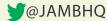




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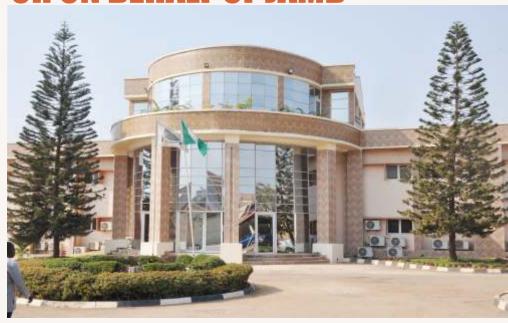








NO INSTITUTION IS MANDATED TO COLLECT FEE FOR REGULARIZATION OR ON BEHALF OF JAMB



JAMB National Headquarters, Bwari-Abuja.

he Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has received complaints from some parents and students that one or two institutions are collecting money ranging from N10,000 to N80,000 from candidates purportedly for the processing of late or irregular admissions.

The Board unequivocally dissociates itself from this exploitative act as it has not

requested any institution to collect any fee on its behalf.

The Board also does not demand or accept any fee from any of the institutions.

It will be recalled that the Board had announced the stoppage of condonement of illegal admission(deceitfully called regularization) from 2017. This was to address

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JAMB REMITTANCES IN LINE WITH GLOBAL BEST PRACTICES

n line with extant government's directive which was reiterated recently by the Director of Budget Office, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board would continue its practice of remitting the constitutionallymandated proportion of its operational surpluses.

It is a known fact that all unutilised funds by Ministries, Departments and Agencies, MDAs, should be returned to $the \, public \, treasury.$

The Board and public-spirited Nigerians are at a loss as to the reason for the various campaigns of calumny being mounted by some individuals who feel that these remittances should not be made.

The Board reiterates that it is not within the powers of MDAs to determine the uses for which the remitted funds are put to. Theirs is to comply with extant directive while those given the mandate to manage the national treasury have the responsibility of appropriating and channeling such remittances, in the overall interest of the public, to identified areas of need or rather whichever area of the national economy that they perceive to be in most need of resources.

Perhaps, it is the novelty of such remittances that is jolting the Board's

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the irregularities in the admission process, ensure the accuracy of admission statistics as well as ensure transparency in the admission process.

It was, therefore, a rude shock to the Management of the Board to receive the disheartening news of this barefaced exploitation of hapless and desperate students. It is to be borne in mind that these candidates are in their present predicament, in the first instance, as a result of the wanton disregard of extant regulations by some institutions leading to the conduct of underhand or backdoor admissions thus creating room for the

avalanche of requests for condonement (regularization) which had long been discontinued by the Board on the directive of the Government.

It was the seemingly hopeless situation of candidates seeking condonement that prompted the Hon. Minister of Education to graciously give approval for a final round of waiver or condonement. Meanwhile, the various submissions by each institution are being given necessary considerations before the affected candidates could be captured in the Board's database.

An advertisement on the process and

avalanche of requests for condonement procedure for post 2017 infraction would (regularization) which had long been soon be widely published.

However, candidates with similar challenges who were admitted before 2017, can simply go online and pay a fee of not more than N5000 for the UTME Registration form which they had failed to obtain ab initio. Their details would afterwards be captured, scrutinised and if minimally qualified then letters of admission would be released to them.

"ADHERE TO THE PRESCRIBED SCIENCE/ART RATIO" - JAMB

he Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has urged all stakeholders to adhere strictly to the Federal Government's guidelines on admission which mandate tertiary institutions to admit their intakes in line with the prescribed 60:40 Science/Art ratio for conventional Universities/Colleges of Education; 80:20 Science/Art ratio for Specialised Universities and 70:30 Technology/Non-Technology Courses ratio for Polytechnics and Monotechnics.

In addition, the Board urged all

institutions to adhere strictly to guidelines on admission according to their orientation and proprietorship. As such, for Federal Institutions, the allotment shall be Merit: 45%, Catchment: 35% and Educationally Less Developed State: 20%.

For Federal and State Institutions, the Merit Quota shall be 45%.

For State Institutions, the Merit Quota should be in two layers as follows:

a. National Merit Quota – for the first topmost 10% (indigenes and non-indigenes including foreigners); and

 b. Indigene Merit Quota – additional 35% allotted to indigenes of the State on merit basis after the first topmost 10% National Merit.

