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2024: A YEAR OF INNOVATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN JAMB



The year 2024 holds significant promise for individuals, organizations, and nations alike. In Nigeria, under the leadership of President Bola Ahmad Tinubu, economic reforms are taking shape, evident in the gradual decline of PMS pump prices, signaling a shift towards a more competitive market. For the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), 2024 represents a pivotal moment—a time to

reap the rewards of the various innovations the Board has implemented. One area where the Board has demonstrated commendable courage over the years is in enhancing accountability, transparency, and openness in its financial practices. Since 2017, the Board has consistently provided weekly income and expenditure reports for public scrutiny.

As we reflect on 2024, it is essential to uphold our commitment to transparency by sharing our financial performance for the year. In 2024, the Board generated a total income of N22,996,653,265.25. From this amount, It expended N18,198,739,362.68 towards conducting examinations (UTME), paid service providers, and covering essential expenses, including staff claims amounting to N2,119,571,022.88.

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.....The various reforms instituted by the management of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) under the leadership of Prof. Is-haq Oloyede over the years culminated in significant achievements and recognition in 2024. At a roundtable organized by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) in January 2024, the President, represented by Vice President

Kashim Shettima, commended the Board and specifically highlighted Prof. Oloyede's exemplary character, purposeful leadership, and prudent management of resources. This recognition was underscored by the Board's remarkable remittance of N50 billion as an operating surplus to the

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ASCSN CHAIRMAN RENEWS CALLS FOR OPTIMISM

The Unit Chairman of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) Association of Senior Civil Servant of Nigeria (ASCSN), Comrade Ebenezer Ayelabola, has charged all members of the labour union to be optimistic as well as remained dedicated for a productive work environment in the year 2025. This was contained in his New Year

Message titled: "Happy New Year" to members and made available to JAMBulletin on 1st Wednesday, January, 2025.

Comrade Ayelabola, on behalf of the entire executives of the Union, also expressed his sincere appreciation to all members for their unwavering support while wishing them a prosperous and fulfilling new year.

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2024 FINANCE IN FOCUS

INCOME: N22.9B

EXPENDITURE: N18.1B
(including staff claims of N2.1B)

REMITTANCE: N6B, with a total reduction for candidates of N2.9B, which would have resulted in a total remittance of N9B.

...2024: A Year of Innovation and Accountability in JAMB

Upon assuming office, Professor Is-haq Oloyede's management team prioritized financial responsibility. In line with government regulations, it remitted over N7billion from its operational surplus during the first year. Additionally, management initiated a programme to give back to candidates by reducing the cost of its application documents by

N1,500, a practice that has continued with subsequent remittances to the federal treasury. In 2024, the Board remitted N6,034,605,510.69 to the government. When combined with the N1,500 reduction per form for candidates multiple by the number of candidates that benefited in 2024, the total remittance by JAMB would

amount to N9,013,068,510.69.

Looking ahead to 2025, the Board remains committed to maintaining accountability, transparency, and openness in all financial dealings. The Board will also continue to ensure equity and fairness for all candidates in the admission process, which remains its core mandate.

2025 UTME/DE REGISTRATION: COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS CRITICAL TO SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME - ADEBIYI

In line with the dictum that says, "He who fails to plan, plans to fail" the Gombe State Coordinator, Mr. Johnson Adebisi, on Tuesday, 31st December, 2024, organised a one-day capacity building workshop for staff of the State Office ahead of the commencement of the 2025 UTME/DE registration exercise.

While stating the objectives of the workshop, the Coordinator declared that it was borne out of the desire to set meaningful goals for the State Office and its staff during the upcoming 2025 UTME registration exercise so as to achieve a seamless exercise as well as foster teamwork.

Adebisi stated that the office workspace had been structured to prevent overcrowding at the Board's Professional Registration Centre (PRC) and the adjoining holding areas to ensure a seamless registration exercise.

According to him, this initiative became expedient in view of the recent reports of stampedes recorded in some public places across the country noting that the Board as a responsible and responsive organisation is duty bound to display a high level of professionalism to ensure the safety of candidates and staff during the registration exercise. He added that to achieve maximum result, the principle of management by objectives would be adopted to measure performance against a series of set targets to gauge staff overall performance in their assigned responsibilities.

