal Office (HA)	LGZO (HA)	Zonal Director (HA), Lagos	ZDLG
13.	Ilorin Zonal Office (HA)	LRZO (HA)	Zonal Director (HA), Ilorin	ZDLR
14.	Kaduna Zonal Office (HA)	KDZO (HA)	Zonal Director (HA), Kaduna	ZDKD