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JAMB HOLDS FIRST CONFERENCE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY GROUP

The Registrar
Professor Is-haq O. Oloyede FNAL, OFR, CON, NPOM

Welcomes all participants to the
First National Conference on Equal Opportunity of Access to Higher Education in Nigeria

THEME: Towards Increasing Equal Opportunity of Access to Higher Education in Nigeria

Date: September 25-26, 2023 Venue: Ladi Kwali Hall, Abuja Continental Hotel, Abuja Time: 9:00 a.m. daily

Special Guest of Honour:
Professor Tahir Mamman, Honourable Minister of Education

Special events

- Unveiling of the Strategic Roadmap for Inclusive Access to Quality Higher Education in Nigeria (2024-2028)
- JAMB Awards- To top three Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education with highest admission of blind and special group candidates in 2022

Professor Peter A. Okebukola, OFR Chairman, JAMB Equal Opportunity Group
Professor Muhammad Yahusa Bello Chairman, Conference Organising Committee
Professor Alis Oladosu Secretary, Conference Organising Committee
Mrs Basirat Agbabika Secretary, JAMB Equal Opportunity Group

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Equal Opportunity Group (JEOG) is holding its First "National Conference on

Equal Opportunity of Access to Higher Education in Nigeria" on Monday, 25th and Tuesday, 26th September, 2023.

During the event, a roadmap for inclusive

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MTN SYNERGISES WITH JAMB ON 2024 UTME

Ahead of the 2024 UTME, MTN Nigeria Telecommunications PLC, has held meaningful discussions with the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on the conduct of 2023 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) with a view to resolving all identified areas of

concern to the Board ahead of the conduct of the 2024 UTME.

The General Manager, MTN Enterprises and Sales, Ms Febisola Oyeniyi, who was accompanied by a seven-man delegation to the National headquarters of JAMB, Bwari, Abuja, said her team was

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CHRIS-OKEKE, ARONU, JOIN THE DISTINGUISHED RANKS OF BOARD'S SENIOR CITIZENS

It was a joyous moment at the Enugu Zonal Office of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) on Wednesday, 20th September, 2023, when the duo of the Director, Mrs. Ebere Maudline Chris-Okeke, and a Deputy Director, Mr. Anene Aronu, were given a

resounding farewell as the staff and management of the facility organised a befitting send-off for them as they exit the service of the Board after clocking the retirement age of 60 years.

During the ensuing send-off party, staff

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...MTN Synergises With JAMB on 2024 UTME



Ms Febisola Oyeniyi, General Manager, MTN Enterprises and Sales(3rd L); Director, Finance and Accounts, JAMB(4th L) with members of MTN delegation and JAMB management during the visit by MTN

at the National Headquarters of the Board on a working visit. According to her, such a visit was necessary in view of the strategic importance of the Board to the telecommunication giant.

Ms Oyeniyi pointed out that MTN was committed to engendering shared prosperity among its partners, and is, therefore, committed to charting a roadmap aimed at assisting JAMB to deliver on its mandate through a partnership that work through efficient and quality service delivery.

According to her, the visit would enable MTN to take stock of its obligations to the Board and, by so doing, review those areas that need to be strengthened with a view to having a hitch-free 2024 registration and examination exercises.

In his remarks, the Board's IT Consultant, Mr Damilola Bamiro, thanked the delegation for the visit and commended the existing synergy between both organisations.

Mr Bamiro, however, listed areas of collaboration which needed critical interventions from MTN. According to him, some of the listed concerns had been addressed while some are ongoing. Some of these concerns, he disclosed, border on the provision of fixed service dashboards, tracking of SIMs, SIM-enabled laptops, router/MiFi, BYOD, among others.

Earlier, the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented on the occasion by the Director of Finance and Accounts, Mr Mufutau Bello, said the two bodies had enjoyed a robust partnership spanning several years and urged both sides to sustain the tempo by addressing those areas of concern as identified by the Board with a view to having a rancour-free 2024 registration and examination exercises.