Furthermore, he stated that the 2025 UTME/DE registration exercise scheduled for January, 2025, is time bound, and, therefore, urged staff to be committed and dedicated to their duties to prevent disruption of the Board's Calendar for 2025. To this

end, he revealed that the State Office would set reminders to review daily goals, keep up-to-date records on the 2025 UTME/DE registration dashboard, eliminate time wasting activities, deploy productivity apps, motivate staff, as well as offer a wellness programme during the exercise.

Adebisi further advised staff to shun any act unbecoming of an officer of the Board as anyone found wanting would be sanctioned appropriately. He reiterated that all hands must be on deck to achieve the goals of the Board and solicited the cooperation of all staff in this direction.

At the end of the training, the staff expressed appreciation to the State Coordinator for organising the workshop and pledged their support as he repositioned the State Office for enhanced productivity.

...ASCSN Chairman Renews Calls for Optimism in 2025

"Reflecting on the strides we made together in the past year, we are filled with pride and gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication. Your commitment has been the backbone of our successes, and we are inspired to achieve even greater heights this year," he said.

Ayelabola also disclosed the resolve of the leadership of the union to prioritise members' welfare in the new year through innovative

strategies and collaborative efforts. In his words: "The year 2025 presents us with new opportunities and challenges, hence the resolve of the executive committee of the union to deliver outstanding results.

"We are ready to go all out to explore and employ innovative strategies to foster collaboration to ensure that our collective goals are met. We, therefore, urge you all to give us your unalloyed support as we cannot do it alone. We urge you to continue

supporting us with the same vigour, unity, and dedication that have brought us this far. Together, we can harmoniously overcome challenges and achieve remarkable progress.

"Let us approach this year with renewed energy, optimism, and a shared vision for success. May the year 2025 take us all closer to our aspirations and strengthen our collective bond."





JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 28 2024 - JANUARY 03 2025

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (N)
1	E-facilities/Sales	59,723,200.00
2	PRC Service Charge	640,500.00
	TOTAL	60,363,700.00
	The sum of N15,090,925.00 was auto-deducted by OAGF for Operating Surplus remittance to CRF.	

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE	AMOUNT (N)
1	Staff Claims & Welfare	Various	402,795,429.66
2	Accreditation of CBT Centres	2025 Registration and UTME	1,735,000.00
3	CBT Centre	Third Party Examination	255,000.00
4	Maina Foods and Processing Ltd	Staff Meals	1,541,600.00
5	Umma Food Concept	Staff Meals	4,718,800.00
6	Salaudeen Afusat Odun	Staff Meals	1,372,400.00
7	Agency Service	Security Service	12,600,000.00
8	Remita	Financial Charges	237,037.50
	TOTAL		425,255,267.16

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN JANUARY 6TH – JANUARY 12TH 2025

Happy Birthday

6TH JANUARY

Sanusi Mu'azu Atose
Philomena Ngezelonye Asielue
Ojochide Ogu
Latifat Kikelomo Adelokun
Mushrafat Oyebola Oladimeji

7TH JANUARY

Latifat Adenike Orunsolu
Linda Chinwedu Agu

8TH JANUARY

Lawal Gusau Shehu

9TH JANUARY

Hureira Mohammed Baba

10TH JANUARY

Joseph Iorfa Ugbena
Mu'azu Baba Ndaliman
Mary Ebu Akpam
Toyibah Temitope Ambali-
Ekungba
Toba Ayodeji Agbelusi
Abubakar Sadiq Abdullahi
Abdulkadir Abdullahi Bana

Nafiu Awaisu

11TH JANUARY

Anthony Aberhire Tuedor
Benjamin Motima Kwamu
Abdulazeez Abdulrazaq
Habeeb Atanda Suleiman

12TH JANUARY

Shuaibu Mohammed Adamu
Aisha Madaki Habib





EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

PREMIUM TIMES, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024: UNIABUJA Names Aisha Maikudi as New Vice Chancellor: - The Governing Council of the University of Abuja, under the chairmanship of Saddiq Kaita, a retired Air Vice-Marshal, has approved the appointment of Prof. Aisha Maikudi as the seventh substantive Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Habib Yakoob, the University's Acting Director of Information, said the appointment was announced during the 77th Extraordinary Meeting of the Governing Council on Tuesday, 31st December 2024.

The appointment takes effect from 1st January 2025, and it is for a non-renewable tenure of five years, Mr Yakoob said...

Prior to her appointment, Prof. Maikudi, served in an acting capacity from 5th July 2024... **Also in Daily Trust, Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

NATION, THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025: NELFUND Has Paid N24b as Loan, Upkeep for 335,000 Students: - More than N18.5 billion has been paid to tertiary institutions as student loans, the Managing Director of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFUND), Mr. Akintude Sawyerr, has confirmed.

