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1BILLION JAMB ZONAL OFFICE/CBT CENTRE, MY MODEST CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATION DELIVERY IN NORTH-EAST - ZULUM



L-R: The Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Ishaq Oloyede during a courtesy visit to the Governor of Borno State, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum.

The Borno State Governor, His Excellency, Prof. Babagana Umara Zulum, has said the construction of the ₦1Billion Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Zonal Office

and Computer-Based Test (CBT) centre for the Board is the State's modest contribution to education delivery in the North-East.

The Governor stated this at the foundation-laying ceremony of the facility held on 23rd February, 2026.

The project, which is located along Maiduguri-Dikwa Road, is to comprise a ₦667m CBT centre and a ₦331m zonal office.

When completed, the centre will feature a Professional Registration Centre (PRC) to enable a faster and more efficient

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JAMB PAYS N1.5 BILLION TO CBT CENTRES AS REGISTRATION CHARGES

As earlier promised, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) announced that it would collect the ₦700 registration charge due to Computer-Based Test (CBT) centres together with the ePIN registration fee from candidates and remit the amount directly to the centres on a weekly basis. This arrangement was introduced to prevent the exploitation of

candidates, eliminate the need for candidates to make multiple payments at different points during registration, and ensure a seamless process.

Under this system, candidates are not required to pay separate registration fees at the centres. Once a candidate purchases the ePIN which already includes the ₦700 registration charge,

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2026 UTME IMPORTANT DATES

*** UTME MOCK TO HOLD**

Saturday, 28th March, 2026

*** UTME BEGINS**

Thursday, 16th April, 2026

NAPS COMMENDS PROF. OLOYEDE-LED JAMB FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO NIGERIA

The National Association of Polytechnic Students (NAPS) has commended the Management of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) under Prof. Is-haq Oloyede for what it described as meritorious

service and sustained efforts at reforming Nigeria's tertiary education admission process.

The commendation was made when a delegation of NAPS executives paid a courtesy visit to the Board's National

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JAMB NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR NON-MOBILISATION OF HND GRADUATES

For the umpteenth time, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has said the board is not responsible for HND admission, programmes or for the predicament and inability of some graduates to be

mobilised for the mandatory National Youth Service Corps (NYSC).

The Registrar of JAMB, Prof Is-haq Oloyede stated this when he met with the leadership of the National Association of

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Polytechnic Students (NAPS) in his office.

The Registrar told Comrade. Eshofune Paul Oghayan led NAPS that the Board was not responsible for admitting HND students into Polytechnics and, therefore, had no data to facilitate their entry into the NYSC scheme and advised NAPS to channel their grievances to appropriate quarters for redress and solutions.

He explained that the Board's mandate is limited to conducting examinations for admission into first degree, National Diploma (ND), and Nigerian Certificate in Education (NCE) programmes, not HND programmes.

The Registrar also clarified that JAMB only admits students for ND programmes noting that once the candidates graduates and seek HND admission, JAMB has no further role as HND admissions are conducted by individual institutions. He however stressed that the board conduct admission into tertiary institutions through automated platform, using the Central Admissions Processing System(CAPS).

He told the students Union body that some institutions flagrantly jettisoned,abuse the CAPS introduced to improve the board's

efficiency in the discharge of its mandate.

He pointed out that any admission conducted outside CAPS is null and void, noting that

CAPS automate the Admissions Process into the tertiary institutions, streamlines the Admissions Process, addresses the challenges associated with the manual approach, restores the autonomy of the tertiary institutions with respect to admissions, makes candidates the focus and empowers them with information on available choices of institutions and programmes.

Additionally he said CAPS, expands admission opportunities, eliminates multiple admissions, and provides easily retrievable data for decision making and research on the Education Sector in the country, also helps JAMB to refocus on its founding ideals as the Clearing House for admissions into the tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

Prof Oloyede stated that "JAMB has structure, everything we do is recorded. There is nothing we do under the carpet."

He revealed that some institutions runs illegal programmes, some of the programme are daily part-time HND, part-time HND stating that the NYSC rejects some of these

unconventional programmes thereby making it impossible for the products to be mobilised.

Prof Oloyede also addressed concerns over part-time polytechnic programmes, stating that his criticism was only directed at "Daily Part-Time" schemes designed to exploit students.

He blamed some of the challenges facing the affected students on institutions which bypass the Central Admissions Processing System(CAPS) to facilitate their admission for ND of more than the number of candidates specified by the NBTE.