BE PRUDENT IN YOUR FINANCES - FINANCIAL EXPERT ADVISE STAFF

In line with the commitment of the Board to instilling a culture of financial prudence among its staff nationwide, the Abia State Office of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), on Friday, 15th September, 2023, paid host to a team of financial experts from First Bank PLC.

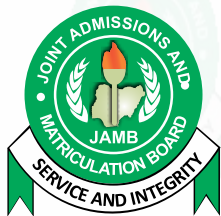
The leader of the team, Mr. Eze Uchechukwu, in his address urged the staff to cultivate the habit of saving and investing in portfolios that are beneficial and profitable, stressing that these financial packages are very useful in the execution of contingency plans and addressing unforeseen contingencies.

According to him, one of such portfolios is the Children University Educational Plan, where an account holder sets the amount to be saved

and fully or gradually contribute same till a future date when the children are of university age and use same to fund their university education. He explained that in case of death before the fulfilment of this obligation, the Next of Kin, through the guardian, would be given the total amount set by the account holder as well as the accruing interest from such savings. Speaking further, Mr. Eze stated that the Personal Investment Plan is another package, which allows an account holder to have periodic access to the savings for the execution of projects. He said that the duration of this plan is six years and the savings can only be accessed partly by the 4th year while 25% of the savings is paid in the fifth year and the balance paid by the sixth year.

He disclosed further that the Personal Retirement Fund is specifically designed for staff with longer years of service. He noted that this portfolio affords staff the opportunity to make enough savings before retirement. Mr. Eze explained that all the aforementioned financial packages have insurance cover and, therefore, encouraged staff to take advantage of them as well as visit their website and social media platforms for further information.

In his remarks, the Abia State Coordinator, Mr. Johnson Adebisi, expressed appreciation to the facilitators for organising the interactive session and urged staff to leverage on these financial packages to secure their future.



JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 16 2023 – SEPTEMBER 22 2023

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N)
1	E-facilities/Sales	155,218,500.00
2	PRC Service Charge	1,479,100.00
	TOTAL	156,697,600.00

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	30,825,537.36
2	Federal Inland Revenue Services	Taxes	21,868,049.99
3	Kaytee Nigeria Ltd	Retention on Sokoto ZO Fence	1,114,800.55
4	Micheal Imoudu Institute of Labour Studies	Staff Development	300,000.00
5	Remita	Financial charges	16,656.59
	TOTAL		54,125,044.49

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN SEPTEMBER 25TH – OCTOBER 1ST 2023

Happy Birthday

25TH SEPTEMBER

Hauwa Nana Obansa
Abubakar Musa Ijakoro
Asma'u Bello
Tlatu Kumdong
Rabiu Saidu Sayeed
Anthony Chekwube Ofuonye
Aminu Nuhu Koko

26TH SEPTEMBER

Hussaina Shehu Alekhujie
Ibrahim Opa Abdulraheem

27TH SEPTEMBER

Ekaete Joseph Eyo

Aminu Iliyasu Abubakar
Sunday O. Alabi

28TH SEPTEMBER

Henry Daniel

29TH SEPTEMBER

Danladi Mohammed
Prisca Ijeoma Ufoegbunam
Osundu Obilor
Danjuma Kambai Yohanna

30TH SEPTEMBER

Olanrewaju Onaope Apata
Juliet Ukamaka Elegbusi
Obob Joseph Ogharibhor

Yahaya Abubakar Sadiq

1ST OCTOBER

Anthonia Ngozi Mgbakor
Phoebe Nwaikpeghi Udeh
Uba Muhammed
Maimunat Abdulazeez Usman
Ahmadu Yusuf
Salisu Muhammed
Augustine Chimagua Ugbah
Deacon Friday Osemeilu
Ahmed Alhaji Ali
Yahaya Abubakar Sadiq





EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

PUNCH NEWSPAPER SEPTEMBER, SATURDAY 16TH, 2023 - NUC Orders Staff Audit In Federal Varsities: The National Universities Commission has ordered an audit of academic and non-academic staff of federal universities in the country. A letter signed by the acting Executive Secretary of the commission, Chris Maiyaki, dated September 14, 2023 and addressed to all Vice-Chancellors, noted that the order followed a permission granted by the Minister of Education, Prof Tahir Mamman.