This clarification, according to the Board, is necessary for a clearer understanding of the basis for admitting candidates to tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

It is the Board's firm belief that if these guidelines are followed faithfully, the nation's developmental aspirations will be realised sooner than later.

INSTITUTION OF A NATIONAL MATRICULATION LIST: JAMB ADMONISHES INSTITUTIONS TO KEY IN

t would be recalled that the Board, to improve on the quality and authenticity of the nation's tertiary education database had, during the 2019 Admission Exercise, reactivated the National Matriculation List. To operationalise the compilation of the list, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and other Regulatory Agencies charged with the task of regulating the three tiers of tertiary institutions in the country have resumed joint monitoring of all tertiary institutions' matriculation and admission exercises across the country. Consequently, it is mandatory for all institutions to keep a proper and valid register of all their matriculated students.

In addition, each candidate's file should contain all the vital documents required for admission as contained in the admission guidelines.

According to a statement made available by the Board, all successful candidates whose admissions have been processed appropriately through its Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) would be listed and the list made available to the general public.

Any candidate whose name is NOT on the National Matriculation List would be considered not to have been admitted by JAMB and his/her admission is, therefore, illegitimate. No such illegitimate admission would be condoned by the Board.

The National Matriculation List is expected to feature all categories of Programmes ranging from Full-Time, Distance Learning, Part-Time to Sandwich or Supplementary (for previously matriculated students of the institutions), among others. It is, therefore, mandatory for all tertiary institutions to keep proper and valid registers of their intakes. Expectedly, each institution's matriculation register must tally with the National Matriculation Register (NMR) being maintained by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board.



JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 05, 2021

FINANCIAL INFLOW

	S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (N)
	1	E-facilities/Sales	130,016,583.00
	2	PRC Service Charge	2,693,533.00
	3	Consultancy	1,734,484.00
	4	Other Income	500,000.00
		TOTAL	134,944,600.00

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT (N)
1	Staff Claims and Welfare	Various	24,629,793.00
2	Agency Service	Agency Service	7,305,000.00
3	Supervision of Examination	Third Party Examination	1,896,400.00
4	Outsourced Service	Office Cleaning	5,040,784.21
5	Nasiru Muhammad & Co	Audit fee and expenses	8,294,040.00
6	Amal Engineering & Construction Ltd	Gbongan PTC Construction	66,044,640.30
7	MM Global Service Ltd	Supply of Diesel	12,106,888.80
8	RSM Nig Ltd	Cubicles and Computerisation at Katsina PTC	17,115,387.25
9	Dirham Nigeria Limited	Cubicles and Computerisation at Owerri PTC	33,976,246.25
10	Kaytee Nigeria Limited	Cubicles and Computerisation at Lokoja PTC	17,275,999.20
11	Mailambu & Sons Ltd	Cubicles and Computerisation at Akure PTC	16,981,544.33
12	Bwari Kichen Nigeral Ltd	Staff Meals	1,972,425.00
13	Remita	Financial charges	82,001.00
4/61	TOTAL		212,721,149.34

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GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER, SUNDAY, 31ST October 2021 - Govt To Reposition Teaching Profession — Buhari: President Muhammadu Buhari, who was represented by the Minister of State for Education, Emeka Nwajiuba, at the 27th combined convocation of the Alvan Ikoku Federal College of Education (AIFCE), Owerri, Imo State, disclosed that six new colleges of education (one each from each geo-political zone, including two technical colleges) would take off before the end of this year.

He said that his administration was determined to reposition the teaching profession by producing quality teachers and raising educational standards in Nigeria as he urged teachers to access the N7.5b research grants available for teaching and learning.

PUNCH NEWSPAPER, TUESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2021 - Gunmen Abduct Two UNIABUJA Profs, Others: Two professors were among those abducted when armed men stormed the Senior Staff Quarters of the University of Abuja at the Gwagwalada Area Council of the

Federal Capital Territory, Abuja.

It was gathered that six people were abducted in the attack which happened around 1 am on Tuesday. However, the abductees have been rescued by security agents.

PUNCH NEWSPAPER, TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 2021 - JAMB Remits N3.51bn As 2021 Operating Surplus: The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has remitted the sum of N3.51bn to the Federal Government as part of its operating surplus for 2021.

