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HIGHLIGHTS ≫





n a bid to give effect to the directives of the Hon. Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), in a statement made available to JAMBULLETIN at the end of its 2022 Policy Meeting, restated its vow not to condone any illegal admission conducted ADMISSIONS THE JAMB SERVICE AND INTEGRIT

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by any institution going forward adding that candidates who accepts any admission not approved on the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) would have themselves to blame while Heads of Institutions, who flouted this directive would *Conta in Pg 5*

PRINTING OF 2022 MOP-UP NOTIFICATION SLIP COMMENCES MONDAY, 1ST AUGUST, 2022

o give all candidates who had indicated their desire to sit the UTME equal opportunity, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has approved 6th August

2022 for the conduct of mop-up examination for those who genuinely were at their various centres but could not sit the examination.

To check eligibility, the Board has directed

all such candidates to print their mop-up notification slips from Monday, 1st August 2022, ahead of the exercise.

The Director, Information Technology

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DOES JAMB DECIDE CUT-OFF MARK?

There is nothing like a uniform minimum national Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) score for any of the tiers of tertiary institutions and neither does the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board decide any such requirement for any institution.

The Board does not and has never determined any uniform national UTME

scores otherwise known as cut-off mark by the general public for any tertiary institution because, in actual sense, there are no uniform national UTME scores.

The lucid process of admission which the former President of the Academic Staff Union of University, Prof. Nasir Fagge, expounded and which was published in Premium Times is the exact process being followed in the conduct of admission exercise to tertiary institutions in the country. This process has even been improved upon with the elimination of human interefence through its full automation with the introduction of the Central Admissions Processing system(CAPS).

For the purpose of emphasis, the Board conducts the UTME and hands over the results to institutions for the conduct of

JAMB TASKS INSTITUTIONS ON COMPLIANCE WITH ADMISSION GUIDELINES

Unductedly, education is the foundation of all developmental aspirations of man. As such, stakeholders in the sector are expected to be above board in all their dealings.

Sounding that note of warning at the justconcluded 2022 Policy Meeting on Admissions, was the Hon. Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, who, in his address to the gathering of all Heads of Tertiary Institutions and other critical stakeholders in the education sector, enjoined strict adherence to the policy guidelines that would emanate from the event.

It is out of the expectations of the cardinal and pivotal roles that a world-class

education system should play in our quest for national development that the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), is impressing it on all tertiary institutions in Nigeria to ensure that these guidelines are religiously adhered to.

To underscore the seriousness with which the government sees education, Mall. Adamu Adamu, frowned at the effrontery of some tertiary institutions that go against the ministry's directives on admissions and wondered how the nation would be expected to grow when those at the helms of affairs of its critical sectors do not comply with rules and regulations. He explained that

conducting their admissions according to the rules would make for fairness and transparency adding that he would no longer mediate between them and JAMB for the condonement of their underhand a n d u n d i s c l o s e d a d m i s s i o n s. Furthermore, the Hon. Minister stated unequivocally that non-compliance with this year's policy directives on admissions would birth negative consequences for infractors.

It is on this note that JAMBULLETIN is appealing to all to leave no stone unturned in their collective efforts to reposition the education sector for greater glory.

JAMB ORGANISES ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR TEST ADMINISTRATION STAFF



A cross section of participants at the workshop.

s part of its avowed commitment to rejig its Test Administration Department for better performance, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) recently organised a Retreat on capacity building and skills development titled: "Activities of the Test Administration Department in the Information Technology Era: Challenges and Prospects" at the Board's Professional Test Centre (PTC), Kogo, Bwari, Abuja.

Declaring the Retreat open, the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, who was represented by the Director, Finance and Accounts, Mr. Muftau Bello, said the Test Administration Department, as a subset of the Board, is expected to play key roles in its operational processes.

Continuing, Prof. Oloyede said, "Information Technology (IT) is a universal trend and the Board cannot afford to lag behind in terms of adherence to global best practices in the area of test deployment using technology."

The Registrar urged all participants to see the Retreat as an avenue for rejuvenation and opportunity to build on their existing skills. He added that they were expected to come out refreshed and ready to take the Board to the next level through the acquisition of new skills facilitated by the Retreat.

While welcoming the resource persons and other participants, the Director, Test Administration Department, Mrs. Ville Pius, expressed her appreciation to the Board for organising such an impactful and rewarding programme. She also thanked the management team of the Board and resource persons for honouring the invitation to the Retreat.

The Director called on participants to pay rapt attention to the various lectures from the resource persons as the Department is expected to be rebranded in line with the recommendations emanating from the Retreat. She enjoined the staff of the Department to keep themselves abreast of the global trends that had been the driving force for other Departments of the Board. This is because the Retreat was organised to reposition the Department along emerging technological realities as well as identifying contemporary challenges with a view to aligning it with current global realities in test administration.