He disclosed that the consequence of such an action is that there is no correlation between the ND products and their HND counterparts, which in most cases are acquired in different institutions.

He advised some of the Polytechnic that run foul of these to do the right thing, adding that a Polytechnic had over 42,000 cases of illegal admissions which the institution is still grappling with.

He said "if you do things correctly there would be no problem, on our part we shall continue to render quality service that would be beneficial to all the stakeholders, let's do thing properly he advised.

2026 UTME: AUTOMATION OF TEST ITEMS PROCESS COMPLETED – JAMB

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has successfully completed the automation of its test item development process for the 2026 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) and other Board examinations. The innovation, known as the Remote Authoring and Moderation System (RAMS), marks the end of the manual method previously used in developing examination items.

The automation training, which concluded on Wednesday, 25th February 2026, at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State, brought together item writers to finalise the digitisation process ahead of the

forthcoming UTME. A test run conducted immediately after the training confirmed the system's efficiency and readiness. The initiative represents a significant breakthrough for a Computer-Based Test (CBT) examination that requires the development and management of millions of test items annually.

Speaking at the event, the Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, described the decade-long journey to full digital automation as rigorous but rewarding. He noted that RAMS symbolises the Board's transition from a manual, paper-based system to a fully digital platform, eliminating challenges such as physical

movement of documents, logistical constraints, identification of resource persons, and other bureaucratic bottlenecks associated with convening physical meetings.

According to the Registrar, the new system will make the process easier, more cost-effective, and more efficient. He added that automation enhances the integrity, security, and reliability of examination items, while also relieving authors of the stress of travel. "This is a win-win situation for both the Board and item writers," he stated.

Prof. Oloyede also provided an update on the 2026 UTME





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REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD

MARCH 01 2026 - MARCH 06 2026

FINANCIAL INFLOW

| S/N | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT(=N=) |
|-----|--|---|
| 1 | E-Facility/Sales | 87,692,800.00 |
| 2 | PRC Service Charges | 1,937,100.00 |
| 3 | Consultancy Services | 12,181,463.00 |
| 4 | Sales from Foreign UTME(2025) | 592,020.00 |
| 5 | Deposit for DE E-pins | 97,470,000.00 |
| | Total | 199,873,383.00 |
| | The sum of =N=8,962,990 was auto-deducted by | the OAGF for Operating Surplus remittance to CRF. |

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

| S/N | DESCRIPTION | PURPOSE | AMOUNT(=N=) |
|-----|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Staff Claims | Various | 36,887,271.00 |
| 2 | Tomeh Travel and Tour Ltd | Flight Tickets | 18,328,730.00 |
| 3 | Airtel Network Ltd | Internet Access | 48,563,460.00 |
| 4 | Sensitive Material | Remittance of DE share | 36,778,200.00 |
| 5 | Sensitive | Item Development | 4,147,000.00 |
| 6 | Assorted Buka | Staff Meal | 2,658,100.00 |
| 7 | JAMB Multipurpose Cooperative Ltd | Staff Meal | 105,000.00 |
| 8 | Maima Food Processing Ltd | Staff Meal | 969,000.00 |
| 9 | Salaudeen Afusat Odun | Staff Meal | 988,000.00 |
| 10 | Ummah Food Concept | Staff Meal | 1,254,000.00 |
| 11 | Danjuma Umar | Motor Vehicle Fuel | 984,375.00 |
| 12 | Danjuma Umar | Staff Bus Fuel | 3,130,965.00 |
| 13 | Sunday Olumeze | Maintenance of Office Equipment | 621,300.00 |
| 14 | Binani Nig. Ltd | Cleaning Service | 1,140,317.00 |
| 15 | Global Sport Consult Ltd | Sporting Activity | 1,000,000.00 |
| 16 | Ummah Food Consult | Staff Meal | 718,160.00 |
| 17 | Police Community Relation | Security | 377,000.00 |
| 18 | Areprekumor Ebafulgah | Security Service | 3,850,000.00 |
| 19 | Hammer General Venture | Publicity | 9,000,000.00 |
| 20 | Supervision of Examination | Third Party Examination | 2,242,500.00 |
| 21 | Supervision of Examination | Staff Promotion Examination | 18,135,400.00 |
| 22 | Remita | Financial Charges | 294,550.00 |
| | TOTAL | | 192,173,328.00 |

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN MARCH 9TH – MARCH 15TH 2026

