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2022 UTME REGISTRATION TO BE CASHLESS: JAMB TO COLLECT REGISTRATION FEE ON BEHALF OF CBT CENTRES

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board would, as from the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination exercise, be collecting the approved N700 registration fee on behalf of the various Computer-Based Test (CBT) centres along with its UTME registration fees and then remit whatever is

due to each registration centre to its bank account on a weekly basis or any timeframe acceptable to the centre owners.

This laudable step was borne out of a painstaking review of the entire UTME registration process which has revealed some unethical and unacceptable practices by many

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JAMB INTRODUCES COMPUTER STUDIES AND PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION AS UTME SUBJECTS

Candidates sitting the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) can now pick Computer Studies or Physical and Health Education as part of their four UTME subjects if they so desire or as dictated by their programme preferences. This is made possible following the addition, by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), of the two subjects to the existing 23 UTME subjects to make them 25 beginning from the 2022 UTME exercise.

This addition is to enhance the career prospects of students transiting to tertiary institutions. At present, the 23 UTME subjects are: 1. Agricultural Science, Arabic, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Christian Religious Studies, Commerce, Economics, French, Geography, Government, Hausa, History, Home Economics, Igbo, Islamic Studies, Literature-in-English, Mathematics, Music, Physics, Principles of Accounts, Use of English and Yoruba.

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JAMB TO ESTABLISH A/LEVEL TASK TEAM, A/LEVEL QUALIFICATION AND VERIFICATION DATA BANK (ALQVD)

Following the revelations from the recent professional operation undertaken by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) in conjunction with the Federal Ministry of Education as contained in a recent press release by the ICPC about the irregularities in the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) and concerns expressed by major stakeholders about the faking of the Interim Joint Matriculation Board (IJMB) examination results, it has become

necessary for the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), as a moderator of the two examinations, to take appropriate action to put a stop to the unacceptable happenings. Just recently, one of the tertiary institutions in the country has had cause to verify the IJMBE results of more than 146 candidates admitted in its institution with IJMB certificates and had found only six genuine results. Consequently, JAMB has taken a decision to establish what it refers to as the "A/Level Task Team" and the "A/Level

Qualification and Verification Databank" (ALQVD) as a monitoring body and a repository respectively for verified A/L qualifications in Nigeria. These proactive measures, as well as others that are in the pipeline, are to ensure that the gains recorded in the education sector especially the examination sub-sector over the years are not eroded by unscrupulous individuals who do not mean well for Nigeria.

...2022 UTME Registration to be Cashless: JAMB to Collect Registration Fee on Behalf of CBT Centres

Computer-Based Testing (CBT) centres. It is to be noted that these centres are allowed to collect only seven hundred naira (N700) as registration charges but some fraudulent centre owners misused that opportunity to engage in conduct unbecoming of respectable establishments as they indulge in massive extortion of candidates, among others, during the exercise. Consequently, the Board has resolved to

henceforth make the UTME registration process cashless to put a stop to such acts of extortion. This intervention will block all loopholes through which hapless candidates are extorted by unconscionable service providers. This process will not, in any way, increase the cost of UTME registration which remains as it was in the previous year. As such, it is only the process of payment that has changed not the cost. It would

be recalled that in the previous years, candidates pay the sum of N700 at the centres. However, with the new policy, candidates simply walk into any registration centre and register without paying anything as the fee hitherto payable to the centre had been paid along with the cost of obtaining the e-PINS.

JAMB HOLDS TALKS WITH NSCDC



Assistant Commandant-General (ACG), Dr. Benito Eze receiving the Board's annual report from the Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede during the ACG's visit to JAMB.

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has met with the Commandant-

General, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) Dr Ahmed Abubakar Andi, MNI, to strengthen the bilateral relationship between the two bodies.

The Commandant-General, who was represented by the Assistant Commandant-General (ACG), Dr Benito Eze, said he was at the Headquarters of the Board on a visit to consolidate on the gains of his predecessors as well as explore areas of common interest with a view to strengthening the existing relationship between the two bodies.