The 2021 remittance, according to a statement by the Board, is in line with the Registrar's avowed commitment to prudent management of public resources. Also in Nation Newspaper, Thursday 4th November 2021, Daily Trust Newspaper, Thursday 4th November 2021, Tribune Newspaper, Thursday 4th November 2021 and Leadership Newspaper, Thursday 4th November 2021.

PUNCH NEWSPAPER, TUESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2021 - Extend N150,000 Education Scholarships To Private Varsity Students, VC Tells FG: The

Vice-Chancellor of Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Prof. Adeniyi Olatunbosun, has asked the Federal Government to include students in private universities in its plan to give N150,000 per session to students in education faculties in public varsities. The Vice-Chancellor said this in Ibadan at a press conference to usher in the university's maiden convocation.

DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER, THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 2021 -11 Abeokuta Custodial Centre **Inmates Gain Admission Into Varsity:** Eleven inmates of the Nigerian Correctional Service, Ibara Custodial Centre, Abeokuta, Ogun State, have been offered admission into the National Open University of Nigeria. The Public Relations Officer of the Command, Victor Oyeleke, disclosed this in a statement. He added that the inmates had their matriculation on November 2, 2021. He also said that the inmates were admitted to study various programmes such as Business Administration, Political Science, Criminology and Security Studies, Peace and Conflict Resolution and Public Administration.

EXAMINOTRICKS



PUNCH NEWSPAPER, THURSDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER 2021 - 48 Lecturers, Security Agents Arrested Over JUBEP Exam Fraud: The Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission ICPC) and the Department of State

Services have arrested 48 individuals for alleged irregularities in the conduct of the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB).

JUPEB is an advanced level educational examination that qualifies a candidate for

admission into 200 level in any Nigerian and foreign university through direct entry. Also in LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER, THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, 2021.

BENIN ZONAL DIRECTOR, VISITS DELTA STATE OFFICE, COUNSELS STAFF

he Benin Zonal Director of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, Mrs Dupe Ayoson, earlier in the week, was at the Delta State Office, Asaba, on a working visit to assess the quality and tempo of work at the State Office.

Mrs Ayoson, who met with the State Coordinator, Delta State Office, as well as members of staff, enjoined the staff to be diligent at their duty posts and advised them to eschew laxity and other the Board. She added that the Management would not hesitate to sanction erring staff.

Furthermore, the Zonal Director disclosed that her visit would enable her to get feedback on the Board's policies where necessary and address challenges hampering quality service delivery in the

In her remarks, the State Coordinator, Mrs Linda Ajawanchukwu, commended

unethical behaviours which are alien to the Zonal Director for undertaking the visit and restated the commitment of her office not only to positively project the image of the Board but to also deliver optimal service to the general public.

> Mrs Ajanwachukwu later took the Zonal Director on a guided tour of the State Office to enable the Zonal Director to assess the state of its facilities and relav its areas of need to the National Headquarters, Abuja.

JAMB CHARGES COE, KAZAURE, ON COMPLIANCE WITH ADMISSION GUIDELINES

he Jigawa State Coordinator of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board, Mr Bello Aminu, has charged the Provost, College of Education, Kazaure, Dr Shehu Sa'ad, to strictly adhere to the guidelines on admissions as outlined during the 2021 Policy Meeting.

The State Coordinator gave this charge when the Provost paid him a courtesy visit in his office on the 3rd November 2021, in Dutse.

Mr Aminu, in his address of welcome, commended the Provost for the series of innovations he had introduced in the College since he assumed office. He recalled that the Provost had been able to restore sanity to the management of the various academic programmes being run by the institution, among others.

In terms of admission of candidates into the College, the State Coordinator charged the Provost to redouble his efforts aimed at ensuring the full utilisation of admission spaces available to the College. To achieve this, Mr Aminu urged the Provost to take advantage of the provisions on the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) to admit or source qualified candidates in line with the extant Admission Guidelines issued at the 2021 Policy Meeting.

The State Coordinator, however, reiterated that any admission conducted outside the CAPS platform is null and void. He said, "CAPS is an automated platform designed to ease the admission process, guarantee credibility, fairness, equity and make every stakeholder an active player in the admission process and, above all, eliminate backdoor admissions."

Earlier, the Provost had informed his host that the visit was to consolidate the existing cordial relationships with the Board as well as seek guidance on some policy directives of the Board.

FEDERAL UNIVERSITY, DUTSE, MATRICULATES 4, 291



Prof Abdulkarim Sabo Muhammed, Vice-Chancellor, Federal University, Dutse.

he Federal University, Dutse, has matriculated a total number of 4.291 students for the 2020/2021 Academic Session.

