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# REFORMS IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR: MINISTER GIVES UPDATES

...Says FGN Expended Over N6 Trillion on Capital and Recurrent Expenditure



Spokesperson to the President, Mal. Garba Shehu (1st from Left); Honourable Minister of Education, Mall. Adamu Adamu (Middle); Minister of State for Education, Rt Hon. (Chief) Goodluck Nana Opiah (3rd from Right).

The Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, has undertaken a holistic assessment of the education sector in the country and submitted that the sector has recorded unprecedented transformations and achievements under his

watch as a Minister.

According to the Hon. Minister, the Federal Government, under the leadership of President Muhammadu Buhari, has expended a total of six trillion, three billion,

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# SMEAR CAMPAIGN: NASU SUPPORTS MANAGEMENT, CONDEMNS BLACKMAILERS

Following the series of smear campaigns in some section of the media against the Board by some faceless and disgruntled elements, the Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), JAMB Chapter, has stated their support to the management of the Board while also condemning all acts of blackmail.

NASU, at its emergency critical stakeholders' congress, held on Thursday, 18th August, 2022, charged the leadership of the Board not to be distracted by these faceless detractors in its onerous task of delivering on the mandate of the examination body in line with the ideals of its founding fathers.

The Chairman of the JAMB branch of the labour union, Comrade Andrew Onakpa, in a chat with JAMBULLETIN shortly after the emergency critical stakeholders' congress said the Union unequivocally stood behind the Board's Management.

The unionist said NASU, as a responsible labour union, would not be used to launch any form of calculated and malicious attacks against the Board and its functionaries and neither would it condone or give credence to any concocted falsehood or baseless allegations by some against the worker-friendly leadership of the Board.

Furthermore, Comrade Onakpa declared that the union was in total support of the

current reforms in JAMB, which have not only successfully blocked sources of revenue leakages but also corrupt acts through which the Board's resources would have been plundered and frittered away.

The Union leader, therefore, urged these peddlers of falsehood and misinformation to steer clear of the Board and its hardworking leadership. It also advised these mischief makers to retrace their steps and desist from their deliberate and orchestrated campaign of calumny designed to tarnish the positive image of the Board and its leadership.

He said, "NASU would never be a part of any gang-up against the Board or its

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# ABIA STATE COORDINATOR CHARGES STAFF ON SECURITY MEASURES

Against the backdrop of the clarion call by the Management of the Board that all staff should be security-conscious so as to safeguard their lives and properties of the Board, the Abia State Coordinator, Mr. Johnson Adebisi, has organised one-day training programme for his staff on the necessity of adhering strictly to all security measures put in place by the Management.

In his address to participants, the State Coordinator noted that the primary responsibility of leadership is protection of lives and properties. He noted that in this regard, the Management of the Board, had in the spirit of the prevailing

security challenges, outlined some security measures which staff are expected to adhere to for their personal safety and that of others.

He also stressed that security is everybody's business, and that the present time is not the best time for staff to entertain visitors in the office, engage in or condone hawking of goods or services within and around the office premises.

Also in his address, the Head of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps (NSCDC) personnel attached to the State Office, Assistant Superintendent of Corps, Mr. Best Onuoha, identified crowd control as one of the major challenges faced by his

men. He stated that candidates visiting the office have different mindsets and, as such, it is sometimes difficult to know their next line of action.

He, therefore, solicited the cooperation of the staff, particularly through the offering of useful information to assist his men in the discharge of their assigned responsibilities, which is the protection of lives and critical infrastructure in the State Office.

In his closing remarks, the State Coordinator, Mr. Adebisi, admonished the officers of the NSCDC to be vigilant to prevent any security breach. He also charged the staff to speak out whenever they notice anything out of the ordinary.

## UTME IS A RANKING, NOT AN ACHIEVEMENT TEST

...Minimum Admittable Scores Determined by Consensus

The Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has said that the purpose of an assessment task determines its usage. Prof. Oloyede stated this while fielding questions on a television programme, "Hot Seat", which was aired by Ogun State Television (OGTV), Abeokuta, on Tuesday, 16th August, 2022.

According to the JAMB helmsman, the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) is basically a placement test conducted to rank candidates seeking admissions to tertiary institutions in Nigeria and not necessarily a comprehensive assessment of knowledge or ability of candidates. He stated further that, what differentiates JAMB's UTME from WAEC's WASSCE and NECO's SSCE is that WAEC and NECO examinations are done to test candidates' cumulative knowledge while the UTME simply ranks candidates on the basis of performance.

