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JAMB RE-ARRESTS EMMANUEL PRAISE AKATAKA OVER ALLEGED FRAUD



Emmanuel Praise Akataka

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) wishes to notify the public of a troubling development involving Emmanuel Praise Akataka, one of the syndicate members

earlier arrested in connection with registration fraud.

Mr. Akataka had previously been apprehended for his role in a network engaged in suspicious criminal conspiracy, impersonation, identity theft, online fraud, and other related offences targeted at UTME candidates. In the course of his operations, he created a fictitious identity known as "Official Frederick", through which he established a WhatsApp platform used to advertise false services such as score inflation. Through this scheme, he deceived no fewer than 94 candidates into soliciting for score enhancement by paying for this

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JAMB CONDUCTS 2026 UTME MOCK

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has successfully conducted the 2026 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) Mock.

The exercise was held in 758 out of over 900 centres nationwide, with more than 200,000 candidates participating.

While the exercise was largely successful, a few centres experienced technical failures. This underscores the importance of the mock examination, which is designed to give candidates the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the Computer-Based Test (CBT) environment, while also enabling the Board to assess its level of preparedness. With the exercise now concluded, the Board will undertake a comprehensive review to evaluate its effectiveness,

address identified gaps, and take necessary action, including the delisting of centres that failed to meet the required standards.

For the 2026 exercise, two mock sessions were conducted. The first served as the primary mock examination, while the second was organised to give candidates additional opportunity for hands-on practice.

Centres that failed during the exercise will be delisted.

All candidates who participated in the mock are advised to leverage the experience gained to better navigate the examination process in the main UTME scheduled to commence from 16th April, 2026

2026 UTME

UTME

BEGINS

Thursday,

16th April,

2026.

NIGERIAN INSTITUTIONS ACCEPT U.S. CERTIFICATES – JAMB

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has allayed concerns over a lack of reciprocity regarding U.S. certificates, stating that Nigeria accepts such qualifications provided they are issued by institutions duly approved and quality-assured in the United States.

The Registrar of JAMB made this clarification while receiving a delegation from the Public Diplomacy Section of the United States Embassy in Abuja on Wednesday, 26th March 2026.

He explained that the Board does not recognise certificates issued by institutions operating in Nigeria that are

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...Nigerian Institutions Accept U.S. Certificates – JAMB

not quality-assured by the appropriate Nigerian regulatory authorities. For such certificates to be accepted, they must be validated by a recognised quality assurance body, either in Nigeria or abroad, with the approval of the Federal Ministry of Education.

The Registrar further noted that once this requirement is met, candidates with the requisite five credit passes are eligible to present themselves through JAMB, which serves as the clearing house and gateway to tertiary education in Nigeria.

Addressing questions on why Nigerian tertiary institutions accept Cambridge results obtained in Nigeria, he clarified that such certificates are issued directly by the University of Cambridge, not by the examination centres. This, he said, differs from some American-affiliated schools in Nigeria, where certificates are issued by the institutions themselves without recognised external quality assurance.

To illustrate, he presented a U.S. High School Diploma that is accepted by the Board for admission purposes.

He added that Nigerian certificates such as the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) conducted by WAEC, NECO, and NABTEB are recognised in the United States

because they are issued by established national examination bodies with clear accountability. This aligns with the principles of the Addis Ababa (now Arusha) Convention on the recognition of qualifications, which promotes mutual recognition based on quality assurance and reciprocity.

The Registrar emphasised that the United States similarly does not accept certificates issued by institutions within its jurisdiction that are not accredited by appropriate government-recognised agencies.

Earlier, the Assistant Cultural Attaché of the U.S. Embassy in Abuja, Ms. Raisa Dukas, stated that the visit formed part of ongoing engagements between the U.S. Mission and Nigerian educational, governmental, and professional bodies aimed at strengthening collaboration and partnerships.

She noted that the Embassy regularly engages with educational stakeholders in Nigeria to promote study opportunities in the United States, facilitate exchange programmes, and support various educational initiatives. According to her, such interactions are part of broader efforts to advance bilateral relations through educational and cultural exchange.