Happy Birthday

9TH MARCH

Amina Lami Abubakar
Basheerat Olabisi Tadesse

10TH MARCH

Rahmat Temitope Imam-Fulani
Ahmed Usman
Anthony Bawa
Ali Dakwali Balami
Ibrahim Lawal
Saliu Mohammed Ewumi
Rona Solomon

11TH MARCH

Oluwaseun Janet Omotoso
Yahaya Ahmad Turaki
Mercy Boluwatife Bamidele
Abdulmalik Adinoyi Abdulmajeed

12TH MARCH

Obadiah Tabat
Martina Kure
Obianuju Mmeje
Yaya Kiyawa Adamu
Suleiman Olawale Alabi

13TH MARCH

Amos Nuhu Dabwan
Mohammed Hassan
Jummai Irimiya
Nnenna Ethel Igwe
Afusat Omotanwa Jooda-Lasisi
Ibrahim Saleh Yalwaji
Kunle Paul Lokoyi
Moshood Olatunji Hassan

14TH MARCH

Ayo Musa
Ismaila Kareem
Idiat Ronke Ambali
Mercy Adaku Esie
Umar Ibrahim Kilishi

15TH MARCH

Peter Iduh
Mahmood Rufai Makama
Sunday Oluwatoyin Ibisagba
Maryam Danladi Katsina
Yorisayo Stephen Ekunnrin
Monsuru Folorunso Oladosu
Olaide Mulikat Abioye
Sirajo Abubakar Bojo
Abdullahi Umar
Waliyullahi Abdulfatai Ali-Kamal





EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

NOUN NEWS, MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026: VC Approves Disbursement Of NELFUND To NOUN Students' E-Wallets: Vice-Chancellor of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Prof. Uduma Oji Uduma, has approved the disbursement of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND) to the e-wallets of ninety (90) students of the university who applied for the loan.

A total sum of Thirteen Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Naira only (N13,780,250.00) will be disbursed to the affected students, accordingly.

Prof. Uduma gave the approval on a memo dated February 27, 2026 and signed by the Registrar of the university, Mr. Oladipo Ajayi, which quoted the readiness of the fund for disbursement to 90 NOUN students.

The memo reads in part: "In view of the foregoing, the Vice-Chancellor is respectfully requested to grant approval and direct the Bursar to disburse the stated amount to the respective e-wallets of the attached list of 90 students who applied for the loan." Consequent upon this, the Vice-Chancellor approved for the disbursement to the students' e-wallets.

LEADERSHIP, MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026: JAMB Begins 2026 Direct Entry Registration Nationwide: The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has officially begun the sale of application documents for the 2026 Direct Entry programme.

In a statement posted on its official X account, the Board confirmed that registration "commenced today, Monday, 2nd March 2026 and will end by Saturday, 25th April 2026."

JAMB emphasised that the entire registration process, including the

purchase of e-PINs and application documents, is restricted exclusively to its accredited state and zonal offices across the country.

The Direct Entry programme allows candidates with recognised qualifications, such as National Diploma (ND), National Certificate in Education (NCE), Interim Joint Matriculation Board (IJMB), A-level certificates, or other approved equivalents, to gain direct admission into 200 level university programmes, bypassing the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

GUARDIAN, MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026: FG approves N48bn to upgrade engineering faculties in 12 Varsities:

The Federal Government has sanctioned the release of N48 billion for the enhancement of 12 Faculties of Engineering and Technology in Federal Universities of Technology and other conventional universities. The beneficiary institutions, drawn from the six geopolitical zones of the country, consist of federal and state-owned universities.

Inaugurating the Ministerial Monitoring, Evaluation and Implementation Committee on TETFund High Impact Intervention Projects in Abuja on Monday, Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, said the initiative was designed to ensure transparency, accountability and strict adherence to project timelines in the execution of the approved interventions

The institutions include: Federal University of Technology, Minna; Federal University of Technology, Owerri; Federal University of Technology Akure; Delta State University Abraka; Nigeria Army, University Biu among others. Also in Leadership, Monday, March 2, 2026

LEADERSHIP, MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026: Committee To Transform Engineering, Technology Education Inaugurated:

Federal government has taken a step towards repositioning engineering and technology education with the inauguration of a Ministerial Monitoring, Evaluation and Implementation Committee for a special high-impact intervention project.

The intervention, implemented in collaboration with the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), is designed to ensure that universities become centres of hands-on training, applied research, innovation and problem-solving, rather than remaining largely theoretical.