Dr Eze, who is in charge of Critical

National Asset and Infrastructure (CNAI), said the Corps had been repositioned and equipped for effective service delivery, assuring the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, of the readiness of the Corps to assist him to deliver on his mandate, particularly in terms of curbing examination infractions, information networking, monitoring and deploying strategies in curbing crimes.

In his remarks, the Registrar commended the ingenuity of the Commandant-General and stressed the need for a more coordinated approach and synergy between the Board and NSCDC for a more

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BAYELSA MEDICAL UNIVERSITY SEEKS CLOSER TIES WITH JAMB

The Management of the Bayelsa Medical University (BMU) Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, has paid a courtesy visit to the Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.

The Management team, led by the Pro-Chancellor, Emeritus Prof. Nimi Briggs, stated that they were in JAMB to seek closer ties with the Board and to tap from the rich leadership qualities of the JAMB helmsman.

The former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port-Harcourt commended Prof. Oloyede for his leading role in the fight against examination malfeasance since his assumption of office as the 5th Registrar of the Board.

He said, "Prof. Oloyede has turned the Board into an exemplar of excellence and innovations in Nigeria. The country

deserves more of you to propel her development. You are a role model for aspiring leaders who want to emulate a life of honesty and integrity."

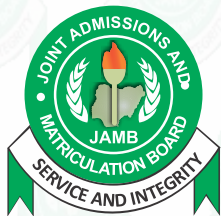
Presenting the newly-accredited programmes of the university for inclusion in the Board's automated admission platform otherwise known as the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) to the Registrar, the Vice-Chancellor of the Institution, Prof. Ebitimitula Nicholas Etebu, presented a three-point request to the Board, one of which is the inclusion of the recently-approved nine programmes of the BMU into the Board's system as well as the accreditation of the institution's ICT centre for the Board's Computer-Based Testing programme.

The Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, thanked the visitors saying he

was happy and honoured to have his "senior Professor" in his office. He said, "On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank the Management team of the University of Medical Sciences, Bayelsa, for this visit. Let me particularly welcome our very senior Professor who is here as the Head of the delegation."

Prof. Nimi Briggs is respected not only in Nigeria but in the whole of Africa for his achievements in health education. He has paid his dues with credibility, honour and anywhere he is, he is seen as someone who has a rich pedigree."

He assured the team that the Board would do its best within the confines of the law to honour their requests while reassuring them of the continued support of the Board where necessary.



JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 20 - NOVEMBER 26, 2021

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N)
1	E-facilities/Sales	100,752,479.00
2	PRC Service Charge	2,167,865.00
3	2021 Late Registration	30,875,428.00
4	Consultancy Services	7,451,224.00
	TOTAL	141,246,996.00

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	16,087,976.22
2	Agency Service	Agency Service	970,000.00
3	Supervision of Examination	Third Party Examination	3,597,040.00
4	Hasib Services Ltd	Retention fee on Azare PTC Computerisation	301,056.45
5	Index Engineering Consult Ltd	Consultancy Fee on Projects	4,359,165.52
6	Ibironke Technologist Ltd	Consultancy fee on Projects	1,909,364.06
7	USD Intergrated Concepts Ltd	Purchase of Computer Hardware	1,815,044.28
8	Kojo Auto Services Center Ltd	Maintenance of Vechicles	1,560,094.25
9	Hammer General Vetures	Publicity	12,850,000.00
10	Tomeh Travels and Tours Ltd	Flight Tickets	4,565,939.00
11	ATD Resoures Ltd	Construction at Owerri PTCs	40,102,746.32
12	Michael Imoudu National Inst for Labour	Conference Fee	180,000.00
13	Remita	Financial charges	23,187.75
	TOTAL		88,321,613.85

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN NOVEMBER 29TH – DECEMBER 5TH

Happy Birthday

29TH NOVEMBER

Sunday Adeleke Aladegbaye
Bukola Timothy Ojuade
Ibrahim Aliyu
Ibiyinka Oluwaseyi Adejuyigbe

30TH NOVEMBER

Ismaila Jimoh
Gimba Ndatsado
Aloysius Okechukwu Nwamuruamu
Osumah Yusuf Musa
Aishat Ahmad
Aliyu Suleiman Zubairu