Ms. Dukas explained that the delegation sought clarification on

why certificates issued by certain American schools in Nigeria are not accepted for admission. She observed that students from these schools often do not sit for terminal qualifying examinations conducted by recognised bodies such as WAEC, NECO, or NABTEB. The schools mentioned include American International School Abuja, American International School Lagos, CTL Academy Abuja, and Hillcrest School, Jos.

Following the Registrar's detailed explanation, the Country Education Specialist, Mrs. Folashade Adebayo, acknowledged the principle of reciprocity and sought guidance on how certificates from such institutions could gain acceptance. In response, the Registrar advised that the schools should engage a recognised quality assurance body to validate their certificates and facilitate discussions with the Federal Ministry of Education to establish an acceptable framework.

He further questioned why such institutions do not encourage their students to sit for recognised national examinations such as those conducted by WAEC, NECO, or NABTEB, which would readily guarantee wider acceptance of their qualifications

2026 UTME: JAMB TASKS BVROs TO BE VIGILANT, TRAINS TECHNICAL OFFICERS



The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has charged Biometric Verification Registration Officers (BVROs) to be vigilant as their roles are key in detecting, impersonation and other infractions capable of

compromising the integrity of the examination.

At a virtual training organised by the Board for BVROs ahead of the 2026 Mock/UTME, the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, described these officials as the first link between the examination official and the candidates.

According to him, BVROs are entrusted with managing the biometric capture and verification processes for candidates, which is a key component of the UTME.

He said, "As the link between the candidates and the examination,

you have the responsibility of giving your best in the service of the Board."

The training centred on the roles of BVROs, other necessary operational processes and the need to ensure strict adherence to technical protocols.

Similarly, the training session also afforded the Board the opportunity of acquainting its Technical Officers with some of the cardinal features of the newly-introduced Alternate Test Engine.

The session was anchored by the Board's IT Consultant, Mr. Damilola Bamiro and the Chairman, Chief



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REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD

MARCH 21 2026 - MARCH 28 2026

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	INFLOW	AMOUNT(=N=)
1	E-Facility/Sales		40,113,200.00
2	PRC Service Charges		922,400.00
3	Other Income		1,582,500.00
4	Deposit for E-pin		21,660,000.00
5	Consultancy Service		48,618,238.00
	Total		112,896,338.00
	The sum of =N=4,103,560.00 was auto-deducted by the OAGF for	Operating Surplus remittance to CRF.	

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE	AMOUNT(=N=)
1	Staff Claims	Various	58,578,898.00
2	Nigeria Revenue Services	Taxes	129,603,894.00
3	State Tax Board	Taxes	853,200.00
4	Consultancy Service	Legal Consulting	6,213,953.00
5	Sensitive Material	Sensitive	27,505,000.00
6	Sabkon Integrated Ltd	Internet Access	5,425,000.00
7	Fouani Aminu Kano	Office Equipment	9,004,129.00
8	Outsourced Service	Cleaning Seervice	2,077,719.00
9	JAMB Mult-purpose Cooperative Society	Staff Welfare	1,629,000.00
10	Supervision Examination	2026 UTME Mock Technical	178,554,850.00
11	Supervision Examination	2026 UTME Mock BVR	176,034,100.00
12	Zanoplus Energy Ltd	Supply and Installation of Solar System (South-East)	77,266,242.00
13	KAYROY Nig. Ltd	Supply and Installation of Office Furniture in North-East	8,850,482.00
14	Sensitive Material	Sensitive	50,000,000.00
15	Remita	Financial Charges	323,145.00
	TOTAL		731,919,612.00

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN MARCH 30TH - APRIL 5TH 2026

Happy Birthday

30TH MARCH

Olamide Mujidat Seelim
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31ST MARCH

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EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

HALLMARKNEWS.COM MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026: FG Plans End To Common Entrance, Introduces Unique ID To Track Pupils: The Federal Government has announced a sweeping reform of Nigeria's basic education system, including plans to abolish the Junior Secondary School Common Entrance Examination and deploy a national tracking system for pupils. Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, disclosed the initiative during a media briefing in Lagos, stating that the move is aimed at improving access, continuity, and accountability in the education sector.