He said all experts in education are conscious of the fact that an achievement test is a criterion-referenced test whereby the pass mark is predetermined before the examination. On the other hand, the UTME is a norm-referenced test as the candidates are merely ranked on the basis of the set and there is no issue of pass or fail mark. This is because the examination simply ranks the candidates and draws the line at a point determined by vacancies.

Continuing, Prof. Oloyede disclosed that the minimum admittable scores agreed upon at the 2022 Annual Policy Meeting on Admissions affect only the few institutions which proposed lower scores

adding that every institution in the country had submitted their minimum admittable scores to the Board prior to the meeting, adding that these are the thresholds which they would not go below for their respective admission process.

By implication, all institutions that had submitted lower minimum admittable scores became duty-bound to adopt the agreed benchmark for their respective tiers of institution.

Consequently, the Registrar declared that the announced benchmark had nothing to do with lowering of standard as being speculated in some quarters, stating that institutions with higher benchmark would not be obligated to reduce their submitted minimum admittable scores.

While responding to whether the recent conduct of the Mop-up UTME was an acceptance of systemic failure on the part of JAMB, the Registrar dismissed such insinuations as mere hearsay. He said, "Those whose scores are not high would find an excuse to justify their poor performance, especially the children of parents who had invested heavily in illicit procurement of questions and who suddenly realised that they had been duped, would definitely look for reasons for their poor outing."

He, however, disclosed that there was no denying the fact that there were few issues in some centres and where they existed, the Board had taken proactive steps to resolve them.

Analysing the situation further, the Registrar revealed that the Board conducted the Mop-up UTME so as to

cater for innocent candidates, who took their examination at some centres that violated some basic examination ethics through their involvement in mass cheating and other forms of unethical practices.

Prof. Oloyede also stated that other candidates considered for the Mop-Up UTME included those whose fingerprints could not be biometrically verified and those whose centres had technical problems during the main examination conducted in May, 2022.

In his response as to why the Board did not take into consideration the ongoing ASUU strike before conducting the 2022 UTME, he said, "What I find out in public debate in Nigeria is that when people talk, they talk from their own perspectives alone. He stated further that the number of universities currently on strike were not up to 30% of the total and wondered whether the Board had the moral right to paralyse the remaining 70%."

"In as much as it is trite that every institution should move at its own pace, then those that have problems with the Government should resolve such and join those on the moving train."

Speaking on the efforts of the Board towards curbing admission racketeering, he expressed his satisfaction with the performance of the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS), which he stated had eliminated human interference in the admission process. He noted that with CAPS, no institution could admit any unqualified candidate.



## JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

### REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 19 2022

#### FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N)
1	E-facilities/Sales	204,846,246.00
2	PRC Service Charge	80,279.50
3	Consultancy	8,107,656.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213,034,181.50</b>

#### FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	36,614,833.73
2	Afe Babalola University, Ado-ekiti	NATAP - M Award	10,000,000.00
3	Federal Government Press	APER Forms	855,000.00
4	Abuja Electricity Distribution Company	Electricity Charges	1,003,262.50
5	Remita	Financial charges	16,404.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>48,489,500.73</b>

### JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup> – AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup> 2022

#### 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST

Nnamdi Egwuka  
Jameelat Bello Yusuf  
Franca Godwin Ikuapogbe

Temitope Deborah Salako  
Gambo Muazu Shawane  
Vivian Ifeoma Okoye

Patricia Favour Omigie  
Hassana Ibrahim Meliga  
Babajide Osinlu

#### 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST

Hannah Ubong Usen Udofia  
Malami Salihu  
Cosmas Odion Unuigboje  
Jema Chinedozie Iheme  
Johnson Adewale Sangodipe  
Mikailu Edeifo Akhigbe  
Peter Tarhembah

#### 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Salihu Babayo Bala  
Ngozi Jane Egbuna  
Hasiau Iyabo Mutiu  
Abdulazeez Abdulrahman  
Ibeawuchi Mark Ohanaga  
Adebayo Tunlese Shiyabola

#### 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Pauline Ogazi  
Rachael Bosede Oluwaniyi  
Nkeiru Jubilant Okoroafor  
Ibrahim Oba

#### 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Karen Nguhiren Gar

#### 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Ibrahim Yabagi Shehu  
Sunday Iloabanachi Okafor

#### 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Titus Isa Lemut

Happy Birthday





## EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

### **DAILY SUN NEWSPAPER MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - Varsities' Impunity Of Exceeding Admission Limits Almost Stopped 10,000 From Going To Law School –Malami • Says NOUN Graduates Since 2010 Can Proceed To School:**

The Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, has revealed how President Muhammadu Buhari's administration saved 10,000 law graduates who were victims of universities impunity of exceeding admission limits. According to him, the council's policy requires universities to limit the number of candidates admitted to study law each year to the capacity given to them by the CLE. "But arising from the impunity that has characterized our system over time, some of these universities exceeded the regulated limit". "So, a decision was taken with the compassion of President Muhammadu Buhari, to ensure that the backlogs of over 10,000 students arising from over admission by some universities are addressed."