This was disclosed by the Vice-

Chancellor, Prof. Abdulkarim Sabo Muhammed while delivering his keynote address at the matriculation ceremony held to formally welcome the new intakes into the institution. According to him, the successful candidates had fulfilled all requirements as stipulated by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and congratulated the new students on their enrollment into the University.

Continuing, the Vice-Chancellor tasked the newly-admitted students to study the Students' Handbook and attend the series of orientation programmes being organised for them by the University to get acquainted with the rules and regulations governing their conduct in the school. He warned the new students against misconduct adding that the University would not tolerate any form of examination malfeasance, cultism or other social vices.

Furthermore, Prof. Muhammed highlighted the successes recorded by the University from its establishment to date and gave kudos to his predecessors, Prof. J.D. Amin and Prof. Fatima Batul Mukhtar, for laying the foundation for an enduring

The Acting Registrar of the University, Mr Kamal Habib, who was a former staff of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), administered the matriculation oath to the students and declared that the ceremony marked the end of the admission process.



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27th September, 2021

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The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMEL National Universities Commandern (NCCL), National Board for Sections Education (NSTE) and National Commission for Colleges of Education (NSTE) and National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCL) must be informed and invited not later than two (2) weeks before the Matriculation Cerestion, The letter should be scompanied with the soft and hard copies of the matriculation ist. Please note that late is whateon to matriculation ceremony will no longer be instrained.

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PROCESS OF DELETION AND NON-ACCEPTANCE OF ADMISSIONS ON CAPS.

The Board desembles here (3) semantics relating to deletion and non-acceptance of admission on CAPS and therefore prescribes the process as follows:

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Through synchronization, CAPS is notified.

Where a candidate is offered admission and he/she neither accepts nor reacts the offer and the institution is desirous of substituting the candidate, the following applies:

The institution would forward the list of the candidates to the Board Inrogen CAPS in the following format Registration No. Name Course Offerendates of Offereign, date of approval by Desk Officer(Resion) (If any) for one-exponents/emark to include is warn to registed, want to pulse of the International Course of the Annual Capsel (Institution to Institution I

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submits application to the initial institution for release to another institution and the newly proposed institution endersor the form recommendation of the carefulation of the carefulation of the carefulation build and MAMS approved shall complete the transfer which separat enable the candidate price admissions their mind the new institution.

TRANSFERRED CANDIDATES
Candidates already admitted into an institution (Foreign or Local) who

dates already asmethed into an institution provided in consider institution must.

a apply to the despreed lestington (which will determine and inform the candidates their suitability):

fill the form on AMB Portal (a-facility) and print it out; This is endorsed by the receiving institution; and

Return the printed form to the former institution that I to forward the form to JAMB office for processing.

PROVISION OF CANDIDATES' DETAILS TO INSTITUTIONS/PUBLIC. The Board will not release candidates' contacts to institutions or the Public without princ consent of the candidately. This is to exord its abuse and Bigations on violation of Regerias Data Protection Regulation.

REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES IN GROUP. The candidates' details are personal to them, must unless are advised to design from seeking or retisioning candidates' assentence and password. Also, the candidates are advised for to surrender their personal details to strangers or close relatives who might use them to distort their records without their

ARCHIVING OF PAST ADMISSIONS RECORDS ON CAPS
All instructions should keep records of admissions done yearly as record for
out-year's admission will be delinted from CAPS Platform at the end of the
sources. The Board has its artifive of admission done and would make it
washabe on requient by any instruction.

EXEMPTION ADMISSION INSTITUTION OF ITS Admissions for the year before requesting for a warver for the use of the exemption mode on CAPS.

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FORWARDING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
The Board will forward to the institutions the minutes of the 2021 Policy
Meeting not later than two (2) weeks before the next meeting.

UNDESCLOSED ADMISSION BY SOME INSTITUTIONS
To safe guard the integrity of theadmission process, institutions had alway
been told that admission done outside CAPS were unacceptable. However,
some institutions at I degally admit candidates outside CAPS and this was
considered a fixed frouting of the Policy Describe. The list of Institutions with undeclosed admissions was therefore to collated and forwarded to the Housensble Minister of Education for appropriate unitation as directed at the Policy Meeting. The Minister directive contains the following:

"..Heads of such institutions will be held personally responds



JAMB REMITS N3.51b AS 2021 OPERATING SURPLUS

he Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board(JAMB) has remitted the sum of N3.51b to the national treasury as part of its 2021 operating surplus.