1TH DECEMBER

Augustine Angbaku
Ismaila Dahiru
Salihu Musa Shehu
Onyechi Chidumebi Aghanwa

2ND DECEMBER

John David
Fadilu Lekan Olanrewaju

3RD DECEMBER

Doris Okhireren Igumah
Moses Chizaram Dimgba

4TH DECEMBER

Jimoh Ezekiel Adewumi

Esther Ngozi Ihiasota
Abdullahi Alhaji
Yakubu Ali Edward
Musa Lawan Bundi
Stella Nkemjika Kpadobi
Omotoyosi Idayat Adenle
Ruth Indo Isimiya

5TH DECEMBER

Dare Abdul Jimoh
Rachel Ojonugwa Onoja
Umar Aliyu Babadoko





EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

DAILY POST NEWSPAPER, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21ST 2021- Basic Education To Get Three Per cent From Consolidated Revenue Fund – FG: The Federal Government has revealed that it has proposed legislation to increase funding from the consolidated revenue fund to Nigeria's Basic Education sector.

Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, who made this known at a meeting of Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) Management in Edo State, explained that the move would see an increase from the current two per cent to three per cent of statutory allocation from the consolidated revenue fund to the Basic Education.

The Minister stressed that one per cent would be invested in the senior secondary education segment.

The Minister who was represented by Dr Folake Olatunji-David, the Director, Basic Education, Federal Ministry of Education, noted that President Muhammadu Buhari's administration is also fully committed to bridging the national skills gap by supporting institutions and establishing new ones to accelerate the production of trained manpower for the different sectors of the national economy.

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21ST 2021- 12,586 Teachers Sit For Professional Qualifying Exams Nationwide: The Director, Certification, and Licensing at the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN), Dr Jacinta Ogborso, said a total of 12,586 candidates sat for the Teachers Professional Qualifying Examination (PQE) conducted by the TRCN in 35 States, including the Federal Capital Territory. She also disclosed that no candidate registered for the PQE in Zamfara State because of the

security challenge.

She spoke during the weekend while monitoring the exercise in the FCT with the Minister of State for Education, Dr Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba, and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Arch. Sonny Echono.

The Minister applauded the conduct of the PQE and said it identifies professional knowledge and teacher competence in the computer-based examination.

VANGUARD NEWSPAPER, MONDAY NOVEMBER 22ND 2021- 2022 WASSCE To Be Conducted In May/June – WAEC, As Body Raises Fee From N13,950 To N18,000: The Head of Nigeria National Office, West African Examination Council, WAEC, Mr Patrick Areghan, has announced that the 2022 West African Senior School Certificate Examination, WASSCE, would be conducted in May/June.

Recall that in recent times, WAEC conducted WASSCE between August and October. Mr Areghan disclosed the revert back to the previous duration of the conduct of WASSCE while announcing 2021 results at the Council National Office, Yaba. He said, "Let me thank the Federal and the various Ministries of Education for working so hard to stabilize the academic calendar."

"Accordingly, as a result of the return to normalcy, the Honourable Minister of Education has requested that the WASSCE for School Candidates, 2022 should be conducted in May/June 2022.

PUNCH NEWSPAPER, MONDAY NOVEMBER 22ND 2021- WAEC Releases Results, 80.56% Processed, 19.44% Still Being Processed: The results of the West African Senior School Certificate

Examination, WASSCE for School Candidates, 2021 in Nigeria have been released with a total of 80.56 per cent fully processed, and 19.44 per cent still being processed.

The Head of Nigeria National Office of the Council, Mr Patrick Areghan disclosed that a total of one million, five hundred and seventy-three thousand, eight hundred and forty-nine (1,573,849) candidates registered for the examination from nineteen thousand, four hundred and twenty-five (19,425) recognized secondary schools in the country. **Also in PREMIUM TIMES, MONDAY NOVEMBER 22ND 2021 AND NATION NEWSPAPER, MONDAY NOVEMBER 22ND 2021.**

DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER, MONDAY NOVEMBER 22ND 2021- FG Disburses UBEC Funds To 1,147 Schools: The Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, said that in the effort to improve the quality of Basic Education to contribute to national development, the Federal Government has begun the disbursement of the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) support funds to improve the quality of Basic Education in 1,147 schools in communities across the country. The flag-off tagged, "Northern Phase of the 2019 School-Based Management Committee-School Improvement Programme (SBMC-SIP) and disbursement of UBEC support funds," was held in Gombe.