### **PUNCH NEWSPAPER MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - Kashere Varsity Appoints New Acting Registrar:**

"The Governing Council of the Federal University of Kashere, Gombe State has approved the Appointment of Mal. Umar Faruk Bayu as the Acting Registrar with effect from 15th August 2022. Bayu's appointment was approved by the Governing Council of the institution, following the expiration of the tenure of the outgoing Registrar, Kabiru Aminu, who completed his six-year tenure as Registrar. Also, available in **DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022** and **SUN NEWSPAPER MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**AUGUST 2022.**

### **PUNCH NEWSPAPER TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - Nine Varsities May Lose 159 Courses' Accreditation:**

The accreditation of no fewer than 159 undergraduate courses in nine federal universities across the country is set to expire in 2022 amidst the ongoing strike by the Academic Staff Union of Universities.

The nine universities include the University of Ilorin; University of Jos; University of Calabar; Bayero University Kano; University of Benin; University of Lagos; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; and University of Ibadan.

For instance, at the University of Ilorin, the Department of Information and Communication Sciences was accredited in 2017, with the accreditation set to expire in 2022, making it the only course whose accreditation is set to expire.

### **DAILY SUN NEWSPAPER TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - Conducting May/June WASSCE Not Tea Party, Says Areghan, WAEC HNO • Reveals How Exams Were Conducted In South East, North East:**

The West African Examinations Council (WAEC) Head of Nigeria National Office (HNO), Mr. Patrick Areghan, his management team and staff can now go to bed with their two eyes closed.

Reason is that Areghan, his management team and WAEC staffers have successfully conducted the May/June 2022 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) and the results released.

Mr. Areghan had disclosed that 1,601,047 candidates sat for the school examination. He said the examination was also

administered to candidates in some schools in Benin Republic, Cote d'Ivoire and Equatorial Guinea, where the Nigerian curriculum for senior secondary school is used.

The HNO explained that, of the 1,601,047 candidates that sat for the examination, 796,217 were male, while 804,830 were female, representing 49.73% and 50.27%, respectively.

### **TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - Kogi Polytechnic Withdraws 168 Students Over Poor Academic Performance:**

The Management of the Kogi State Polytechnic Lokoja has withdrawn 160 students over poor academic performance, expelled three for theft and examination misconduct and also exonerated three students. This was contained in a press statement issued by the Head, Public Relations and Protocol Unit of the institution, Uredo Omale.

According to the statement, the academic Board of Kogi State Polytechnic, Lokoja, has considered the report of the Central Examination Misconduct Committee and approved the withdrawal of 168 students from the Polytechnic over poor academic performance in the First Semester of the 2021/2022 academic session. Also available in

### **LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022**

### **LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - Revive Unity Colleges, Alumni Tell Federal Govt:**

A Prof. of Biochemistry at the Federal University of Technology, Akure, Folashade Olajuyigbe and other alumni members of the Federal Government College, Idoani in Ondo State have called on the Federal Government to

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increase funding for unity colleges across the country.

This is as they also admonished President Muhammadu Buhari to fund the secondary education sector adequately. Nigeria currently has 110 unity schools spread across the 36 states of the federation and the Federal Capital Territory. Also available in **DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022**

### **LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - Y2022 Education Summit: 5,300 To Participate As Lagos Convenes Stakeholders To Boost System**

**Development:** The Lagos State government has unveiled plans to hold the Y2022 Education Summit to convene stakeholders across the education sector to discuss matters relating to developing quality assurance in education in the state and Nigeria.

The Lagos State government believes that the summit, which would accommodate about 5,300 participants, is important to engage stakeholders towards co-creating new ideas and solutions for the development of education in the state and the country.

Speaking during a press briefing in Lagos to unveil plans for hosting the Summit, the state's Commissioner for Education, Folasade Adefisayo, said that all stakeholders in the public and private education sectors in Lagos State, including educators, school owners and administrators, parents, students, education researchers, NGOs, education consultants and private sector development partners, would gather to discuss critical matters on the theme of the summit: "Creating a Sustainable Fit-For-Purpose Education Model," with the sub-theme "Prioritizing Education in the T.H.E.M.E.S Agenda and the 30 Year Lagos Development Plan".