Mr. Sawyerr, who spoke on a TVC programme, said additional N5.5 billion has been paid directly to 115,000 students as pocket cash. He said the payments covered the fees and upkeep of the 335,000 students who have benefitted from the loan

initiative since its take-off last year. "Currently, we have disturbed N18.5 billion to institutions. They have received that amount of money in their accounts. The upkeep is paid monthly. We have distributed about N5.5 billion so far for students' upkeep."

PREMIUM TIMES, THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025: Again, Nigerian Govt Reintroduces History into Education Curriculum: - The Nigerian government has announced the reintroduction of history as a subject in the basic education curriculum.

The Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, disclosed this during a recent appearance on Channels Television programme.

Dr. Alausa said history, a vital part of nation building has been missing in the Nigerian education system for a long time, noting that the subject will now be taught in schools from 2025.

"We now have people up to 30-year-old totally disconnected from our history. It doesn't happen in any part of the world," he said.

He said president Bola Tinubu has mandated that the subject be reintroduced into the curriculum.

"From 2025 our students in primary and secondary schools will have that as part of their studies."...

DAILY TRUST, THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025: 2025 Budget: FG To Spend N60bn On Pupils' Feeding: - The federal government has allocated the sum of N60 billion in the 2025 budget for school nutrition feeding of primary schools as one of the new

projects to be executed by the Federal Ministry of Education under its Economic Recovery Growth Plan (ERGP)

Recall that the immediate past minister of education Prof. Tahir Mamman has hinted that the school feeding programme would be handled by the ministry, which was where it originally started before it was moved to the Presidency.

PUNCH, FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025: NUT Tells FG to Simplify Curriculum in 2025: - The Nigeria Union of Teachers has advised the Federal Government of Nigerian to simplify and clarify the ambiguous curriculum.

According to Secretary-General of NUT, Dr. Mike Ike-Ene, the curriculum should be geared towards making the learners productive and employers of labour, adding that any content outside of these should be removed.

Dr. Ike-Ene made this statement while suggesting key areas in the basic education sector that the government should prioritise in 2025.

"One key area that requires attention is the curriculum. The government should reconsider the current approach, which is outdated and too rigid. It is too big. The focus should not solely be on preparing individuals for white-collar jobs but rather on empowering people to become employers. Therefore, the curriculum must be tailored to make individuals more productive and equip them with practical skills for the modern economy."

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MANDATORY USE OF THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (NIN) FOR REGISTRATION WITH JAMB BY CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR NON-REGULAR PROGRAMMES

This Advisory is issued to all the concerned institutions, and candidates desirous of applying to study under the non-regular mode of study in tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

As part of measures to checkmate the nefarious activities of fraudulent characters, who are scheming to compromise candidates' records through dubious registration channels and in compliance with its enabling act, JAMB has mandated that all applicants desirous of studying in Nigerian tertiary institutions must provide their NIN while registering for any programme of study in any tertiary institution in Nigeria irrespective of whether the mode of study is **regular and non-regular**.

2. Consequently, it has now become mandatory for all prospective candidates in the **non-regular category (NOUN, Distance Learning, Part-time and Sandwich programmes)** to create a profile code, before registering with JAMB, by sending their NIN, through their unique phone number to either of the Board's sort code (55019 or 66019).

3. Immediately after the creation of profile, each candidate will proceed to a CBT Centre for registration. After the registration, the candidate's details will appear on the CAPS of the institution of choice under non-regular admission. The institution will then propose and recommend to the Board for approval and the candidate will accept and print admission letter.

4. Furthermore, all previous candidates in the non-regular programmes, who had not integrated their NIN or unique phone number on the Board's platform, would have to create a profile using their respective NINs to access any of the services of the Board.

5. No candidate can use the process to change any of the data already supplied to the Board.

6. JAMB, as a responsive organisation that is conscious of the peculiarities of the non-regular studies, will continue to make the registration process as flexible as possible by making its platform available throughout the year. It is, therefore, expected that candidates, who fall under this category, will apply through JAMB before approaching their preferred institutions to process their admission with their respective JAMB registration numbers. They would also be expected to pay their preferred institution a processing fee as determined by the respective institutions.

7. Please be guided for compliance.

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Registrar

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national treasury over the past eight years.