The committee is headed by the president of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Engr. Ali Rabi, amongst other scholars. At the inauguration of the committee in Abuja yesterday, the Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, said the committee marked a critical milestone in the government's deliberate and strategic efforts to rebuild engineering and technology education as a driver of industrialisation, innovation and sustainable national development.

"This TETFund Special Impact Intervention Project has therefore been deliberately designed to address these gaps through modern workshops, advanced laboratories, cutting-edge equipment and industrial-relevant training environments capable of producing graduates who can design, fabricate, test, innovate and industrialise solutions," he said.

Earlier, the minister of State for

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Education, Suwaiba Said Ahmad, said the intervention was strategic to Nigeria's aspirations for industrialisation, innovation and sustainable economic growth.

The executive secretary of TETFund, Sonny Echono, commended the initiative and acknowledged the role of the President and the National Assembly in mandating deliberate efforts to restore Nigerian universities to global competitiveness.

PUNCH TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026: FG Links Birth Registration To School Enrolment For Better Planning: The Federal Ministry of Education says it has formalised a strategic partnership with the National Population Commission to integrate birth registration and demographic data into Nigeria's school enrolment and education planning systems. According to a statement by the Director, Press and Public Relations, Federal Ministry of Education, Mrs. Boriowo Folasade.

According to the statement, the Minister of Education, Dr. Olatunji Alausa, said, "credible population data is essential for rational school siting, balanced teacher deployment, accurate enrollment projections, and equitable resource allocation."

He noted that integrating birth registration into admission processes would promote proper age placement and strengthen the integrity of academic records. The minister emphasised that enforcement would follow expanded nationwide access to registration services to avoid creating unintended barriers for families.

He highlighted the role of digital integration in improving transparency, tracking enrolment patterns and identifying dropouts early. In his response, the NPC Chairman, Aminu Yusuf, reaffirmed the commission's mandate to maintain Nigeria's Civil Registration and Vital Statistics system. He noted that more than 4,000 registration centres were operating nationwide, with ongoing digital upgrades.

The statement added that "Both institutions agreed to establish a Joint Technical Working Group to harmonise verification procedures

and ensure database interoperability." It said the partnership reinforced the Federal Government's commitment to evidence-based education reform and inclusive national development.

DAILY POST, TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026: JAMB Raises Alarm Over Alleged AI-Backed UTME Fraud: The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, JAMB, has raised concerns over what it says is a growing network of examination fraud involving candidates, parents, and some school operators, with syndicates allegedly using artificial intelligence tools to interfere with the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination, UTME.

Speaking at a press briefing on Saturday, the Registrar of the Board, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, said the examination body is currently battling coordinated digital attempts aimed at manipulating the system through impersonation and other forms of online deception. "The registrations of candidates involved may be cancelled. Ignorance will no longer be accepted as a defence," Oloyede said.

According to him, the suspects allegedly deployed AI technology to create fake online identities and circulate altered photographs, including images falsely showing individuals in the company of top education officials, in order to gain the trust of unsuspecting candidates. The Registrar disclosed that more than 100 candidates are believed to have paid for illegal assistance, with 83 transactions already traced by investigators.

He added that the activities were detected in 25 states, suggesting the network operates across the country rather than in a single region.

JAMB said it has recommended the cancellation of registrations of candidates who paid for illegal support, reiterating its commitment to protecting the credibility of the UTME through strict enforcement and collaboration with security authorities. Also in Blueprint, Monday, March 2, 2026

NATION, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026: FEC revives adult literacy

commission, imposes six-year ban on new private varsities: The Federal Executive Council (FEC) has approved a series of reforms in the education sector, including the restoration of the National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education as an independent body, a six-year moratorium on the establishment of new tertiary institutions, and the recognition of medical fellowships as equivalent to doctoral degrees.

Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, who disclosed this while said the Council approved the restoration of the National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education to its full status after it had earlier been downgraded to a department within the ministry.

According to him, the decision is part of the administration's broader plan to tackle Nigeria's literacy challenges and equip millions of citizens with digital and basic education skills.

He explained that the commission, originally established in 2013, will intensify adult education programmes, particularly in rural communities, through initiatives involving radio and television campaigns, public advocacy and community learning centres.