Mal. Adamu, who was represented by the Minister of State for Education, Dr Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba, said the UBEC programme was community-based and stakeholder-driven, hence the need for a collective approach for its successful

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implementation.

He stated that SBMC-SIP was initiated to provide financial support to communities in the planning, execution and ownership of priority basic education delivery projects in their schools.

THISDAY NEWSPAPER, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23RD 2021-

Why Nigerian Varsities Are Poorly Ranked – TETFUND:

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has identified some of the problems hindering the progress and performance of Nigerian universities in the global ranking of world universities.

Speaking at a workshop for public universities in Lagos, the Executive Secretary, TETFUND, Prof. Suleiman Bogoro, said over-politisation, mediocrity, frequent strike were some of the reasons for the poor global ranking of Nigerian varsities.

The two-day workshop which had Vice-Chancellors from the Southern part of Nigeria was titled, 'Requirement for Strengthening Nigerian Universities for Higher Global Ranking.'

Prof. Bogoro said, "Some of the problems identified as hindering the progress and performance of Nigerian Universities in the global ranking of world universities include poor investment by some arm of government in the development of universities; decaying infrastructure; corruption in the public university system; the high number of mushroom universities not worthy of status; poor attitude of Nigerian lecturers to teaching and research; large numbers of students at the undergraduate level and limited financial and physical resources. Other reasons include low research collaboration; low performance on international linkages and collaborations; loss in quality of faculty due to brain drain of lecturers and brilliant students to foreign institutions." **Also in PUNCH NEWSPAPER, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23RD 2021.**

VANGUARD NEWSPAPER, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 23RD 2021-

Reps' Bill Finally Ends Disparity Between BSC/HND, As NABTEB Act Amendment Bill Passes Second Reading: A bill seeking a perpetual end to the dichotomy between the

university degrees and the Higher National Diplomas, HNDs awarded by polytechnics have been passed into law in the House of Representatives.

Titled "A Bill for an Act to Abolish and Prohibit Dichotomy and Discrimination between First Degree and Higher National Diploma in the Same Profession/Field for the Purpose of Employment; and for Related Matters", was read for the third time which was the final stage of the law-making process at Tuesday plenary.

TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24TH 2021 -

FG Set To Reposition Unity Colleges:

The Minister of State for Education, Hon. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba has disclosed plans by the Federal Government to reposition the 110 Unity Colleges across the country to strengthen the quality and optimum performance of the schools in all ramifications.

The minister stated this while declaring open the 2021 Annual General Meeting of Principals of Unity Colleges in the country, which opened in Gombe, the Gombe State Capital.

In his opening speech titled "Repositioning Federal Unity Colleges" Hon. Nwajiuba said the Federal Government is determined to bring back quality and standard to Federal Unity Colleges across the country, Director, Press and Public Relations, Mr Ben. Bem Goong said in a statement.

To achieve this, the Minister said President Muhammadu Buhari has set the ball rolling through a bumper welfare package for teachers, which he approved last year. He said the Federal Government was committed to restoring the past glory of the Federal Unity Colleges through adequate funding, strict supervision and re-evaluation of the entire system. **Also in GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2021.**

SUN NEWSPAPER, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 24TH 2021-

FG Partners JAMB To Conduct CBT, Recruit Officers Into

NIS, NCOS, FFS, NSCDC: To ensure transparency, equity, and justice in its recruitment processes, the Federal Government has successfully conducted computer-based tests for screening and

the recruitment of over 19,000 officers into the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Nigeria Correctional Service (NCoS), Federal Fire Service (FFS) and Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC). The Ministry of Interior under the leadership of Rauf Aregbesola, in a move that is unprecedented in the annals of the Ministry, partnered with the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to carry out the test to give youths seeking employment equal opportunities to be employed into the services.