THISDAY NEWSPAPER SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 21ST, 2023 - JAMB Reverses Date For National Forum On Equal Access To Higher Education: The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Equal Opportunity Group (JEOG) has rescheduled its First 'National Conference on Equal Opportunity of Access to Higher Education in Nigeria' earlier scheduled to hold on Tuesday, 26th and Wednesday, 27th September, to Monday, 25th and Tuesday, 26th September, 2023. The change in date was as a result of a possible declaration of

Wednesday, 27th September, 2023, as a public holiday by the Federal Government. **Also in LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 21ST, 2023.**

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 18TH, 2023 - No Federal University Can Survive Without Fee Increment – Committee Of VCs: The Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNUs) has made it clear that it is no longer possible for any federal university in Nigeria to sustain operation again without increasing its obligatory and some other fees being charged to students.

The Secretary-General of the committee, Prof Yakubu Ochefu, shared this position in an exclusive interview with the Tribune Online, maintaining that the old fees regime in any of the federal universities is no longer relevant in the current economic reality in the country.

BLUEPRINT NEWSPAPER SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY 20TH, 2023 - Students Loan: CBN, JAMB Constitute Technical Team For

Disbursement: The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) have resolved to set up a joint technical committee to fashion out modalities for speedy disbursement of the students loan to beneficiaries.

The decision to set up the technical committee was taken when both agencies of government held a meeting in Abuja as part of the efforts to actualise the provisions of the Higher Education Act 2023, otherwise known as Students Loan Act, one of the first bills President Bola Ahmed Tinubu assented to soon after his resumption to office on May 29, 2023.

The students' loan scheme which takes effect in barely a fortnight (October 1, 2023), provides interest-free education loans for Nigerians willing to acquire tertiary education while they pay in installments two years after their participation in the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) programme. **Also in LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 21ST, 2023.**

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...Education in the Media

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 21ST, 2023 - Fund Education, Prioritise Teacher Education, COEASU Tells FG: The leadership of Colleges of Education Academic Staff Union (COEASU) has said that the only way for Nigeria to get out of the current quagmire is to fix the education sector and ensure its proper funding across all levels. COEASU president, Dr Smart Olugbeko, speaking at a workshop in Abuja, condemned successive administrations in the country for neglecting teacher education, which he considered as key to development of any nation.

He, therefore, urged the new Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, to give teacher education a priority in his transformation agenda. **Also in LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 21ST, 2023**

SUN NEWSPAPER SEPTEMBER, THURSDAY 21ST, 2023 -

Increasing The Budget For Education: The Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, has assured Nigerians of the commitment of President Bola Tinubu to increase the budget for education by 25 per cent. Prof. Mamman, who disclosed this at the recent Nigeria Annual Education Conference (NAEC) in Abuja, with the theme "Implementation of Education 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Nigeria," also pledged to bridge the gap between education policy statements and outcomes.

PROMPT NEWS ONLINE, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023- JAMB Registrar, Prof. Oloyede to Chair 2023 GOCOP Conference: Professor Ishaq Oloyede, Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), is billed to Chair the 2023 Annual Conference of the Guild of Corporate Online Publishers (GOCOP).

This was disclosed by the

chairman of 2023 Conference Planning Committee, Danlami Nmodu, mni, in a press statement by the Publicity Secretary of GOCOP, Mr Remmy Nweke. According to Mr. Nmodu, the conference will be held at Abuja Continental Hotel (Old Sheraton) in the Federal Capital Territory on Thursday October 5, 2023 at 10.00am

He also said that the theme for the 2023 conference is "Nigeria: Roadmap for Socio-Economic Recovery and Sustainability." Mr. Nmodu further said the choice of the topic is informed by current socio-political and economic realities facing Nigeria where a new set of leaders at national and state levels has emerged after the 2023 general elections. **Also, in Inspenonline.com, Friday, September 22, 2023; Theeagleonline.com, Friday, September 22, 2023; Sunrise.ng, Friday, September 22, 2023; QEDNG, Friday, September 22, 2023.**

EKITI STATE COORDINATOR PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO NSCDC

The Ekiti State Coordinator of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Mr Hassan Lawal, and his team recently paid a courtesy call on the Ekiti State Commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Mr John Fayemi. The visit was to strengthen the existing cordial relationship with the security outfit, which centres majorly on protecting the Board's critical infrastructure as well as providing security cover during the conduct of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), among others.