Dr. Alausa also announced that the Council approved amendments to the National Postgraduate Medical College Act to recognise medical fellowship qualifications as equivalent to PhD degrees. The Council also approved a six-year moratorium on the establishment of new universities, polytechnics and colleges of education in the country. He said the measure is intended to improve the quality and sustainability of existing tertiary institutions, particularly private universities. Also, in Daily Post, Thursday, March 5, 2026

BLUEPRINT, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026: UI Withdraw 226 Students Over Poor Performance: The Senate of the University of Ibadan (UI) has approved the withdrawal of 226 undergraduate students as a result of poor academic performance in the 2024/2025 academic session.

It was learnt that the decision to ask



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the 226 students to withdraw was taken by the university's apex decision-making in the university on Monday at its meeting. According to the school, the results of both graduating and non-graduating students of the university were ratified, during which the Senate directed that students with a Cumulative Grade Point Average below 1.0 to withdraw from the institution.

Director of Public Communication, Mrs. Adejoke Akinpelu, said the withdrawal was a directive of the university's senate adding that the affected students were advised to withdraw due to poor academic performance and that the exercise is a normal academic appraisal process.

DAILY TRUST THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026: FG Approves 18 New Programmes For Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic: The National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) has granted approval for Kaduna State-owned Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic to commence 18 new academic programmes alongside the continuation of its 42 existing courses. The approval followed a recent resource inspection and re-accreditation visit to the Polytechnic by the Board in January, 2026.

A letter dated 20th February, 2026 signed by the Director, Polytechnic and Allied Programmes Department, Dr. Fatima Kabir Umar, on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Board, Prof. Idris Mohammed Bugaje, conveyed the approval to the management of the institution.

A statement by Abdullahi Ibrahim Shehu, Overseer, Information and Protocol division of the polytechnic, said the accreditation marks a pivotal moment for the institute, enabling it to broaden its admission and provide enhanced technical and vocational education to a wider range of students.

NATION THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026: Varsity Gets NUC's Nod For New Medical, Pharmacy, Law Courses: The National Universities Commission (NUC) has given Amadeus University, Abia State, the nod to start the following programmes with

immediate effect, Medical and Surgery (MBBS), Law (LLB), and Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm. D). The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Samuel M. Nzotta, who disclosed this said, "The programmes bring the number of courses offered by the institution to 22 across seven faculties. We have admitted 92 undergraduates, although only 82 have completed the admission and have begun lectures, so we are expecting the rest," he said. He explained that NUC's approval, which takes effect from the 2025/2026 academic session, was the initial step towards full accreditation.

The VC who noted the challenge of attracting students, assured that the university remains focused on tackling the problems in the sector. He also said the university had implemented a Quality Assurance Standard (QAS) to ensure that academic standards align with NUC benchmarks, industry standards, and global best practices.

He said the university is dedicated to maintaining standards that will boost research, while ensuring they are institutionalised to attract funding. He also said measures were in place to maintain standards and to wipe out vice.

LEADERSHIP, FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026: FG Introduces ₦20m National Laureate Prize For Best Nigerian Thesis: The federal government has introduced a National Laureate Prize with a top reward of N20 million to recognise and reward the best academic thesis produced by Nigerian students.

Minister of education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, announced the initiative recently in Abuja the 2026 National Capacity Building Programme on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Nigeria Education Repository and Databank (NERD) Policy.

The programme was organised under the themed: "Strengthening Institutional Compliance and Academic Records Integrity."

Dr. Alausa said the new prize would recognise outstanding undergraduate, master's and doctoral theses from Nigerian tertiary institutions, with awards ranging from N5 million to N20 million.

He disclosed that the maiden edition of the awards would be held in November 2026.

He explained that the initiative is part of the federal government's broader effort to promote academic excellence while strengthening the integrity of Nigeria's education records through the NERD platform.

GUARDIAN, FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026: FG Intensifies Effort To End Certificate Fraud, Boost Nigeria's Education System: The Federal Government has intensified effort to end certificate fraud and protect the credibility of Nigeria's education system. Also in a bid to strengthen the integrity of academic records in the country, the FG has deployed the Nigeria Education Repository and Data Bank (NERD).

In a statement on Friday, The Federal Ministry of Education Director, Press and Public Relations, Mrs. Folasade Boriowo, explained that NERD is a national digital platform designed to secure, digitise, and authenticate academic records across tertiary institutions.

"The Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, announced the initiative during the National Capacity Building Programme for institutional representatives, describing NERD as critical national infrastructure for safeguarding academic credentials and strengthening education data governance," the statement read.