Shortly thereafter, the Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR) rated JAMB highly in its performance index using its Self-Assessment Tool (SAT). During an official visit to JAMB's National Headquarters in Bwari, Abuja, on March 19, 2024, BPSR Director-General Dr. Dasuki Arabi praised the Board for its commitment to efficient service delivery and acknowledged Prof. Oloyede's visionary leadership.

In response to the government's confidence in JAMB, the Board was tasked with combating the prevalence of fake degrees and certificates in the country. To enhance its efforts in this area, JAMB collaborated with relevant agencies, including the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC). In April 2024, this partnership was formalized to protect the integrity of tertiary education certificates, helping to identify fraudulent candidates seeking to participate in the NYSC scheme.

The year 2024 also marked a commitment to inclusivity, as JAMB announced a refund of registration fees for all candidates with disabilities and pledged to provide free Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) and Direct Entry (DE) forms for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) to alleviate their financial burdens.

Recognition continued throughout the year, with the National Assembly, particularly the House of Representatives, commending JAMB for its rigorous examination processes and transparency regarding the Mmesoma matter. The Deputy Senate President further lauded the Board's unprecedented achievements, advocating for honors to be bestowed upon its leadership.

To sustain its high performance, JAMB adopted a new Performance

Management System (PMS) to replace the outdated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (APER). This new system aims to ensure accountability and improve staff performance.

In a significant achievement, JAMB successfully conducted the 2024 UTME without any disruptions, including the foreign component of the examination held in eight countries in July 2024. Additionally, Prof. Oloyede's management introduced a novel initiative by allocating one billion naira to support the Renewed Hope Housing Scheme, aiming to assist staff with low incomes in securing housing and discouraging unethical practices.

The Board continued to promote excellence in admissions into tertiary institutions, consolidating the gains of the National Tertiary Admissions Performance Merit Award (NATAP-M), which recognizes compliance with admission guidelines. The fourth edition of the award, covering the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 academic years, featured a cash prize pool of ₦710 million. The University of Ilorin emerged as the top institution, receiving a ₦500 million prize, while Ahmadu Bello University and Borno State University followed closely with cash prizes of ₦75 million and ₦25 million, respectively.

In a decisive move, JAMB declared that it would no longer accommodate illegal admissions through the "Condonement of Illegal Admissions without Registration Number," a practice that allowed the absorption of candidates who had been admitted illegally prior to 2017.

In a groundbreaking initiative, JAMB hosted the first-ever Africa Regional Conference on Equal Opportunity of Access to Higher Education (ARCEAHED) in Abuja from September 16-19, 2024. This conference aimed to advocate for the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities in higher education across the African continent.

As part of its annual self-assessment, JAMB held its 2024 Annual Management Retreat from August 26-29, focusing on reviewing operational processes, including the 2024 UTME. This retreat aimed to identify challenges, develop strategies for improvement, and reinforce successful practices. Participants at the retreat recognized JAMB's exemplary service delivery and contributions to the education sector.

The year also saw numerous nominations and awards for JAMB and Prof. Oloyede, including the COEASU Legacy Award for Educational Advancement, the Hallmarks of Labour Honours, and the ICPC award for top-performing agency. Prof. Oloyede was also honored with the title of Kulliyani Sokoto by His Eminence, the Sultan of Sokoto.

Additionally, JAMB celebrated the success of its staff member, Mr. Jamilu Musa Jauro, whose project won the DG's Best Project award at the NISS Executive Intelligence Management Course, securing a prize of ₦15 million.

To further address the ongoing challenges of theft or missing Subscriber Identity Modules (SIMs), JAMB collaborated with the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to provide customized SIMs for UTME/DE candidates for the 2025 registration cycle.

Overall, 2024 was a landmark year for JAMB, characterized by significant achievements, robust collaborations, and a steadfast commitment to enhancing the integrity and accessibility of higher education in Nigeria.

JAMB DATA MANAGEMENT: EFFICIENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN ACTION - LANRE APATA



In complying with the 21st-century global standards in the education and e-testing industry, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has taken the bull by the horns in ensuring the security of personal data as it delivers on its mandate. This singular mindset has not only facilitated a commendable scorecard of data safety, transparency, accountability, but also the elimination of bias.

Remarkably, JAMB, as an examination body, has been a frontrunner in ensuring that data privacy ethics are strictly adhered to within the ambits of the data protection laws in the country.