PEOPLES GAZETTE TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026: FG Shortlists 65 Student Innovators For Venture Capital Grant: The federal government has shortlisted 65 student innovators from 30,639 applicants for the final stage of the Student Venture Capital Grant (S-VCG). According to a government statement, the applicants were drawn from 404 tertiary institutions across the country, reflecting the innovation and entrepreneurial potential within Nigeria's university system. Education minister Dr. Tunji Alausa described the initiative as a strategic investment in developing future innovators and job creators. Dr. Alausa said the performance of the shortlisted candidates demonstrated creativity and ambition, adding that the programme would strengthen a pipeline of entrepreneurs to drive economic growth.

PEOPLES GAZETTE THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026: NMEC trains facilitators On Digital Tools To Boost

Literacy: The National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non-Formal Education (NMEC) has begun the training of facilitators nationwide on digital competencies aimed at improving literacy programme delivery across Nigeria. The Executive Secretary of NMEC, Mr. Garba Maitasfir, said the initiative was part of efforts to reposition adult literacy education in line with global digital transformation.

Mr. Maitasfir, represented by the director of literacy and development, Mr. John Edeh, said the training marked another milestone in the commission's drive to ensure that every Nigerian, irrespective of age, location or socio-economic background, acquires basic literacy and numeracy skills. According to him, the fourth industrial revolution has reshaped learning globally, making digital tools indispensable for effective literacy delivery. Also in NAN, Thursday, March 26, 2026, Nation, Thursday, March 26, 2026

NATION THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026: FG Directs Varsities To Include Therapy Courses In Programmes: The Federal Government has directed universities and other tertiary institutions across the country to commence degree and diploma programmes in occupational therapy, audiology, and speech therapy to address the acute shortage of skilled professionals in the sector. Minister of Education, Tunji Alausa, gave the directive on Thursday in Abuja during the inauguration of the National Committee for the Advancement of Occupational Therapy, Audiology and Speech

Therapy Education (NCAOTASTE). He said the move was a strategic response to the growing demand for specialised healthcare and rehabilitation services, noting that Nigeria currently faces a significant gap in both the availability and quality of training in the disciplines. Also in ThisDay, Friday, March 27, 2026

LEADERSHIP THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026: National Library Champions Digital Transformation Across Nigeria: The National Library of Nigeria has said it is taking bold steps to modernise the country's knowledge infrastructure. Prof. Chinwe Veronica Anunobi, Chief Executive Officer of the library, spoke at the National Libraries Forum in Rome recently. She told her international counterparts that the institution has embarked on a strategic digital transformation aimed at expanding access to scholarly and cultural resources across Nigeria. The initiative, she said is part of a broader vision to ensure that citizens, researchers, and students can easily access quality information, regardless of location.

LEADERSHIP THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026: NUC Develops Future-ready Skills In Energy, Data Science: The National Universities Commission (NUC) is equipping Nigerian graduates with future-ready skills by expanding academic programmes in emerging fields such as energy science and data science. Prof. Abdullahi Ribadu, NUC Executive Secretary, announced this recently during the PTDF Split-Site Ph.D. Scholarship induction at the College

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of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna (CPESK). "This initiative prepares graduates for the evolving global energy landscape and digital economy," Ribadu said, noting that curriculum development is an ongoing process shaped by technological and industry advancements.

NEW TELEGRAPH FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026: EIBIC: FG Moves To Turn Students Into Job Creators, Not Seekers: The Federal Government has unveiled a major shift in Nigeria's education policy, launching a new programme aimed at transforming university students from job seekers into entrepreneurs and innovators. The Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf

Alausa, who spoke at the official launch of the Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Business Incubation Certification (EIBIC) programme on Friday in Abuja, explained that the initiative marks the beginning of a new paradigm in Nigerian education. He said: "Today marks not just the launch of a programme, but the beginning of a new paradigm in Nigerian education, one that shifts our young people from job seekers to job creators, from passive learners to active innovators, and from graduates to nation-builders." Also in ThisDay, Friday, March 27, 2026

VANGUARD FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026: WAEC Releases 2026 First Series CB-

WASSCE Results: The West African Examinations Council has announced the release of the results for the 2026 first series Computer-Based West African Senior School Certificate Examination for private candidates which recorded a marginal increase in the performance of those who obtained credits in five subjects including English Language and Mathematics.