Speaking at the Corps' office along Ado-Ikere Road, the State Coordinator acknowledged the role of the Command in providing round-the-clock security for the Board and for being a key partner in the Board's operational processes.

Mr Lawal, who commended the NSCDC as a valued partner, urged the Command to sustain the cordial relationship while soliciting its continued support as the Board step up preparations for the 2024 UTME registration exercise.

In his response, the State

Commandant assured the Board of the unflinching support of the Command whenever the need arises.

The State Coordinator was accompanied on the visit by key functionaries of the State Office, which include: Head of Matriculations, Mr Ganiyu Ishola; Head of Administration, Mrs Omolara Bolaji, and the Head, SERVICOM/PRO, Mr AbdulRasaq Olarenwaju Bhadmus.



...Chris-Okeke, Aronu, Join the Distinguished Ranks of Board's Senior Citizen



took turns in eulogizing the two retirees for their diligence and dedication to the service of the Board as well as the mentorship of their subordinates.

Additionally, the significant contributions of Mrs. Chris-Okeke

and Mr. Aronu to the development of the Board in the course of their glorious careers were also highlighted.

In her response, the outgoing Director, Mrs. Chris-Okeke, who joined the service of the Board in October, 1997, expressed gratitude to the staff for celebrating her. She, however, disclosed that the event was a double celebration for her as the occasion of her disengagement from the Board coincided with her birthday. She urged the staff to continue giving their best to the

Board.

In the same vein, Mr. Aronu, who had joined the service of the Board in April, 1994, also expressed appreciation to all the staff for taking their time to celebrate their exit while commending them for the various thoughtful gifts given to them.

The highlights of the occasion was a dance session with all members of staff and a powerful parting prayer session for the two new "senior citizens" of the Board.

TOP FAITH UNIVERSITY LAUDS BOARD'S INNOVATIVE PROWESS

As part of efforts to consolidate on the existing cordial relationship between the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and key players in the educational value chain, the Akwa Ibom State Coordinator, Mrs Olima-Williams, on Tuesday, 19th September, 2023, paid a courtesy visit to Top Faith University, Mkpatak, Akwa Ibom State.

The Board's team was received by the Institution's Vice Chancellor, Prof. J. Ebewo, top Management staff and the Chairman, Board of Trustees, Dr Emmanuel Abraham.

In her remarks, the State Coordinator disclosed that, the essence of the visit was to remind

the management of the institution of the need to continue to adhere strictly to extant admission guidelines as it prepares for the 2023/2024 admission exercise.

Furthermore, she advised the management of the Institution, to start thinking of setting up a standard CBT centre within the Institution.

In his welcome address, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ebewo, welcomed the State Coordinator and her team to the Institution. He revealed that the University received approval in 2021 and commenced full academic activities the same year.

According to Prof. J. Ebewo, the Institution has five faculties at the moment adding that the Institution

was set to commence the 2023/24 Academic Session by October, 2023.

As for establishing a standard CBT centre, he disclosed that the Institution already had the space, computers and all the necessary requirements stipulated by JAMB, but that the priority of the young university is to stabilize her academic activities first before embarking on the project.

The Board Chairman, in his short address on the occasion, thanked the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, for the good work he had been doing in terms of restoring public confidence in JAMB adding that he was proud to be a part of the repositioning process.

...JAMB Holds First Conference on Equal Opportunity

access to quality higher education in Nigeria (2024 – 2028 Strategic Plan) would be unveiled by the Honourable Minister of Education at the formal opening of the Conference on Monday, 25th September, 2023.

The JAMB Equal Opportunity Group

(JEOG) was established in 2017. Headed by Prof. Emeritus Peter Okebukola, OFR, the body is charged with the responsibility of assisting the Board to administer the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) to blind and other candidates with disabilities.