The aim of the exercise is to further strengthen the current administration's policy thrust of ensuring transparency in the conduct of government business.

NATION NEWSPAPER, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2021-

JAMB Uncovers

706,189 Illegal Admissions: The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has uncovered 706, 189 illegal admissions by Universities, Colleges of Education, Polytechnics and other institutions, Registrar Ishaq Oloyede said. He said the illegality was perpetrated by public and private higher institutions across the six geopolitical zones. According to him, 114 Universities account for 67,795 of the illegal admissions; 489,918 in 137 Polytechnics; 142,818 in 80 Colleges of Education and 5,678 in 37 other institutions.

The 'hidden' admissions, which Prof. Oloyede said were unknown to JAMB as prescribed by law, were perpetrated from 2017 to 2020 by the affected institutions.

"The Education Minister Malam Adamu Adamu has agreed to a plea by JAMB for a last chance for the violators," said Oloyede during a consultative/sensitisation meeting with stakeholders in Abuja.

He said Vice-Chancellors, Rectors and Provosts of the affected institutions have admitted their mistakes by "sending a formal letter of confession and disclosure to the JAMB Registrar." **Also in DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2021, PUNCH NEWSPAPER, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2021.**



OLOYEDE A RARE BREED

- VC ELIZADE UNIVERSITY



Prof. Olukayode Amund, Vice-Chancellor, Elizade University being presented with JAMB annual report by Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, Registrar JAMB during the Vc's visit to JAMB.

Impressed with his superlative performance at the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and his penchant for excellence, probity and accountability, the Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, has been described as a rare breed.

The commendation came from the Vice-Chancellor of Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State, Prof. Olukayode Amund, who had led a delegation of the University to the Headquarters of the Board at Bwari, Abuja, on a courtesy visit.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out that the successes

recorded in JAMB were not accidental considering Prof. Oloyede's pedigree as a unique academic and a transformer which became manifest when he held sway as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin.

"We all will continue to partner with JAMB to enhance the gains of education. It is time concerted efforts were made as have been seen in the Board's bid to change the educational narratives in the country."

Prof. Amund, who was in JAMB in connection with the 2021/2022 Admissions exercise of the University, reiterated his determination to take the institution to her zenith.

He said the University would

be ten years old by February 2022 noting that the institution has made appreciable progress over the years. He disclosed that the university currently has a population of 1500 students which, according to him, was no mean feat for such a young University.

The hardworking Vice-Chancellor stated that the university was committed to excellence, research, community development and competent manpower that would drive the country's quest for greatness.

The Registrar JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, commended the Vice-Chancellor for building on the successes recorded by his predecessors. He advised the Vice-Chancellor on the need to stay focused on the goal and to avoid all distractions, which at times, come as a result of not doing the right thing. He, however, assured the Vice-Chancellor of the Board's support as long as the university is on the right path.

JICCS ELECTS NEW EXCO



Mr Aliyu Mohammed, re-elected President, JICCS.

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Investment Credit Cooperative Society (JICCS) has elected new executives to run its affairs for the next two years.

The election, which was held on Monday, 22nd November 2021, returned the incumbent President, Mr Aliyu Mohammed, the Vice President, Mrs Salamatu Kadiri, and some other executive members unopposed while the



Comrade Caleb Musa, re-elected General Secretary, JICCS

position of Secretary-General of the Society was, however, keenly contested by Comrade Caleb Musa of the Human Resources Department and Mr Yemi Omojuyigbe of the Abuja Zonal Office.

Comrade Caleb Musa, the 5th Secretary-General of the 18-year cooperative society, now renamed, JAMB Investment Credit Cooperative Society (JICCS), was returned elected with 217 votes defeating Mr Yemi Omojuyigbe who received 117 votes.

The election was the first of its kind as contenders had run issue-based campaigns and had sought to outdo each other in proffering solutions to the myriads of issues crucial to the survival of the Society in an increasingly challenging operating environment.

Some of the issues raised by supporters of the two candidates vying for the position of Secretary-General raised critical issues bordering on accountability, integrity, strategic innovations and advancement especially by those of Mr Omojuyigbe. Not to be outdone, those supporting Mr Musa were concerned about the survival of the Society, particularly as pertains to the crisis surrounding the N153m loan sourced from the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria FMBN by a developer which the current Management of the Society had kicked against.