Acting Head of Public Affairs Mrs. Moyosola F. Adesina confirmed the development in a statement issued from the council headquarters at Yaba on Friday and noted that the examination took place across 166 centres in Nigeria between January 28 and February 14.

■ EXAMINOTRICKS ■



LEADERSHIP FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026: UTME Fraud: JAMB Flags Syndicate Member Akataka: The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has alerted the public to a disturbing case of repeated fraud involving Emmanuel Praise Akataka, a member of a syndicate earlier arrested for registration-related offences.

JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede disclosed this in an official statement issued to the press in Abuja on Thursday. According to the report, Mr. Akataka had previously been apprehended for his role in a network engaged in criminal conspiracy, impersonation, identity theft and online fraud targeting candidates of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

As part of his operations, he created a fictitious identity, "Official Frederick", through which he ran a WhatsApp platform advertising bogus services such as score inflation.

"Through this scheme, he deceived no fewer than 94 candidates into soliciting for score enhancement by paying for this illegal and non-existent service. The Honourable Minister's approval was obtained for the cancellation of their registrations. Mr. Akataka was thereafter granted bail in line with due legal process. Following his release on bail, Mr. Akataka re-established contact with the same candidates he had previously defrauded."

"This time, he adopted another alias, "Sir Francis," and demanded the payment of N70,000 from each candidate, falsely claiming that he could prevent the cancellation of their registrations as he was allegedly in contact with the Board,"

NATION THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026: Court Jails Fake JAMB Candidate 3 Years For Impersonation During Examination: A Federal High Court sitting in Katsina, has sentenced a youth, Mr. Ibrahim Abdulaziz, to three years imprisonment for impersonation of a candidate during the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination, UTME.

The examination was organised by the Joint Admission Matriculation Board, JAMB. Delivering judgment, Justice Hussaini Dadan-Garba, convicted Mr. Abdulaziz of the offences and sentenced him to three years imprisonment without option of fine.

He said that the sentence was to serve as deterrent to others.

LEADERSHIP TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026: BUK Expels 171 Students Over Fake Admission Credentials: The Senate of Bayero University Kano (BUK) has approved the expulsion of 171 students for presenting fake entry qualifications.

The decision was reached at the institution's 433rd Senate meeting held on March 4, 2026, according to a bulletin released by the university's Public Affairs Directorate on behalf of the Registrar. The university said the action followed the review of a report submitted by the Senate Committee on Entry Qualification Irregularities, which investigated discrepancies in students' admission records.



...2026 UTME: JAMB Tasks BVROs to be Vigilant, Trains Technical Officers

Technical Advisors, Prof. Bashir Galandanci.

The training also featured a presentation titled: "Accurate Field Reporting" given by the Director, Quality Assurance Department, Hon. Danladi Muhammed.

In his presentation, the Director charged examination officials with the need to not only document all aspects of the examination to be administered, but also to arrange their reports in an orderly and logical manner.

In his concluding remarks, Hon. Mohammad urged all examination officials to be good ambassadors of the Board at all times.

JAMB TRAINS, DEPLOYS 3,000 PROCTORS FOR 2026 MOCK, UTME

...meets CEES, CTA, others

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has trained and deployed no fewer than 3,000 Proctors for the upcoming 2026 Mock and Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

The training exercise was part of measures geared towards conducting a seamless 2026 UTME. During the training, participants were briefed on the new and Alternate Test Engine that had been introduced into the examination ecosystem among other useful information capable of enhancing the sanctity of the Board's examinations.

The virtual training, which saw participants grouped into zones, was held on Wednesday 25th,

March, 2026, with all Chief External Examiners and Chief Technical Advisors (CTA) in attendance.

In his remarks on the occasion, the Registrar thanked the Chief External Examiners (CEES) comprising mainly Vice Chancellor, Rectors and Provosts across the country, for recommending and appointing Proctors, who are staff of their respective institutions for the critical national assignment.

He urged the participants to make integrity their watchword as well as being good ambassadors of their various institutions.

"As Proctors, you need to see your role as a privileged one as you have been selected based on your integrity and dedication to duty and I want to believe that you will see

your job as a call to national service," he said.