According to Adefisayo, education-related agencies and institutions such as the West Africa Examination Council (WAEC), Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), National Examination Council (NECO), Education Research Institutes and universities will also participate in the conversation at the summit." She added that as "part of the strategy to

harness resources, as well as best brains from across the world and deliver the desired quality education to learners, Lagos State will host an Education Summit on Tuesday, 30th and Wednesday, August 31, 2022,".

### **LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - Education Tax: TETFund Seeks Support Over 3% Target:**

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has sought the support of the National Assembly (NASS) towards meeting its target of three percent education tax collection before the expiration of President Muhammadu Buhari's tenure in order to increase funding for public tertiary educational institutions in the country.

The Executive Secretary of TETFund, Arc. Sonny Echono stated this when members of the House of Representatives Committee on Tertiary Education and Services, led by Hon. Aminu Suleiman, paid him an oversight visit in his office in Abuja recently.

Recall that President Muhammadu Buhari recently approved an upward review of Education Tax from 2 per cent to 2.5 per cent to enable TETFund to cope with increasing demands.

### **DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - UI, OAU, FUNAAB Break Records In World Best University**

**Rankings:** For the first time in the history of Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), University of Ibadan, Obafemi Awolowo University and the Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta (FUNAAB) appeared in top positions in the published global rankings. This year, Harvard University tops the ranking list for the 20th year. Stanford University remains at the number 2 seat. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) rises one position to the number 3. Other Top 10 universities are Cambridge (4th), Berkeley (5th), Princeton (6th), Oxford (7th), Columbia (8th), Caltech (9th), and Chicago (10th). Platforms Africa noted that "for the first time in the history of ARWU which started in 2003, University of Ibadan appeared in the 800-901 band." Meanwhile, the Shanghai ranking

also has a subject component- Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS). In the 2022 GRAS ranking which was also released on Monday, Nigeria featured as follows: in Veterinary Sciences, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta emerged in the 201 to 300 group; in Dentistry and Oral Sciences, Obafemi Awolowo University was also in the 201 to 300 group; while in Psychology, University of Nigeria, Nsuka emerged in the 401 to 500 group". Also available **LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022.**

### **DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - NCCE Decries Dwindling Enrolment In COEs, Says It Threatens**

**Survival:** The Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), Prof. Paulinus Chijioko Okwelle, has said that there is a disturbing decrease in enrolments for the Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE) programmes in Colleges of Education across the country.

Prof Okwelle, who stated this at a strategic workshop on the 'Challenge of Dwindling Students' Enrolment' organized by the commission and its partners in Abuja, said statistics showed that candidates were no longer subscribing to NCE programmes.

"In this awareness, rethinking emerging issues of poor subscription and attrition threatening the subsector's survival in the context of contemporary reality, needs to be revisited with a sense of urgency and commitment," he said.

### **THE NATION NEWSPAPER FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - LASU Yet To Begin 2022/2023 Admission – Management:**

Mr. Ademola Adekoya, Coordinator, Centre for Information, Press and Public Relations, LASU, said that the Management of the school had not started admission for the 2022/2023 academic session.

He said that the management has also observed that some unscrupulous elements are taking advantage of the desperation of some admission seekers to defraud them; he urged that all information to the contrary should be disregarded.



## ■ EXAMINOTRICKS ■



**TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022 - Kogi Polytechnic Withdraws 168 Students Over Poor Academic Performance:** The Kogi state

has expelled Over 150 for various infractions, the duo of Monday Alfa (2019/ND/EE/126) and Omodi Ubile (2019/ND/MEC/063) both of the School

of Engineering, were also expelled for impersonation during examinations.

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nine hundred and forty-seven million, eight hundred and forty-seven thousand, two hundred and thirty-seven naira, (₦6,003,947,848,237) only, on capital and recurrent expenditure in the education sector in the last seven years.

The Minister gave these figures at the State House briefing on the reforms in the education sector on Thursday, 18th August, 2022.

Malam Adamu Adamu also disclosed that aside from this huge financial commitment to the sector, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) through their interventions equally committed ₦2.5 trillion and ₦553, 134,967,498 respectively in capital investments.

He said, "The Buhari Administration has tremendously invested in infrastructural development in the education sector more than any other administration in the history of this nation. It is on record that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund alone has invested an estimated N2.5 trillion in the tertiary education sector in the last ten years, thereby, exceeding the sum total of N1.2 trillion contained in the 2009 agreement with the Academic Staff Union of Universities and we are still counting."