With this election, it is obvious that members of the society have made a categorical statement in how they want the affairs of the Society to be directed.

ILLEGAL ADMISSION: FORMER EDUCATION MINISTERS, OKEBUKOLA, OTHERS CALL FOR STIFFER SANCTIONS



Prof. Chinwe Obaji, Former Minister of Education.



Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufai, Former Minister of Education

Worried by the alarming rate of undisclosed illegal institutional admissions in the nation's tertiary institutions, stakeholders in the education sector have called for stiffer sanctions to curb the menace.

The former Ministers of Education, Prof. Chinwe Nora Obaji, Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Ruf'ai, former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC) and Council Chairman of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Prof. Peter Okebukola, and other critical stakeholders at the consultative sensitisation meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd November 2021, recommended stiffer measures to tackle the menace which they said, if not checked, could erode all the gains recorded in the education sector in recent times.

The brainstorming meeting organised by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), had a four-point agenda which was presented to the stakeholders and were extensively discussed. These issues, which all in attendance agreed, were critical. They included the abuse of regularisation/condonement as a result of undisclosed illegal institutional admission; large-scale infractions in the conduct of the Joint Universities

Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) and the Interim Joint Matriculation Board Examination (IJMBE) as well as introduction/inclusion of Physical and Health Education and Computer Studies as Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) subjects; and the consolidation of the registration charges collected by registration centres into the UTME/DE e-PINs registration fee.

The stakeholders were shocked at the revelation from JAMB and wondered why scholars who should know better would be involved in such illegality and destructive tendencies.

Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufa'i, after commending the JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, for being a true exemplar who has carved a niche for himself by dint of hard work, integrity, selfless service and prudent management of human and material resources said, "I am happy with the measures you are taking. The battle to fix the system is just beginning, please continue to be strict, apply the "name and shame" approach for Nigerians to know their enemies because education is everybody's last hope."

The former Minister of Education, Prof. Obaji was not any different as she first commended Prof. Oloyede for his courage to always speak the truth and

canvassed for more stringent sanctions including cancellation of such illegal admissions. She said, "What is illegal is illegal no two ways around it."

On the introduction of Computer Studies, the former Minister supported the inclusion noting that it was appropriate.

Similarly, a former National Universities Commission (NUC), Executive Secretary, Prof. Peter Okebukola, canvassed for a three-prong human behavioural modification strategy which he listed as: reward for good behaviour to those institutions who are not found wanting; punishment to those who are involved; and value reorientation, which he believed, would help forestall future recurrence.

Continuing, Prof. Okebukola said, "If you reward good behaviour and punish bad behaviour, chances are high that bad behaviour would not be repeated."

The renowned personalities in attendance commended Prof. Oloyede for his ingenuity, courage and forthrightness describing him as a highly "predictable personality" in terms of candour, transparency, accountability, in terms of courage and value.

The participants also condemned some of the rot in the education sector particularly about plagiarism, data fraud and manipulation, among other ills.

Other eminent Nigerians in attendance included former Vice-Chancellor, the University of Port Harcourt and Pro-Chancellor of University of Medical Sciences Bayelsa, Prof. Nimi Briggs, Education Commissioners from Bayelsa, Niger, Kaduna, Imo, Borno, representing the six geopolitical zones of the country. The Ogun State Commissioner who was to represent the South-West could not make it owing to flight delays.

Other dignitaries on the occasion were some top media personalities who also made useful contributions.

...JAMB Holds Talks with NSCDC

robust investigative regimen to curb examination and registration infractions as well as other unethical behaviours by candidates across the federation. The JAMB Registrar cited the pending

malpractice cases in Nasarawa, Ogun and Oyo in addition to the allegation of extortion at the Abia State Office. The Registrar called for more concerted efforts to instil discipline among officers

of the Corps for more effective and result-oriented partnership.



Members of NSCDC delegation during the visit of the Assistant Commandant-General (ACG), Dr. Benito Eze to JAMB.