The training, which was anchored by the Board's IT Consultant, Information Technology (IT), Mr. Damilola Bamiro, centred on computer appreciation, vigilance, Roles of Proctors prior, during and after examination coupled with how to solve seemingly-intractable problems during the examination.

Furthermore, Bamiro urged the examination officials to be punctual, display a high sense of moral integrity, professionalism and familiarity with all the rules and regulations of the examination for them to perform their roles satisfactorily.

2026 UTME: NSCDC WARNS EXAMINATION FRAUDSTERS TO KEEP OFF CBT CENTRES

The Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) has warned examination cheats to stay off all the Computer-Based Test centres hosting Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination nationwide.

The Corps also affirmed its avowed commitment to safeguarding the sanctity of all Board's examinations through strict vigilance at all centres conducting the examination.

The Deputy Commandant-General, Operations, Mr. Phillips Ayuba, gave the warning at a high-level stakeholders meeting of the Corps with JAMB ahead of the 2026 Mock-UTME and UTME in Abuja on Tuesday, 24th March, 2026.

According to him, the NSCDC is strengthening its synergy with JAMB

so as to have a seamless examination, stem the incidences of examination malpractices, extortion as well as guarding against theft and vandalism of the Board's critical assets nationwide while maintaining a high level of discipline and professionalism among its personnel. The DCG also sounded a note of warning that henceforth, State Commandants would be held accountable for any act of misdemeanours perpetrated within their Commands, noting that the move is to serve as deterrent to others.

In his remarks, the Registrar commended the existing cordial relationship between the two organisations saying the partnership goes beyond their involvement in the

Board's examination.

He also recalled the series of measures that the DCG had taken to stem some acts of misdemeanours such as theft, vandalism of office equipment, which were hitherto the hallmarks of some State Offices of the Board

The Registrar also emphasised the importance of gender sensitivity during the screening of candidates into the examination hall by NSCDC personnel. He, therefore, appealed to the Corps to address the situation by deploying female operatives alongside their male counterparts to screen female candidates.

On punctuality, Prof Oloyede stressed the need of the officers to shun lateness to centres in view of



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Registrar/Chief Executive



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No. 2024ff.04

6th May, 2024

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.

SGD
Registrar



HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN FOCUS 27th Edition

TIME MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTIVITY IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

"Time is one of the most valuable resources entrusted to every public officer."

In the Public Service, efficiency and productivity are closely tied to how well officers manage their time. Every assignment, meeting, report, or administrative task is expected to be completed within a specified timeframe. When time is poorly managed, deadlines are missed, workflow is disrupted, and institutional efficiency is affected.

Time management, therefore, is not merely a personal habit; it is a professional responsibility that contributes significantly to organisational performance and service delivery.

This edition of **HRM IN FOCUS** highlights the importance of effective time management and how it enhances productivity within the workplace.

Understanding Time Management

Time management refers to the deliberate planning and organization of tasks in a manner that ensures work is completed efficiently and within established deadlines. It involves prioritizing responsibilities, minimizing distractions, and allocating adequate time to each assignment. Effective time management enables officers to accomplish more within their working hours while maintaining quality and professionalism in their duties.

Why Time Management Matters

When officers manage their time effectively:

- Work is completed within stipulated deadlines
- Productivity and efficiency improve
- Work-related stress is reduced
- Coordination among departments becomes smoother
- Institutional goals are achieved more effectively

Conversely, poor time management often leads to delays, backlogs of files, rushed decisions, and reduced work quality.

Common Causes of Poor Time Management

Some common factors that hinder effective time management include:

- Procrastination or unnecessary delay in commencing tasks
- Poor planning and lack of clear priorities
- Frequent interruptions and distractions
- Failure to delegate responsibilities where appropriate
- Spending excessive time on less important tasks

Recognising these factors is the first step towards improving time utilization.

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...Human Resource Management in Focus

Practical Strategies for Effective Time Management

1. **Prioritise Tasks** - Officers should distinguish between urgent tasks and routine assignments. Priority should always be given to tasks that are time-sensitive or critical to organisational operations.
2. **Plan the Workday** - Preparing a daily or weekly work schedule helps officers allocate sufficient time for important tasks and avoid last-minute pressure.
3. **Avoid Procrastination** - Assignments should be addressed promptly once received. Delays often compound workload and create unnecessary stress.
4. **Maintain Organised Records** - Proper filing and documentation systems reduce time wasted searching for information or documents.
5. **Manage Interruptions** - While collaboration is important, excessive interruptions can significantly reduce productivity. Officers should learn to manage time spent on non-essential activities during working hours.
6. **Delegate Where Appropriate** - Supervisors should assign tasks to capable subordinates when necessary to ensure that work flows efficiently.