The Director stated that the Retreat should not only develop the participants intellectually but should also instill in them the soft skills needed to perform maximally at their duty posts. Furthermore, she expressed hope that the Retreat would re-energize the Department towards keying into the Board's laudable initiatives while carrying out its mandate using information and communication technology."

Resource persons who presented papers at the Retreat were former Director of the Department, Dr. Yusuf Lawal, who took the participants through the intricacies of test administration in the ICT era in his paper titled: "Institutionalisation of Functions and Activities of Test Administration in the ICT Era"; Director of Examination Administration, the National Business and Technical Examinations Board (NABTEB), Dr. Obinna Marcel

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JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD JULY 23 - JULY 29 2022

FINANCIAL INFLOW

| S/N | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT(N) |
|-----|--------------------|----------------|
| 1 | E-facilities/Sales | 134,061,687.25 |
| 2 | PRC Service Charge | 97,614.00 |
| 0 | TOTAL | 134,159,301.25 |

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

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| S/N | DESCRIPTION | PURPOSE OF PAYMENT | AMOUNT(N) | | |
| 1 | Staff Claims | Various | 18,060,309.85 | | |
| 2 | Agency Services | Agency | 22,760,080.00 | | |
| 3 | CBT Centres | Third Party Examination | 709,000.00 | | |
| 4 | Remita | Financial Charges | 9,632.00 | | |
| | TOTAL | | 41,539,021.85 | | |

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN AUGUST 1st – AUGUST 7th 2022

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Yakubu Sagagi Chigari Christopher Igonoh Olayemi Agnes Ajayi Ibrahim Umar Nasiru Suleiman Ghaji Nkem Josephine Okodike Doris Chinelo Ezenwoke Mbami Danladi Musa

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PUNCH NEWSPAPER SATURDAY JULY 24[™] 2022 - FG Releases Admissions Into Unity Colleges: The Federal Government has announced the release of the list of admissions into the 110 Federal Government Colleges otherwise known as Unity Schools located across the country, including the Gifted Academy in Suleja.

A statement signed by the Director of Press, Federal Ministry of Education, Benjamin Bem Goong, asked parents of pupils who applied for admission into any of the Unity Colleges to check for the names of their wards on the Ministry's websites; www.education.gov.ng or at the school they applied to. Also available in **PUNCH NEWSPAPER SUNDAY JULY 24TH 2022, SUN NEWSPAPER SUNDAY JULY 24TH 2022, DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER SUNDAY JULY 24TH 2022, TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER SUNDAY JULY 24TH 2022 AND GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER SUNDAY JULY 24TH 2022.**

PUNCH NEWSPAPER MONDAY JULY 25[™] 2022 - <u>367,499 Applied For 43,717</u> <u>Medicine Slots – JAMB Report:</u> According to data obtained from the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has said that about 367,499 candidates applied for the 43,717 slots available in Medicine Departments in Nigerian universities through the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculations Examination conducted by the Board.

The statistics also revealed that 231,907 applied for social science courses despite

that only 93,277 slots are available while 204,734 applied for science-related courses despite 132,796 vacancies.

NATION NEWSPAPER TUESDAY JULY 26[™] 2022 - <u>UTME: JAMB Fixes August 6 For</u> <u>Mop-up Examination:</u> The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has fixed Saturday 6th August, 2022, for its mop-up Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

The mop-up examination is for candidates who could not genuinely participate in the examinations during the period of the exercise for some verified reasons especially in some centres with technical challenges.

"The Board took cognisance of the fact that some innocent candidates unfortunately sat their examination at these centres. Consequently, all candidates who sat the UTME in the affected centres have been rescheduled for the mop-up UTME.

"It should be noted that candidates who, for whatever reasons, were absent at those centres are not eligible for the mop-up examination. Other categories of candidates rescheduled for the mop-up UTME are; 142 candidates who could not take the UTME due to finger-print peculiarities; 28 candidates who could not take the UTME due to technical problems in some centres; and 1,799 candidates with BVM failure who were recaptured at the centres," it stated. Also, available in **LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER TUESDAY JULY 26TH 2022, THISDAY**

NEWSPAPER TUESDAY JULY 26^{TH} 2022, GUARDIAN NEWSPAPER TUESDAY JULY 26^{TH} 2022, DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER TUESDAY JULY 26^{TH} 2022 AND DAILY SUN NEWSPAPER TUESDAY JULY 26^{TH} 2022.

THISDAY NEWSPAPER TUESDAY JULY 26[™] 2022 - <u>NECO Deploys Software for</u> <u>Grading of Students:</u> The National Examinations Council (NECO) has deployed cutting-edge software to ensure efficient grading of candidates in its various examinations.