Continuing, he said, "We must also note and appreciate the huge investments by the various State Governments and the private sector at all levels of our educational system. We will continue to improve on the implementation of the Ministerial Strategic Plan (MSP) all

through to 2023 for the overall development of the education sector in Nigeria. We will also continue to create the necessary enabling environment to attract more private sector investments so that we will be handing over a better education sector than we met it."

The Minister expressed regret on the protracted industrial impasse between the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and the Federal Government despite these robust interventions. He said, "Unfortunately, Trade Unions in Tertiary Institutions in the country, especially the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), have been engaged in recurring and avoidable strikes that have crippled the university system. This is in spite of the huge investments of over N2.5 trillion in tertiary institutions in the last ten years from TETFund alone. Common knowledge as it were, many Nigerians may not know that the Federal Government is paying the salaries of every staff in its tertiary institutions, academic and non-academic staff, while these institutions are also in full control of their Internally Generated Revenues (IGR).

"Just recently, we inaugurated a committee to renegotiate the 2009 agreement with the Academic Staff Union of Universities and related unions in tertiary institutions. We are doing everything humanly possible to conclude on the negotiations. It is our hope that the outcome of the renegotiations will bring lasting industrial peace to our campuses. In the meantime, I am sure

that the current efforts would yield the desired results and return our children back to school," he said.

The Minister further stated that the TETFund in the last seven years of the present administration in the country has committed enormous resources to human capital development at the tertiary level of our educational system adding that huge resources had also gone into the various categories of training, including Doctorates, Master's, and related research programmes for staff of Universities, Polytechnics, and Colleges of Education.

"I want to use this opportunity to thank all Nigerians, especially those that contributed to our efforts to see to the resolution of the present impasse," he added.

The Minister also commended the various examination bodies in the country stating that JAMB, NECO, WAEC, NABTEB, NBIAS have done creditably well, especially in terms of infusing technology into their respective examinations. He singled out JAMB and WAEC as agencies that had already applied digital technology to their processes. He, however, decried the menace of examination malpractices, which he said are still endemic in the nation's educational system.

He, therefore, directed all examination bodies in the country to do everything within their powers to tighten the noose on perpetrators of examination malpractice, be they, parents, students, or their proxies.

# NHQ SERVICOM TEAM TOURS IBADAN, OWERRI OTHERS

In line with its mandate of rendering quality service delivery to the general public, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), has sent out a team comprising officials from its Service Compact with all Nigeria (SERVICOM) Unit, National Headquarters, Abuja, on a sensitisation tour of its various offices nationwide.

The Team, which was led by the Head of the SERVICOM Unit, National Headquarters, Abuja, Mrs. Alisabatu Jekada, was at the Ibadan Zonal Office, on Wednesday, 17th August, 2022, and at the Imo State Office on Thursday, 18th August, 2022, where they enjoined staff to imbibe the spirit of professionalism, dedication to duty, integrity, neatness, equity and fairness, among others, in the discharge of their duties. The Team also appraised the operations of the various SERVICOM Units in the two State Offices to ensure effective and prompt service delivery.

In addition, Mrs. Jekada urged the

SERVICOM Desk Officers in the two State Offices as well as other members of staff to always treat candidates and other stakeholders of the Board with courtesy. She also stressed the need for them to always uphold the motto of the Board, which is "Service and Integrity" through their deployment of relevant soft skills in terms of good communication skills and sound interpersonal relationship, as well as, cultivate the habits of listening attentively and attending to all complaints at all times as the public face of the Board. As such, all staff are expected to positively project the image of the Board through their disposition to rendering efficient service delivery so as not to fritter away the goodwill the Board currently enjoys from the Nigerian public. During the interactive session that followed her presentation, various feedbacks were received from the State Desk Officers, who took time out to highlight the various challenges they face in the course of discharging their duties.

The outreach also afforded the visiting Team the opportunity to interface with candidates who were present at the two State Offices during the sensitisation visits.

In her remarks at the conclusion of the Team's visitation to the two State Offices, various suggestions and recommendations were collated with a view to fashioning out an era of robust service delivery by Desk Officers at the various State Offices. She also used the occasion to express her appreciation to the two State Coordinators for putting in place enabling environment for their SERVICOM Desk Officers to perform their duties effectively. She equally enjoined the Desk Officers not to rest on their laurels as more was being expected of them.

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## UNHEALTHY LIFESTYLE: BANE OF HEALTHY LIVING

The Edo State Office of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Benin City, on Wednesday, 10th August, 2022, played host to a team from International Health Consult, which was at the State Office to sensitise the staff on wellness and healthy living. The organisation, which is based in Benin City specialises in health advocacy and enlightenment on Preventive Health, Nutrition, Training and Human Development.