The Link Between Time Management and Professional Discipline

Punctuality, meeting deadlines, and responding promptly to official matters are hallmarks of professionalism in the Public Service. Officers who manage their time effectively demonstrate reliability, responsibility, and respect for institutional processes. Good time management also reflects respect for colleagues, as delays in one office often affect the work of others.

Final Word

Time is a finite resource that cannot be recovered once lost. Every officer must therefore strive to use official time responsibly and productively. By managing time effectively, officers not only improve their individual performance but also contribute to the overall efficiency of the organisation.

Tip for the Week

"Plan your work, and work your plan."

HRM Reflection

Efficient time management remains a key attribute of successful professionals. Let us continue to organise our work effectively, meet deadlines diligently, and utilise official time in ways that advance the objectives of the institution.



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No: 2025ff05

22nd August, 2025

ADVISORY ON PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING OF (DEGREE) ADMISSION FOR AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

In 2022, the Board proposed that universities should take full responsibility for admissions into all degree programmes offered through institutions affiliated with them. However, this directive was not fully implemented, as universities were initially given the liberty to decide on the matter, pending a final resolution. To date, only the University of Ibadan has assumed this role of overseeing and coordinating the admissions of its affiliate institutions.

2. Following the meeting held on Monday, 18th August 2025, with various institutions regarding violations of matriculation guidelines, concerns were raised about the existing admission processing structure. Notably, institutions complained that they could not be held accountable for the misdemeanors of their affiliates under the existing processing format. As a result of this, the matter was revisited.

3. Consequently, it was resolved that the previously proposed process, where Mother-Institutions take responsibility for admissions into their affiliated institutions, should now be adopted and implemented by all universities with affiliates.

4. In light of the above, the Board has developed an updated procedure for the processing of admissions by both Mother-Institutions and their affiliates, as follows:

- a. Head of the affiliated-institution logs into JAMB (CAPS) portal and downloads candidates for a particular programme;
- b. The Head of the Affiliated-Institution (wherever it is based) logs into JAMB (CAPS) portal and sets admissions criteria for every programme, such as minimum scores for UTME, post UTME, aggregate, catchment and ELDS;
- c. The Head of the affiliated institution proposes the qualified candidates for each programme on CAPS and it goes to the Head of the mother-institution;
- d. The Head of the Mother-Institution (wherever it is based) logs into the JAMB (CAPS) portal and recommends the candidate to the Registrar of JAMB (or representative) for approval or declines the proposal with a reason for the rejection;
- e. The Registrar of JAMB (or representative) approves the recommendation(s) from the Head of the Mother-Institution or declines the recommendation with a reason for the rejection;

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- f. If the recommendation is approved, the candidate is notified through his/her email and SMS to either accept or reject the offer of admission. The two institutions can log in and view the status of the recommended candidates;
- g. If the candidate accepts the offer of admission, he/she can thereafter print his/her admission letter and access other services online from his/her profile.

NOTE: *The Head of an Affiliated-Institution has access to “VIEW ONLY” all recommendations by the Head of a Mother-Institution.*

5. All Universities serving as Mother-institutions, Polytechnics/Monotechnics, Colleges of Education and other institutes offering degrees in affiliation with universities are to be guided by this, please.



Mohammed A. Babaji
Director Admissions
For: Registrar

...JAMB Re-arrests Emmanuel Praise Akataka Over Alleged Fraud

illegal and non-existent service.

The affected candidates were given a fair hearing by the Board by giving them the opportunity to appear before a special committee to establish their innocence. The Honourable Minister's approval was obtained for the cancellation of their registrations. Mr. Akataka was thereafter granted bail in line with due legal process.