Assistant Commandant-General (ACG), Dr. Benito Eze with the registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede.



The Vice-Chancellor of Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State, Prof. Olukayode Amund with members of his management in a meeting with the Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede during the Vc's visit to JAMB.



The Registrar of JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede demonstrating the workability of the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) to admission officer of Elizade University.



Prof. Nimi Briggs, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Port Harcourt at the stakeholders meeting with JAMB in Abuja.



Prof. Peter Okebukola, former ES, NUC making a remark during the stakeholders meeting with JAMB in Abuja.

JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, BWARI, ABUJA

ABUSE OF REGULARISATION/CONDONEMENT: FINAL NOTICE ON ILLEGITIMATE ADMISSIONS CONDUCTED BY SOME TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) wishes to call the attention of the general public to the danger of illegitimate admissions which some institutions have been conducting. The 1978 JAMB Act, as amended, empowers JAMB as the body to admit candidates into National Innovation Diploma (NID), Nigeria Certificate of Education (NCE), National Diploma (ND) and First Degree programme in the Tertiary Education system. The Board serves as repository of data on admission into Tertiary Education in Nigeria.

- Unfortunately, some Tertiary Institutions circumvent the process and admit candidates (qualified and unqualified) without the knowledge of the Board. This unwholesome practice has been on for some time and has continued despite several warnings to the tertiary institutions engaging in the unwholesome practice. The most obvious problem arising from this act is the misplaced lamentation of graduates who require the admission letter of JAMB to pursue post graduate endeavors such as housemanship, scholarship, enrolment into NYSC etc,
- The real danger and embarrassment that this practice constitutes to the nation can bear some illustration. Global institutions compile statistics on various sectors of human activities based on figures supplied by national establishments. The world expects the most reliable statistics from these national institutions, more so from one coordinating admission into tertiary institutions.
- Unfortunately, Nigeria has not been able to timely provide such reliable statistics that can inspire world confidence due to among others, this unwholesome practice of illegitimate admission by tertiary institutions. This is because the statistics have to be radically revised almost yearly when these illegitimate admissions are revealed. For example in 2015, Nigeria submitted (through the National Bureau of Statistics) that its intake into tertiary educational institution during the previous year (2014) was 282,007, by 2021, the same Nigeria submitted that actual intake for the same 2014 has risen to 537,935 (90% increase on its initial submission for the year). The situation is similar to the case of a teacher who on Tuesday reported that the previous day (Monday) 10 students attended his class, but on Friday of the week submitted that students who attended his class on the same Monday were actually 16 (because some attended but were not counted).
- If the statistics on admission into our tertiary institutions cannot be trusted absolutely, the integrity of all our national statistics will be in question. The table below graphically depicts the enormity of the discrepancies.

Admission Year	Date of Policy Meeting (This was when the Admission Statistics of Previous Years were made Public	Initial Disclosed Figure for the Year	New 2021 Updated Total of Initially Undisclosed Admission but later discovered, Condoned and Regularised	Percentage Increase
2014	14 th July, 2015	282,007	537,935	90.75%
2015	22 nd July, 2016	567,382	574,912	1.3%
2016	26 th September, 2017	559,485	603,337	7.84% (Before stoppage of Regularisation)

- JAMB understandably was concerned, indeed alarmed by this sorry state of our tertiary institution admission statistics and took steps to address the situation. In 2017, the Board introduced a software known as Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) which provides a national platform for each institution to initiate admission online for the approval and records of JAMB.
- Despite the fact that it is easy to use the CAPS platform aside other benefits for candidates, some institutions continue to defy the decision of the National Policy Meeting headed by the Honourable Minister of Education that the CAPS is the only platform for processing of admissions into Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria.
- The unpleasant consequence is that these illegitimate admissions damage the image of the Country as statistics provided by the Bureau of Statistics (NBS) and similar agencies are rendered inaccurate by as high as 90% in some cases. This distorts the statistics of the number of students in our tertiary institutions. JAMB is then made to supply radically different figures of entrants for the same year. In addition misplaced pressure is annually put on JAMB to condone (or regularise) such illegal and improper admission made 3 or 4 years earlier by the Head of Institutions who in almost all the cases not the incumbent.
- Another absurdity is that the Gross Enrolment ratio (GER) for tertiary education which JAMB provides for the Federal Ministry of Education is fed into global databank of tertiary institutions and Nigeria continues to publish low GER record which was far from reality on ground. Also, one of the unsavory effects of the undisclosed admissions by tertiary institutions is that it makes planning difficult. With inaccurate data, planning cannot adequately cater for the intended purposes.