While addressing the staff of the State Office on the reason for their visit, the Team Leader, Mr. Caleb Anyamkpele, a Nutritionist, said their mission was to enlighten the staff on the prevalence of chronic ailments such as cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes, cardio-vascular and kidney diseases, among others, adding that permanent cure for these diseases had not been found. He commended the efforts of notable health

organisations like the American Diabetes Association (ADA), Institute for Cancer Research (IFCR), World Health Organisation (WHO) and others, towards finding lasting cure for these debilitating diseases.

According to Mr. Anyamkpele, many cases of avoidable deaths and health problems that people battle with nowadays result from unhealthy lifestyles like stress, poor diet, smoking and consumption of liquor, lack of exercise, inadequate rest, pollution, to mention but a few.

"Enough rest is needed for the brain to function well. Every human needs about eight hours of sleep daily. Exercises are also required to boost blood circulation, and eating a balanced diet is vital to boost our energy levels. Quality diet must contain 80% of all the foods consumed daily. The effects of unbalanced diet are the harmful sicknesses people battle

with," he said.

According to Mr. Anyamkpele, for a healthy diet, every man must consume 5% of fat and carbohydrates, especially in the morning, 15% of protein, 30% of fruits and 50% of whole grain.

He disclosed that based on available records, most Nigerians consume a lot of foods rich in carbohydrates, saturated fats, high cholesterol, etc. He, therefore, admonished members of staff who might be ignorant of the information to make the necessary dietary changes and reduce their intake of any food that might cause serious health challenges for them.

Responding, the Benin Zonal Ag. Director, Mr. Babatunde Ifesanmi, on behalf of the staff, expressed appreciation to the organisation for the enlightenment outreach, which he said was impactful and educative. He enjoined all staff to imbibe the pieces of expert advice offered by the team.



# FEDERAL SCHOOL OF SURVEYING LAUDS JAMB ON TRANSPARENCY



Rector, federal School of Surveying, Oyo, Surveyor Dupe Olayinka Dosunmu

**T**he Rector, Federal School of Surveying, Oyo, Surveyor Olayinka Dosunmu, has described JAMB as a transparency advocate par excellence. The Rector made the statement during the institution's 33rd Matriculation Ceremony held on Wednesday, 17th, August, 2022, at the school campus in Oyo, Oyo State.

In her address to the matriculating students, the Rector commended JAMB for its many firsts especially with regard to equity and transparency, all of which, she said, had earned it a pride of place

among examination bodies in the country.

Elaborating further, she identified the impeccable records of the Board in terms of zero tolerance for examination malpractice as witnessed during the conduct of the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) and its Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS), which had introduced unprecedented level of fairness and transparency into the admission process, among others.

In her words, "We cannot but commend JAMB on its transparent moves coupled with the various landmark innovations aimed at establishing sanity in the polity."

Continuing, Mrs. Dosunmu charged the new students to be dedicated to their studies and live up to expectations in their academic pursuits. She also enjoined them to shun cultism and other forms of social vices.

Going down memory lane, the Rector traced the history of the institution to 1908 when the school was established as a Government Departmental Training Institution attached to the Colonial Survey Department, Lagos, for the training of Technical Assistants. She

stated that the institution remained the oldest technical institution in Nigeria. She also disclosed that as of 2022, the school had matriculated numerous students into its Departments of Surveying and Geoinformatics, Cartography & GIS, Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing, among others.

In his goodwill message, the JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented by the Oyo State Coordinator, Mr. Oladele Daramola, implored the matriculants to put in their best in their studies so that they could get certified as worthy in moral and character on graduation.

The Registrar expressed appreciation for the recognition of the modest efforts of the Board aimed at sanitising the admission process and promised to build on the relationship between the Board and the Institution.

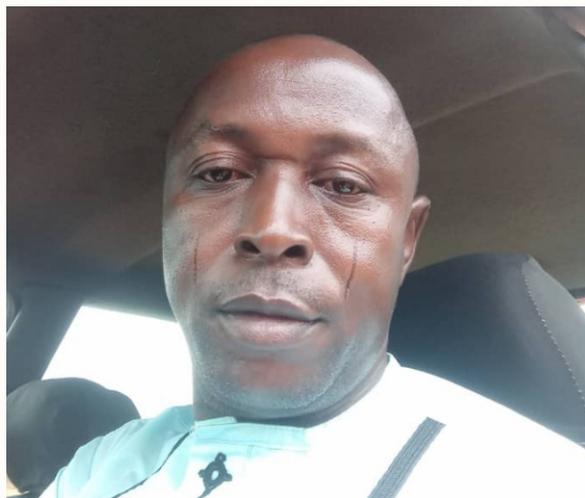
According to him, "We have not even started as we still have a long way to go. Hence, the innovations you see today would be nothing in comparison with what is to come in terms of exceptional service delivery."