The conference, which has the theme: "Towards Increasing Equal Opportunity of Access to Higher Education in Nigeria" is aimed at boosting the intake of candidates with disabilities into the country's tertiary institutions.

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Registrar



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5th June, 2023

ADVISORY ON PROCEDURE FOR EMERGENCY TRANSFER OF RETURNEE NIGERIAN STUDENTS INTO NIGERIAN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM IN TIME OF CRISIS

Please find below the procedure for processing transfer of Returnee Nigerian Students into Nigerian University system in time of crisis:

1. A prospective student travelling abroad for undergraduate studies normally registers (document his/her travel) with the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and obtains a Document ID. It is called "Notification to Study Abroad". In case of crises such registration becomes helpful.
2. Anyone who did not but has now become a returnee who is desirous of transfer into a Nigerian University must do a retroactive registration with the Federal Ministry of Education as follows:
 - Go to FME website - www.education.gov.ng
 - Go to attestation of academic documents or <http://ess.education.gov.ng>
 - Tick the certificates you want to evaluate (Tick your highest qualification in Nigeria to enable you pick a date)
 - Pick a date
 - Make payment via remittal - RRR code
 - Print Appointment Slip
 - Go to FME Revenue Unit - 2nd floor
 - Go to 8th floor - Evaluation Accreditation Division with original copies of your credentials base on your Date of Appointment

Explanation on the Process of Documentation with Federal Ministry of Education (The purpose of the visit is to be registered)

On the Menu

Check the credibility of your credentials

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Procedures for Evaluation & Accreditation

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Access Application

Sign up an account, complete email validation and proceed to login

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Get Started

Select Application type and provide required details.

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Make Payment

Select documents for authentication/evaluation, generate RRR Payment code and make payment of non-refundable fee

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Upload Documents

After payment upload related documents (1 original copy and 2 photocopies will be required on the appointment date)

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Schedule Appointment

Proceed to select available appointment date and time session.

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Proceed to Accreditation Venue

Go to venue with all credentials for verification

3. Returnee Student visits Returnee Application page on IBASS from JAMB website: www.jamb.gov.ng
4. In the IBASS page, the Returnee Student uploads the registration slip obtained from the FME and then completes the Returnee Transfer Personal data:
 - a. Name
 - b. NIN
 - c. Telephone Number
 - d. Active e-mail address
 - e. Current University
 - f. Country and City of Study
 - g. Programme
 - h. Year of Entry
 - i. Current Level of Study
5. Returnee Student selects intended University of Choice and Programme.
6. Returnee Student uploads scanned copy of the following documents:
 - a. Current University Admission letter;
 - b. Transcript/Student Semester Results;
 - c. Data page of International Passport; and
 - d. Sworn Affidavit (confirming the genuineness of information supplied and that insincere or false information shall lead to withdrawal from studies and/or of certificates (in the event of issuance). Prosecution may also follow.
7. Returnee Student clicks SUBMIT button, which now sends an email to intended University of Choice for Request for Application to Apply for Inter-University Transfer.

8. Notification page for successful request is loaded and presented on the screen by IBASS System.
9. Returnee Student gets a notification email and SMS for his/her application request sent to the intended University of Choice.
10. Student's University of Choice gets an IBASS mail of the Student's Request for Application to Apply for Inter-University Transfer
11. Intended University evaluates Student's credentials for possible consideration.
12. If the Intended University of Choice is satisfied/unsatisfied with the credentials presented by the Returnee Student, a notification is sent on JAMB-IBASS-mail for Qualified/Unqualified for consideration.
13. Qualified Returnee Student is directed via the email and SMS to approach any JAMB Office (in person) to complete the Inter-University Transfer Application.

Note that the process is tracked by JAMB, NUC and the candidate as follows:

- (a) Submitted
- (b) Being reviewed by the University
- (c) Successful/Unsuccessful

14. The intended University of Choice then follows the Advisory on Inter-University Transfer of Students earlier sent to the institutions in 2019 (see attached).