10 Again, the undisclosed admissions do not show transparency and is devoid of honesty. Our experience since 2017 is that CAPS, as similar devices have done in other countries, is capable of removing the foregoing anomalies associated with Nigeria's tertiary education admission processes. Except for the lawlessness of some tertiary institutions, CAPS has been so successful in Nigeria such that some other countries have come to understudy it.

11 CAPS process-flow is that JAMB provides the scores of the candidates with their other vital data to the institutions who are at liberty to conduct further screening, add the scores of such screening, rank the candidates and upload the ranking on CAPS.

12 The institution is also the only one that can initiate and recommend candidates to JAMB for admission. JAMB merely ensures the institution complies with the specification prescribed by each proprietor of the tertiary institution and not below the minimum National threshold.

13 Since 2017, JAMB does not and cannot initiate admission of any candidate nor can it offer admission to any candidate not expressly recommended by the respective institutions.

14 It is regrettable that since 2017 when the Board introduced CAPS, institutions were asked to stop illegal admissions but, unfortunately, this has gone unheeded and a number of the institutions continue to conduct illegal admissions.

15 Beneficiaries of such illegal admission suffer many deprivations such that in the past, the Board out of sympathy and consideration of human and material resources expended on training the illegally admitted candidates has been constrained to condone these illegitimate admissions through what was known as regularisation. This was just to ameliorate the difficulties the hapless candidates are subjected to by this unwholesome act. The Board later changed the name from regularisation to condonement of illegitimate admission. The Board provided an indemnity-form to be completed by the Head of Tertiary Institutions to confess that the institution actually admitted (undisclosed) candidate illegally and is just being retroactively processed for admission. The institutions without much hesitation have been completing the confession and indemnity forms.

16 The Board in its resolve not to allow the innocent students suffer, has been condoning all these infractions in admissions done prior to 2017 (when it was stopped). Now pressure is again being mounted on the Board to condone the illegitimate admissions conducted post CAPS era (2017 to date) by some institutions. It is most regrettable that some institutions were even discovered to have conducted admissions even before they were licensed to commence academic programmes.

17 Consequently, the Board is providing a platform to cater for those illegitimate admissions done between 2017 and 2020 which were not captured on CAPS. This platform is to rescue innocent but minimally qualified candidates from the consequences of their illegitimate and improper entry. The most disturbing facts are that many of the undisclosed candidates were admitted with poorer qualifications than their unadmitted more brilliant candidates from the same locality thereby maligning the well thought out affirmative action known in Nigeria as Federal Character principle which demands national spread of picking the best from each locality (subject to minimum benchmark). In addition, some of the illegally enlisted candidates are now made to graduate without the prescribed entry qualification. The Institutions involved in such lawless actions are available in all the six Geopolitical zones of Nigeria.

18 As a measure to mop-up the backlog of improperly admitted candidates, the Board creates a platform to belatedly capture those screened and found to have the minimum requirement for admission.

19 Such candidates are then processed retroactively in order to allow them enjoy the benefits of their certificates. This is being done with the hope that the institutions would then put a halt to illegal admission and its consequent damage to the Nation. This shall be the last time that improper/illegitimate admissions will be condoned by JAMB.

20 Tertiary institutions, candidates and the public at large are to note that the purveyors and beneficiaries of improper/illegitimate tertiary institution admissions will henceforth live with the unpleasant consequences of their actions.

21 Candidates and influence-wielding parents are advised to heed this warning and ensure that before accepting admission from any institution, it beholds on them to verify that such offer of admission had been processed through the JAMB's platform i.e CAPS as no further request for condonement shall be entertained by the Board.

It is expected that by this publication, JAMB has served enough notice to all and sundry.

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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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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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