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leadership considering the institutionalisation of the series of welfare packages, which had hitherto seemed unattainable, but which all members of staff of the Board are now enjoying. Similarly, the Union would not be a party to any act capable of disrupting the unprecedented industrial harmony now prevailing in the Board. Rather, than working at cross purposes with the leadership of the Board that had been managing its affairs in line with international best practices and with utmost transparency, the Union would continue to render necessary support to attract even more benefits to its hard-working members."

Comrade Onakpa, therefore, warned selfish characters to desist from further publication of unfounded and malicious articles, calculated to undermine the current peaceful atmosphere of the Board. He urged any aggrieved member to explore all avenues of conflict resolution as provided in extant statutes rather than resorting to cheap blackmail and character assassination.



Comrade Andrew Onakpa, Chairman, NASU, JAMB Chapter.



## FEW FACTS ABOUT JAMB

- The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) was established for the general control of the conduct of matriculation examinations for admissions into all universities, polytechnics, monotechnics, colleges of education and ( recently added) Innovation Enterprise Institutes (IEIs).
- Section 5 (2) of the ACT establishing the Board provided as stated: For the avoidance of doubt, the Board shall be responsible for determining matriculation requirements and conducting examinations leading to undergraduate admissions and also for admissions to National Diploma and the Nigerian Certificate in Education courses, but shall not be responsible for examinations or any other selective process for postgraduate courses and any other courses offered by the tertiary institutions. In the implementation of this section, there is always a synergy with the National Universities Commission (NUC), the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) and the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) with the endorsement of the National Council on Education (NCE).
- In exercising this power, the Board is always guided by admission guidelines approved by the Policy Meeting under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Minister of Education with all Heads of Tertiary Institutions and other stakeholders in attendance.
- Since the inception of the Interim Joint Matriculation Board Examination (IJMBE), JAMB appoints moderators for all its questions as well as the grading of candidates scores. It has always done this without failing to still accommodate 'HSC' within the current 6-3-3-4 system. The National Council on Education (NCE) guidelines for the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) also endorsed the practice for JUPEB.
- The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board shall continue to operate within its laws.



# JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, BWARI, ABUJA

## ADVISORY ON EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF SERVICE FOR CBT CENTRES

Following persistent requests from CBT centres, the Board has approved that some services hitherto, restricted to JAMB Offices, be extended to other approved CBT centres.

2. These services being extended to the CBT centres are registrations for:
  - (i) **Part-time**
  - (ii) **NOUN**
  - (iii) **Sandwich**
  - (iv) **Distance Learning**
3. The following steps are to be followed by each centre while attending to these category of candidates:
  - a. First create a Profile for the candidate (note that profile creation is free);
  - b. Login to the Candidate's Profile on e-Facility;
  - c. Expand the "Other Registrations" Tab and select the appropriate registration for the candidate;
  - d. Follow the prompts to make the payment of N3,500 application fees online using the candidate's ATM card (do not collect any candidate's card details, let the candidate be the one to enter his/her card details);
  - e. After payment, the centre will proceed to register the candidate on the Registration App platform and print out the Registration Slip.
  - f. For DE candidates of 2017 onwards, after registration, only the Registration Slip is to be given to them as the candidate's registration information goes straight to CAPS;
  - g. For candidates of year 2016 and before, after registration, the centre is expected to give them both the Registration Slip and an Indemnity Form;
  - h. The service charge for this type of registration is N700 only and payable directly to the centre.
4. Do not write down or copy any vital data of the candidates such as card details, profile code, password etc.
5. Recall that like the UTME/DE, the template is to be uploaded while candidates are to go away with the original (hard copy) template.
6. CBT centres shall abide by the rules as severe sanctions would be meted out to infractors.

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## ADVISORY TO INSTITUTIONS ON HOW TO HANDLE THE CONDONEMENT OF UNDISCLOSED ILLEGAL INSTITUTIONAL ADMISSIONS (CUIIA)

### (ADMISSIONS CONDUCTED OUTSIDE CAPS 2017-2020)

The Board introduced the **Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS)** in 2017 as the transparent platform for all admissions. Regrettably, some of the institutions continued to admit some, indeed large number of candidates (undisclosed to JAMB), thereby jeopardizing the interest of such candidates admitted through under-the-table deals.