Mohammed Babaji Ahmed
Director, Admissions
For: Registrar



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Registrar



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No: 2019ff 024

27th November, 2019

ADVISORY ON PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION FOR FOREIGN INTER-UNIVERSITY TRANSFER FOR STALITES (NOT FRESHERS)

Please find below the procedure for application for foreign inter-University transfer for Stalites:

1. The proposed institution sends a list of all candidates (not Freshers) for foreign Inter-University transfer to State JAMB Office with a letter of indemnity.
2. The proposed institution directs each candidate to State JAMB Office to create his/her profile on efacility platform (Candidate not on the list earlier sent by the proposed institution would be rejected by the State JAMB Office and cannot process any application on the system).
3. At State JAMB Office, the candidate fills the INTER-UNIVERSITY TRANSFER APPLICATION FORM FOR STALITES (NOT FRESHERS) FROM FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES online which would be available only at the State JAMB Office (Note that only the State JAMB Office that the institution is located can attend to the candidates).
4. Each candidate is expected to print and submit the auto-generated Indemnity Form after completing the application to his/her Current and Proposed Institutions for the signature of the Heads of the Institutions to indemnify JAMB on the accuracy of the information provided by the candidate. The form is to be endorsed first by the current institution.
5. The Proposed Institution sends the endorsed and indemnified form to the Coordinator of the State JAMB Office.
6. The form is uploaded from the State JAMB Office to the Headquarters and made available to the efacility platform for processing.
1. If the application is approved, the candidate is notified through his/her email.
2. The candidate can thereafter print his/her admission letter and access other services online from his/her profile.

Note: Each candidate is to pay for the services online (www.jamb.gov.ng) using ATM cards, Quick Teller or other e-payment channels available for any of the Board's services.

Fabian Okoro
Director, Information Technology Services
For: Registrar

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Nigeria Post-secondary Education Data System (NIPEDS)

Following the enormity of the challenges associated with the A 'level qualifications and stakeholders determined efforts to address them, an A 'level bank was instituted under the chairmanship of the former Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Prof Muhammad Yahuza Bello. The Data Bank has now been renamed "Nigeria Post-secondary Education Data System (NIPEDS)".

The conversion to NIPEDS is to streamline the functions of the A 'level bank in line with international standard thereby bringing total sanity to the entire process of A 'level qualifications that has been fraudulently manipulated by some candidates to gain undue advantage in securing admission into Year Two of the University Degree programmes.

Signed
REGISTRAR

ABIA STATE OFFICE HOLDS COMPLIANCE TRAINING FOR STAFF

A call has gone to the staff of the Abia State Office of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to ensure strict compliance with the Public Service Rules (PSR) and extant Board's directives.

This was contained in the message of the Abia State Coordinator, Mr. Johnson Adebisi, during a one-day compliance training workshop for the staff of the State Office on Tuesday, 19th September, 2023.

According to the State Coordinator, the training was organised to reawaken the consciousness of staff to the extant rules and regulations of the Board as well as enlighten them

on the need for their unalloyed loyalty in ensuring the implementation of its policies and directives.

Furthermore, Mr. Adebisi noted that the Board, as an agency of government, was empowered by law to carry out specified mandates and it is the duty of all staff to ensure the realisation of these organisational objectives. He added that the Board's Management cannot carry out these mandates alone without the support of staff, who are pivotal to the implementation of these policies.

The State Coordinator stressed that the Public Service Rules (PSR)

contain codes of conduct for public officers as well as appropriate sanctions for any contravention of these rules. He, therefore, advised them to avail themselves of the provisions of the document. He also urged them to embrace teamwork and avoid working at cross purposes, which he said would ensure enhanced service delivery by the Board.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Adebisi said the Board would continue to reward hardworking and committed staff but would not hesitate to impose appropriate sanctions on any erring staff.



JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD JAMB EQUAL OPPORTUNITY GROUP

THE REGISTRAR, PROF. IS-HAQ OLARENWAJU OLOYEDE, FNAL, CON CORDIALLY INVITES ALL STAKEHOLDERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO THE FIRST (1ST) NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OF ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN NIGERIA

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), through its Equal Opportunity Group (JEOG), has been conducting the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) for blind candidates and others with disabilities such as autism and Down syndrome. The aim is to ensure that no eligible Nigerian is denied the opportunity of taking the UTME regardless of disability.