The Nigeria Data Protection Act of 2023 is the country's legal framework guiding the collection, processing, usage and storage of data collected. Its objectives summarily protect the fundamental rights of data subjects while creating means of recourse and remedies in cases of data breach or violation; promote data processing practices while ensuring data controllers and processors fulfil their obligations to data subjects within the confines of the Act and under the watch of an effective regulatory Commission.

This background informs the Board's understanding and prioritization of data safety and responsible management. As an examination body tasked with the responsibility of overseeing admission into tertiary institutions in the country, data is

regularly collected from candidates registering for UTME, DE, Part-Time, Distance Learning, Sandwich and National Open University for the purpose of admission. This sensitive and rigorous process is often heightened during the yearly UTME/DE registration exercise where the Board registers close to two million candidates every year.

In its bid to foster data integrity and centralisation, the Board mandated the use of the National Identification Number (NIN) for UTME/DE candidates in 2021. This has accelerated the elimination of multiple databases and the expansion of the country's identity database as candidates have to register for NIN before initiating the process of UTME/DE registration. It is also pertinent to add that this process has eliminated the laborious collection of fresh data, a process susceptible to falsification as some unscrupulous candidates attempt to alter their earlier-generated personal data. Consequently, the Board's insistence on the possession of a valid NIN as opposed to the collection of fresh data evidences the willingness of an organisation grounded in responsible data collection and management.

It is also noteworthy to mention that the Board's introduction of Profile Codes based on personalised telephone numbers, and the use of biometric verification for pre-

examination, examination and post-examination activities are deliberate measures put in place to authenticate the genuineness of users, safeguard data and eliminate fraudulent practices.

These technology-driven innovations have put the Board miles ahead of scammers in terms of ensuring compliance with data regulations as unauthorised access, which could engender legal issues with the regulator and data subjects is no longer an issue.

As an examination body that prides itself in the integrity of its processes, JAMB, under the leadership of Professor Is-haq Oloyede, has invested in world-class ICT infrastructure to protect the reliability and integrity of its e-testing process. On different occasions and fora, the Board has expressed confidence in the safety and security of candidates' results through the deployment of a world-class data storage system. This, over the years, has allayed the fears of the public and has demonstrated the Board's unwavering commitment to the development of the nation's tertiary education system.

With its sound understanding of regulatory sanctions and its responsibilities to young Nigerians, JAMB does not shy away from meting out appropriate sanctions on erring parties to avert breaches and unethical practices in data usage and management. A recent example is the Board's decisiveness in sanctioning an accredited CBT centre where a non-JAMB centre staff had retrieved a candidate's data for unethical use in Lagos State. In conclusion, JAMB accords data protection a pride of place in its processes as evidenced in its ethical, meticulous and professional collection, usage, and storage of data. This posture has endeared the Board to Nigerians as they increasingly throng the Board's headquarters for their data and assessment needs.

ATTENTION!!!

THE NEW NOMENCLATURE FOR THE BOARD'S OFFICE AND OUTSTATION DIRECTORS

S/N	Zonal Office	Office's Acronym	Nomenclature of Head of Office	Director's Acronym
1.	Abuja Zonal Office	AZO	Zonal Director, Abuja	ZDA
2.	Bauchi Zonal Office	BZO	Zonal Director, Bauchi	ZDB
3.	Lafia Zonal Office	LZO	Zonal Director, Lafia	ZDL
4.	Maiduguri Zonal Office	MZO	Zonal Director, Maiduguri	ZDM
5.	Kano Zonal Office	KZO	Zonal Director, Kano	ZDK
6.	Port Harcourt Zonal Office	PZO	Zonal Director, Port Harcourt	ZDP
7.	Ibadan Zonal Office	IZO	Zonal Director, Ibadan	ZDI
8.	Benin Zonal Office	NZO	Zonal Director, Benin	ZDN
9.	Sokoto Zonal Office	SZO	Zonal Director, Sokoto	ZDS
10.	Enugu Zonal Office	EZO	Zonal Director, Enugu	ZDE
11.	Owerri Zonal Office (HA)	OWZO (HA)	Zonal Director (HA), Owerri	ZDOW
12.	Lagos Zonal Office (HA)	LGZO (HA)	Zonal Director (HA), Lagos	ZDLG
13.	Ilorin Zonal Office (HA)	LRZO (HA)	Zonal Director (HA), Ilorin	ZDLR
14.	Kaduna Zonal Office (HA)	KDZO (HA)	Zonal Director (HA), Kaduna	ZDKD