Within four months of implementation, he said the system has preserved nearly 100,000 digital student submissions, integrated over 250 tertiary institutions, and enrolled more than 133,000 students and 6,800 lecturers on the platform.

Dr. Alausa explained that the initiative also addresses certificate fraud, noting that recent investigations uncovered cases involving fraudulent foreign credentials obtained from unaccredited institutions. The Ministry of Education further announced that participation in the NERD system will become a prerequisite for participation in or exemption from the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) scheme.

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No. 2024ff.04

6th 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.

SGD
Registrar



HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN FOCUS 23rd Edition

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND STRATEGIC THINKING: CORE COMPETENCIES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

"Administration is not only about processes; it is about people, perception, and foresight."

In the 23rd Edition, we considered the structure, responsibilities, and unique attributes of the Administrative Officer Cadre. Apart from technical competence and procedural knowledge, other two critical competency-markers that distinguish exceptional Administrative Officers are **Emotional Intelligence (EI)** and **Strategic Thinking (ST)**.

In an increasingly complex public sector environment, Administrative Officers must not only understand rules and systems but also navigate people, anticipate challenges, and align daily decisions with long-term institutional goals.

Therefore, in today's edition, we shall be exploring Emotional Intelligence and Strategic Thinking as instruments for achieving administrative excellence.

Emotional Intelligence: The Human Dimension of Administration

Emotional Intelligence (EI) refers to the ability to:

- Recognise and understand one's own emotions
- Manage and regulate reactions under pressure
- Understand the emotions of others
- Build constructive relationships
- Handle conflict with maturity and professionalism

Why EI Matters in the Administrative Officer Cadre

For Administrative Officers, EI is essential because administration is deeply people-centered. Administrative Officers:

- Interface with multiple departments and personalities
- Handle sensitive correspondence and confidential matters
- Supervise subordinates and advise superiors
- Manage complaints, queries, and disciplinary processes

Without Emotional Intelligence, technical knowledge may be undermined by poor communication, reactive decisions, or strained professional relationships.

At higher levels (CONRAISS 13–15), EI becomes even more critical, as officers must lead teams, influence policy discussions, and maintain institutional harmony.

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Strategic Thinking: The Foresight Behind Effective Administration

Strategic thinking is the ability to:

- See the bigger picture beyond immediate tasks
- Anticipate risks and opportunities
- Align administrative actions with organisational objectives
- Make decisions that support long-term institutional stability

Administrative Officers are not merely implementers of policies, support professionals who translate vision into operational reality.

Strategic Thinking Across the Cadre

- **At junior levels (CONRAISS 07–08):** Strategic thinking begins with understanding how assigned tasks contribute to departmental goals.
- **At mid-level (CONRAISS 09–11):** It involves supervision, planning, and coordination with foresight.
- **At senior levels (CONRAISS 12–15):** It requires policy advisory capacity, institutional stewardship, and long-term administrative planning.

An Administrative Officer who thinks strategically does not just process files — he or she understands the implications of each action.

The Intersection of EI and ST

Emotional Intelligence without strategy may lead to popularity without performance. ST without EI may result in efficiency without harmony.

When combined, they produce:

- Balanced decision-making
- Conflict-sensitive leadership
- Improved team morale
- Sound advisory output
- Sustainable institutional growth

These two competency markers define modern Administrative Officer. As such, Administrative Officers must strive to strengthen EI and ST through:

- Continuous self-reflection and feedback
- Mentorship and leadership exposure
- Participation in policy and planning exercises
- Training in communication, negotiation, and problem-solving
- Deliberate study of Public Service Rules and governance frameworks

...Human Resource Management in Focus

Growth in rank must be accompanied by growth in emotional maturity and strategic awareness.

Final Word

The Administrative Officer Class is distinguished not only by structure and hierarchy but by intellectual depth and professional character. As responsibilities increase, so must emotional intelligence and strategic capacity. The future of effective administration lies in officers who can manage people wisely and think beyond the immediate.

Tip for the Week

"Think long-term. Act with wisdom. Lead with empathy."

HRM Reflection

Administrative excellence is achieved when competence meets character. Let us cultivate emotional balance and strategic foresight as we discharge our duties, ensuring that every action contributes meaningfully to institutional development and national progress.