The efforts have been quite successful, as JEOG has processed about 2,500 candidates for the UTME, with over a third admitted to courses of their choice in higher education institutions in Nigeria (mainly universities). The average admission rate of 34.3% for blind candidates is higher than the national average for all candidates over the same period. The good news does not stop with the admission of the candidates reports from some universities and other tertiary institutions indicate that the admitted blind candidates compete favourably with their non-blind counterparts.

Despite these laudable achievements, a lot more needs to be done by all stakeholders. Areas requiring improvements include participation by more institutions in the admission and training of candidates with special needs; improving the learning environment for such candidates; and expanding the base of candidates serviced by JAMB through JEOG.

To address these problems and many others, JAMB plans to periodically organise National Conference on Equal Opportunity of Access to Higher Education (NCEOAHE).

The first of such conferences is scheduled to hold between 26th and 27th September, 2023 at Ladi Kwali Hall, Abuja Continental Hotel, Abuja, FCT (formerly Sheraton Abuja Hotel). The theme of this first conference is **Towards Increasing Equal Opportunity of Access to Higher Education in Nigeria**. Its aim is to improve access to higher education for persons with special needs and to improve the learning environment in tertiary institutions for such persons. The objectives of this pioneer national conference include the following:

- To undertake situation analysis of opportunities and access to higher education of persons with special needs especially the blind, albinos, persons with autism, Down syndrome and physically challenged and others in correctional centres;
- To discuss the challenges facing candidates with special needs in gaining admission into Nigerian tertiary institutions and share experiences on modalities of admission and retention of persons with disabilities;
- To discuss the challenges confronting students with special needs in the Nigerian higher education system and propose sustainable solutions to increased access of students with special needs to quality higher education; and
- To propose changes that can be made to national policies that will address inequities in opportunities and equal access to higher education especially by the blind, albinos, persons with autism, Down syndrome the physically challenged and others in correctional centres.

The Strategic Roadmap for Inclusive Access to Quality Higher Education in Nigeria (2024 – 2028) will be unveiled during the Conference

Expected participants who are to indicate their interest by registering through the link <https://jeog.ng/> are the stakeholders in the education of persons with disabilities which are but not limited to the following:

- Heads of Tertiary Institutions
- Heads of Examination Bodies – WAEC, NECO, NABTEB,
- NBAIS State Commissioners of Education
- Heads of Schools of Persons with Disabilities
- Deans of Faculties of Education and Heads of Departments of Special Education
- Leaders and members of Associations of Persons with Disabilities
- The General Public

Registration for the conference is free. Participants are, however, responsible for other associated costs, including transportation and accommodation.

Announcer

Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello
Chairman, Conference Planning Committee

ATTENTION!!!

CESSATION OF ILLEGAL/IRREGULAR ADMISSIONS

- 🌿 All applications of admissions to **First Degree, National Diploma, National Innovation Diploma and the Nigeria Certificate in Education into Full-Time, Distance Learning, Part-Time, Outreach, Sandwich, etc.**, must be processed **ONLY** through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).
- 🌿 No Institution should advertise or sell “application forms” for admissions into the programmes. Institutions should advertise candidates to apply to them through Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Duplication of application forms is **NOT** allowed.
- 🌿 Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and the three (3) Regulatory Agencies (National Universities Commission (NUC), National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) and National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) will ensure that all Tertiary Institutions comply with this policy directive. Other Professional Regulatory Agencies will also play a role in sanitizing the process.
- 🌿 The duration of all Non-Full Time Studies must be maintained as approved by the Regulatory Agencies. This is generally not less than one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the equivalence of Full Time.

ADVERTORIALS

- 🌿 Institutions that desire to place advertisement can do so with the requirement that candidates who sat for the current **UTME** (or **DE** candidates) should change to their institutions as First (1st) Choice rather than requesting the candidates to purchase another application form or apply. This is to prevent the issue of double registration which is a violation of the mandate of JAMB.
- 🌿 It should be reiterated that no Institution should advertise or sell “application forms” for admissions into the programmes listed above. Institutions should advise candidates to apply to them through Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Duplication of application forms is **NOT** allowed.