Following his release on bail, Mr. Akataka re-established contact with the same candidates he had previously defrauded. This time, he adopted another alias, "Sir Francis," and demanded the payment of ₦70,000 from each candidate, falsely claiming that he could prevent the cancellation of their registrations as he was allegedly "in contact" with the Board.

Investigations further revealed that he initially used his father's bank account, bearing the name Vincent Okpwho Akataka, to collect payments. Upon suspecting that this could expose him, he proceeded to open another account with SmartCash using the name Zainab Rafiu, falsely presented as a Director

of JAMB, in order to lend credibility to his fraudulent scheme.

It is deeply concerning that the same candidates involved in the initial suspicious infraction have again fallen victim to yet another scheme. This troubling pattern raises serious concerns about the growing willingness among some candidates to pursue unlawful advantage, rather than exercise the judgment and integrity expected of them.

This conduct is not only criminal but further exposes the deceptive and exploitative nature of such syndicates. The Board reiterates that no individual or group can influence UTME results, facilitate "special assistance," or manipulate candidate registration under any circumstance.

The public is therefore reminded that: Any claim of score enhancement or examination assistance is fraudulent. Engagement with such schemes constitutes a violation of the law.

Candidates who patronise these services expose themselves to both financial loss and legal consequences.

The case of Emmanuel Praise Akataka once again underscores the dangers of seeking unlawful advantage. What begins as an attempt to circumvent due process often ends in exploitation and criminal liability.

JAMB, in collaboration with security agencies, will continue to pursue and prosecute all individuals involved in examination fraud. Candidates and parents are strongly advised to rely solely on legitimate processes and to reject any form of inducement or illegal assistance.

At the last count, the Board has secured the conviction of more than six offenders between 2025 and the present, including Ibrahim Abdulaziz, who was sentenced to three years' imprisonment without the option of a fine for impersonation by Justice Hussaini Dada Garba of the Federal Higher Court in Katsina. Abdulaziz had been hired by Tochukwu Emmanuel Bolunwu to sit the 2025 UTME on his behalf.

The integrity of the nation's examination system remains non-negotiable, and the Board will not relent in safeguarding it.



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the series of pre-examination activities and screening of candidates before they enter into the examination hall. He stated that such proactive measures would go a long way towards preventing the

smuggling of cell phones and other banned items that could be used to compromise the examination.

NASSF, NOUN, PERM SEC, CMO PAY COURTESY VISIT TO JAMB



The Nigerian Army School of Signals (NASSF), the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), and the Permanent Secretary of the Career Management Office (CMO) have paid separate courtesy visits to the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

The Nigerian Army School of Signals stated that its visit was aimed at fostering institutional collaboration and strengthening its relationship with JAMB. Leading the delegation, the Commandant, Major General E. S. Mustapha, disclosed that the school sought discussions on its accreditation by the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) to run National Diploma (ND) and Higher National Diploma (HND)

programmes. He added that the delegation is also in JAMB to seek direction on issues relating to accreditation spanning 2008–2012 and 2012–2024, as well as developments in 2024, including accreditation challenges, matters affecting soldiers, National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) mobilisation, and the Condonement of Undisclosed Illegitimate Institutional Admission (CUIIA) condonement, among others.

In his response, the JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, advised the institution against admitting candidates outside the JAMB process. He urged them to take full advantage of the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) as any admission outside

CAPS is illegal. He directed the institution to formally write to JAMB on this for appropriate action to be taken.

Similarly, the Permanent Secretary, Career Management Office, Dr. Biyerem Ukare, stated that her visit was to build on previous engagements and to present issues relating to the conduct of the Computer-Based Test (CBT) for the compulsory confirmation (Compro) examination. She emphasised the need for a transparent and credible examination process.

Dr. Ukare acknowledged JAMB's technical expertise and its collaboration with the Office of the Head of Service in ensuring timely and credible examinations. She noted that the Compro examination, which confirms staff into the civil service, has greatly benefited from JAMB's support, adding professionalism and efficiency to the process.

She stressed that conducting the examination in line with best practices would enhance the credibility of the civil service and appealed to JAMB to bring its expertise to bear on the process.

In his remarks, the JAMB Registrar congratulated Dr. Ukare on her appointment, appreciated the confidence reposed in the Board, and urged early and thorough preparations, while reaffirming JAMB's continued support.





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