Recent events made the candidates protest the disadvantages of such non-disclosure and lack of formal recognition of their degrees. Such Institutions are now being compelled by necessity to confess their past deeds of undisclosed admission.

This Advisory is to guide the affected institutions on how the candidates can be rescued:

- i. The institutions should first and foremost declare the number of candidates admitted outside CAPS by sending a formal letter of confession and disclosure (LCD) to the Registrar of JAMB.
- ii. The letter of confession and disclosure should have the list of candidates attached. A copy of the letter and the list of candidates should be sent to JAMB state office where the institution is located. The list and total number of affected candidates for each year of admission should be clearly specified with the Programme (i.e Course of Study).
- iii. If the Board upon receiving the letter (and after due scrutiny and investigations) grants approval, the institution shall be contacted within 2 weeks of acknowledged receipt of the LCD.
- iv. The portal is then opened for the Institution to upload the list of candidates already submitted.
- v. The letter of approval from JAMB to the institution and the uploaded list shall contain the following:
  - the academic year for which the retroactive approval is granted;
  - total number of candidates, and
  - the period of grace (**not exceeding 60 days**) within which the affected candidates must complete the process of **Condonement of Undisclosed Illegal Institutional Admission (CUIIA)**. Only the candidates declared by the institutions are to visit JAMB office and complete the appropriate form online after paying the prescribed fee (i.e) the application fee of N4,000 only is paid by those without JAMB Registration number for the year and N5,000 penalty paid by every candidate involved.
- vi. The records of the candidates shall then be made available on CAPS after they have completed the online process.
- vii. The Admission Officer of the Institution shall retroactively propose formally the candidates to the Head of Institution who in turn shall recommend the candidates within the specified time.
- viii. The JAMB Desk officer too, shall retroactively approve the candidates on CAPS within the original list submitted by the institution. After approval, the previously illegal students will be able to print their JAMB admission letters from e-facility on JAMB Portal.
- ix. It should be noted that the admission letter would henceforth carry the date of the retroactive approval and not backdated to protect the Board's integrity of the data it might have provided before the condonement. The admission letter would also be named "**Retroactive Letter of Admission**" to reflect the correct history of the admission.
- x. Please **NOTE** that only candidates on the list declared by the institutions shall be attended to at the JAMB office. The Board shall not extend the period of grace granted to each institution. Any candidate that does not complete the process within the allotted (maximum two months) grace - period loses the remedial opportunity.

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# ATTENTION!!!

Beginning from this edition, JAMBULLETIN will be publishing the guidelines for the 2022 admission exercise in series as approved at the 2022 Policy Meeting on Admission.

This is the first series.

## UTME/DE SCORE FOR THE 2022 ADMISSION EXERCISE AND MINIMUM DURATION FOR FIRST DEGREE PROGRAMMES

-  Every institution is at liberty to determine the minimum UTME score acceptable to it for admission. Similarly, for DE, each institution will determine the number of points required by it for direct entry admission. Nevertheless, no institution can recommend or admit any candidate with less than 2 points for direct entry.
-  No institution will be allowed to recommend or admit any candidate whose UTME score is below the following threshold of 140 and 100 for Degree and ND/NCE, respectively.
-  **No institution is allowed to recommend or admit any candidate whose total score is below the minimum score proposed by the Institution and approved by the Policy Meeting. The totality of all scores being used for the ranking of the candidate shall be taken into account in determining the percentage (%) minimum score.**
-  Ranking for admission would be determined by the totality of the following assessments:
  - i. UTME score/DE Grades (within their respective threshold);
  - ii. Institutional Screening scores (if applicable);
  - iii. grading of Senior School Certificate (SSCE) Grades (if applicable);
  - iv. interview/practical scores (if applicable) and in all cases
  - v. the percentage (%) allotted to the UTME score should range from 50% to 100%.
-  Admission Officers are to download O'Level details of candidates on CAPS before initiating the process of admissions for any programme. No Institution shall require any candidate to upload any result other than those downloaded from CAPS which the institutions are encouraged to also verify on their own.
-  No candidate can be considered for admission if he/she does not meet the prescribed requirements by the institution provided such requirement has been approved and published by JAMB.
-  No institution can impose on a candidate a requirement that had not been published by JAMB in the 2022 e-Brochure.
-  Institutions are to adhere to institutional/programme standards and comply with entry requirements as documented in the 2022 e-Brochure.
-  **No institution can admit/accept the transfer of a candidate into any degree programme unless the candidate would spend on full-time, not less than two (2) consecutive sessions in the Institution before graduation.**