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...2026 UTME: Automation of Test Items Process Completed – JAMB

registration exercise, revealing that over two million candidates had registered as at the time of the briefing. He assured the nation of the Board's commitment to conducting a credible examination. In response to appeals from certain Nigerians for centres delisted for various infractions to be involved, he reiterated the Board's zero tolerance for malpractice and non-compliance with its operational standards.

The Registrar further called on political leaders and well-meaning Nigerians to support the Board's efforts by investing in the establishment of world-class CBT centres to enhance digital literacy nationwide. He commended the

Governor of Borno State, Prof. Babagana Zulum, and Barr. Ahmed Raji (SAN), among others, for their exemplary support and recognition of the value of investing in education. In her remarks, the Chairperson of the Forum of Vice-Chancellors of Federal Universities and Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Prof. Adenike Oladiji, described RAMS as a robust quality assurance mechanism. She noted that the system allows universities, as end-users of successful UTME candidates, to be actively involved in the processes that validate and certify prospective undergraduates. According to her, reliable item generation strengthens the credibility of the admission process.

Similarly, the Vice-Chancellors of Fountain University, Osun State, Prof. Olayinka Ramota Karim, and the African School of Economics, Abuja, Prof. Mahfouz Adedimeji, described the initiative as innovative and forward-looking. They observed that the technology enables item writers to work more conveniently and efficiently, significantly reducing the stress associated with examination item development.

The speakers unanimously commended JAMB for its foresight, courage, and commitment to deploying technology that allows examination questions to be generated securely from any location, while maintaining the highest standards of reliability and validity.

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they are free to visit any accredited CBT centre of their choice for registration without being restricted to any particular centre.

In line with this arrangement, the Board has remitted a total sum of ₦1,570,671,200 to the CBT centres that participated in the 2026 Unified

Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) registration exercise.

This initiative has significantly curtailed abuses and the exploitation of candidates through the imposition of unauthorized charges. It has also entrenched a cashless registration process at the

centres, many of which are privately owned.

To further strengthen compliance and curb registration infractions, the Board introduced the "No View, No Pay" policy. Under this policy, payments to any CBT centre are

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ADVISORY ON PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING OF (DEGREE) ADMISSION FOR AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

In 2022, the Board proposed that universities should take full responsibility for admissions into all degree programmes offered through institutions affiliated with them. However, this directive was not fully implemented, as universities were initially given the liberty to decide on the matter, pending a final resolution. To date, only the University of Ibadan has assumed this role of overseeing and coordinating the admissions of its affiliate institutions.

2. Following the meeting held on Monday, 18th August 2025, with various institutions regarding violations of matriculation guidelines, concerns were raised about the existing admission processing structure. Notably, institutions complained that they could not be held accountable for the misdemeanors of their affiliates under the existing processing format. As a result of this, the matter was revisited.

3. Consequently, it was resolved that the previously proposed process, where Mother-Institutions take responsibility for admissions into their affiliated institutions, should now be adopted and implemented by all universities with affiliates.

4. In light of the above, the Board has developed an updated procedure for the processing of admissions by both Mother-Institutions and their affiliates, as follows:

- a. Head of the affiliated-institution logs into JAMB (CAPS) portal and downloads candidates for a particular programme;
- b. The Head of the Affiliated-Institution (wherever it is based) logs into JAMB (CAPS) portal and sets admissions criteria for every programme, such as minimum scores for UTME, post UTME, aggregate, catchment and ELDS;
- c. The Head of the affiliated institution proposes the qualified candidates for each programme on CAPS and it goes to the Head of the mother-institution;
- d. The Head of the Mother-Institution (wherever it is based) logs into the JAMB (CAPS) portal and recommends the candidate to the Registrar of JAMB (or representative) for approval or declines the proposal with a reason for the rejection;
- e. The Registrar of JAMB (or representative) approves the recommendation(s) from the Head of the Mother-Institution or declines the recommendation with a reason for the rejection;

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- f. If the recommendation is approved, the candidate is notified through his/her email and SMS to either accept or reject the offer of admission. The two institutions can log in and view the status of the recommended candidates;
- g. If the candidate accepts the offer of admission, he/she can thereafter print his/her admission letter and access other services online from his/her profile.

NOTE: *The Head of an Affiliated-Institution has access to “VIEW ONLY” all recommendations by the Head of a Mother-Institution.*

5. All Universities serving as Mother-institutions, Polytechnics/Monotechnics, Colleges of Education and other institutes offering degrees in affiliation with universities are to be guided by this, please.