The 2021 remittance was in line with Prof. Is-haq Oloyede's avowed commitment to prudent management of public resources. This commitment to probity coupled with the adoption of international best practices makes for cost-effective operational processes and attendant savings to yield those

humongous remittances to government coffers. This has been the norm rather than the exception in the last six years beginning from 2016 when he remitted the whopping sum of N7b and repeated same in subsequent years.

It is pertinent to note that one of the direct benefits of the sustained remittances by the Prof. Oloyede-led management manifested in the reduction of the cost of the application documents (UTME and DE) by candidates from N5000 to N3500 in 2018 by President

Muhammadu Buhari. This singular act has ensured the annual transfer of over N3b to the pockets of parents and guardians of candidates as a consequence of the slash in the price of UTME forms.

The Board as led by Prof Is- haq Oloyede would continue to prune down the cost of governance and release resources for other needy national prioritised areas.

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...JAMB Remittances in Line With Global Best Practices

critics from their complacency. It would be recalled that the humongous remittances are the first in the history of the four-decade-old agency.

The first landmark remittance was made in 2017 and the feat was repeated in subsequent years in line with its belief that rules are made to be obeyed and, at any rate, the Board does not believe it should hold onto money that does not belong to it.

It might interest these armchair critics that a direct fallout of the remittances was the decision of the Federal Government to reduce the cost of the purchase of the e-pin from N5000 to N3500, the cheapest globally.

It is a truism in policy making that, certain trends should be observed over a period of time before policy pronouncements are made. Hence, the decision to reduce the price of application documents was contingent upon the observation that even if the price were to be slashed, the Board would be able to conduct its examination unhindered.

In addition, it might also interest the public to know that never in the history of tertiary institutions in Nigeria have the institutions benefited from the Board's operations as they now do. For instance, a huge chunk of these surpluses are ploughed back to the tertiary institutions

through the National Tertiary Admissions Performance Merit Award and other platforms.

Furthermore, many critical segments of the society, the intellectual community, the civil society groups, among others, have all been included in the management of the Board operational processes not only to add value to its service delivery but also to make for inclusiveness. All these, which were hitherto impossible, had been made possible as a result of the prudent management of resources which has enabled the Board to prosecute these aspirations.

The Board maintains that the cost of obtaining the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) or the Direct Entry (DE) e-pin today is the lowest globally. This comparison is not even with developed countries but rather with countries with less per capital income than Nigeria.

The ridiculously low cost of obtaining the Board's application documents would be manifest if a comparison is made with similar examinations like IELTS where Nigerians pay as high as N80,000 to sit.

However, the present management of the Board is determined to continue on the path of giving value for money even as it continues to seek ways of further pruning down the cost of conducting the Board's flagship examination.

In essence, once these innovative measures which have led to these surpluses are institutionalised, the Board would further look at how to further enhance the registration process to benefit the candidates and the general public the more.

In as much as the Board is desirous of charging rock-bottom prices for its services, it is also mindful of the fact that a non-existent fee regime would only give room for abuses and confusion as unscrupulous or other unserious elements who had ulterior motives for obtaining the forms would want to obtain them to explore opportunities for prosecuting unacceptable acts were they to cost almost nothing.

As an illustration, the huge number of candidates registering for the examination multiple number of times before the introduction of NIN was partly owing to the fact that it costs them almost nothing, financial or punitive, to register many times.

Nigerians should be mindful of lightweights parading as educational experts who are hell-bent on propagating falsehood to further their miscellaneous ends.







HEADQUARTERS' ANNEXES: LAGOS, KADUNA AND ILORIN

ZONAL AND STATE OFFICES OF THE BOARD

S/N	ZONAL OFFICE	STATES IN THE ZONE
1.	Abuja	Federal Capital Territory, Niger and Kogi
2.	Bauchi	Bauchi, Gombe and Taraba
3.	Benin	Edo and Delta
4.	Enugu	Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo
5.	Ibadan	Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo
6.	Sokoto	Kebbi, Sokoto, and Zamfara
7.	Kano	Jigawa, Kano and Katsina
8.	Lafia	Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau
9.	Maiduguri	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe
10.	Port-Harcourt	Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River and Rivers

Zonal Offices bear the names of the towns in which they are located.



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