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...NAPS Commends Prof. Oloyede–Led JAMB for Meritorious Service to Nigeria

Headquarters in Bwari, Abuja, on Thursday, 5th March, 2026.

Speaking on behalf of the association, the National President of NAPS, Cmdr. Eshofune Paul Oghayan, lauded the Registrar and his Management team for strengthening transparency, accountability, and integrity in the admission process into the nation's tertiary institutions.

According to him, since Prof. Oloyede assumed office as Registrar, the Board has undergone significant reforms that have improved public confidence in its operations.

“Since you assumed office as the Registrar, you have demonstrated unflinching integrity that has stood the test of time. You have shown what leadership ought to be and have, indeed, rewritten the history of JAMB,” he stated.

He further commended the Board for

tightening the admission processes in tertiary institutions across the country, noting that the reforms had greatly reduced irregularities and enhanced merit in the placement of candidates.

“NAPS wishes to thank you for transforming the admission process of our tertiary institutions. This great feat has not gone unnoticed by students across the country, and we applaud you for it,” he added.

The association also appealed to the Board to support the second phase of its National Campus Sensitisation Tour, an initiative designed to orientate students on leadership values, responsible student unionism, and the proper procedures involved in the Board's admission processes.

In his response, the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, expressed appreciation to the NAPS leadership for the visit and their words of

encouragement.

He noted that the commendation would further motivate the Board to remain committed to its mandate of ensuring a transparent and credible admission system in Nigeria.

Prof. Oloyede also praised the association for using its platform to promote responsible leadership among students rather than inciting unrest or division within the academic community.

He encouraged the student leaders to assist the Board in sensitising students nationwide on the importance of adhering strictly to the established admission procedures, while discouraging all forms of admission infractions.

According to him, there are no shortcuts to success, stressing that students must embrace diligence, integrity, and patience in pursuing their academic goals.

THE REGISTRAR OF JAMB RECEIVES THE GOVERNOR OF BORNO STATE BEFORE THE FOUNDATION LAYING CEREMONY FOR THE MEGA CBT CENTRE TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY THE BORNO STATE GOVERNMENT



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...N1Billion JAMB Zonal Office/CBT Centre, My Modest Contribution to Education Delivery in North-East - Zulum

registration process with the capacity to register 400 candidates per day and accommodate 2000 candidates per session of each day of the examination for candidates in Borno, Adamawa, Yobe and other nearby States.

Governor Zulum stated that the JAMB Zonal Office and CBT centre would serve as a regional hub for candidates sitting their matriculation examinations into institutions of higher learning in the country.

He said, "Besides upgrading the JAMB Zonal Office complex, we need to provide more computerised centres to give our candidates necessary access to sit examinations that qualify them for entry to institutions of higher learning."

He also noted that the office complex would be a game-changer

in the State's education service delivery sector, as he added that, "Beyond the foundation-laying event, the completion of the JAMB office complex will significantly reduce logistical constraints for candidates in the region by improving the efficiency of conducting examinations in Borno State."

He promised to replicate the gesture in the three senatorial zones of the State.

In his remarks at the epoch-making event, the JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, while performing the foundation-laying ceremony, commended Governor Zulum's educational initiatives and his unprecedented inroads in other sectors of the State economy.

Prof. Oloyede added that the State Government's efforts have been commended by the Federal Ministry

of Education (FoME) in Abuja.

"The twin JAMB project has a high-capacity hub that will rival the most advanced CBT centres in the country. This building will be a multi-centre CBT facility, comparable to what we have in Kano," he said.

While expressing admiration for the leadership qualities of the Governor, he said, "This is the type of leadership this country needs in the education sector as these initiatives are what are needed to positively transform the sector. I thank you for yet another milestone, your contribution is not only in education but also in other sectors as well."

The Registrar also noted the Governor's various interventions in tertiary institutions and his determination at solving real-time problems regardless of the status of the institution concerned.

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withheld if the registration activities at such a centre cannot be monitored remotely by the Board. Payment is only effected after the centre rectifies the anomaly and its activities can be viewed from the Board's headquarters in Abuja. Consequently, a few centres that initially experienced this challenge

did not receive payment alongside their counterparts until the irregularities were corrected.

This monitoring mechanism forms part of the Board's broader technological innovations aimed at ensuring transparency, accountability, and strict adherence to registration guidelines.

The Board remains committed to sustaining its cashless policy and will continue to introduce additional measures to ensure that the registration process remains seamless, transparent, and equitable for all candidates.

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 |