The Registrar/Chief Executive of NECO, Prof. Dantani Ibrahim Wushishi, made this known in Minna during a press briefing to mark his one year in office.

Speaking on the new grading system, Wushishi, said the software would ensure the precise grade value for every subject.

He said: "One of the innovations that will bring to bear in the conduct of the examination is determining the way and manner we determine the grade number, which relates to the allocation of grades for various subjects to students. Also **available in DAILY INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER TUESDAY JULY 26TH 2022**

VANGUARD NEWSPAPER WEDNESDAY JULY 27TH 2022 - <u>FG Plans To Reduce Out-</u> <u>Of-School Children By 70%</u>: In its recent data, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, UNICEF, pegged Nigeria's out-of-school children

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to 18.5 million thought this statistics is debatable, the federal government has said it will continue to put measures in place to reduce out-of-school children by 70 percent. This means that the federal government plans to take 12 million children back to school. 70 percent of the 18.5 million accounts for 12.6 million children.

LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER WEDNESDAY JULY 27TH 2022 - <u>Buhari Names Dr</u> <u>Suleiman Umar KADPOLY Rector</u>: President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the appointment of Dr. Suleiman Umar as the Rector of Kaduna Polytechnic.

The appointment is with immediate effect from 27th June, 2022 and is for a period of five years single tenure.

LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER WEDNESDAY JULY 27[™] 2022 - <u>Civil Servants Charged</u> <u>On Accountability, Transparency</u>: The Federal Government has requested for consistent accountability and transparency from all civil servant so as to ensure effective service delivery.

Head of Civil Service of the Federation, Dr. Folashade Yemi-Esan, who gave the charge, said there was the need for continuous effort to strengthen and reinvigorate the workforce towards becoming a world class service anchored on the principles of accountability, transparency and equity in the achievement of national goals.

Yemi-Esan spoke during the inauguration as well as opening of a two-day capacity building workshop for the Central Delivery Coordination Unit (CDCU) task team of the Office of Head of the Civil Service of the Federation.

NATION NEWSPAPER THURSDAY JULY 28[™] 2022 – <u>We Are Not Aware of Any</u> <u>Plan to Hike University Tuition Fees, Says</u> <u>Education Ministry's Spokesperson:</u> Director of Press and Public Relations, Federal Ministry of Education Benjamin Goong, has said he was not aware of any plan to increase school fees in public universities.

He said that the Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu was working in line with the two weeks ultimatum issued by President Muhammadu Buhari to resolve the ongoing strike by the university unions.

DAILY TRUST NEWSPAPER FRIDAY JULY 29[™] 2022 - <u>Why We Increased Exam Fees</u> <u>To N18,000 – WAEC</u>: The West African Examination Council (WAEC), has said that the marginal increase of the registration fees for its examination from N13,950 to N18,000 was caused by spiral inflation being witnessed in Nigeria.

WAEC Head, Nigeria National Office, Mr. Patrick Areghan, stated this while visiting a marking centre in Abuja.

Areghan said each student writing the examination now has to pay N18,000 as against the former N13,950 fees.

He noted that the conversion of naira to dollar was a misery and that the upward review of fees was necessary to enable the Council render its services efficiently to the Nigerian candidates. Also available in **LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER FRIDAY JULY** 29TH 2022.

EXAMINOTRICKS



NEW TELEGRAPH NEWSPAPER WEDNESDAY JULY 27[™] 2022 - 23-Year-Old Futminna Undergraduate Bags 12 Months Jail For Cheating, Impersonation In Ilorin: A 23-year-Old student of the Federal University of Technology, FUT, Minna, Niger State, one Mohammed Bello, bagged 12 months in jail for offences bordering on cheating by impersonation. He allegedly posed as a white female with the intent to defraud unsuspecting victims, according to the Ilorin Zonal Command

Office of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC.

The defendant was prosecuted on twocount charges by the anti-graft agency. Also available in **LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER THURSDAY JULY 28[™] 2022.**

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... No Further Condonement of Underhand Admissions - JAMB

be sanctioned.

According to the statement, the era of candidates accepting illegal admissions and then mounting pressure on the Board to condone same is over as the candidate would also be treated as an accomplice to

the criminal act. For the avoidance of doubt, all admissions to Nigerian tertiary institutions must be done through the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS). Therefore, no candidate is

deemed admitted until he/she has printed such offer of admission from the CAPS platform.



BAKORI BOWS OUT AS ADUKWU TAKES OVER AT Kaduna Annes office

L was excitement galore at the JAMB National Headquarters Annex, Kaduna, on Wednesday, 20th July, 2022, when the outgoing Director of the Annex Office, Dr. Halilu Mohammed Bakori, handed over to the Deputy Director, State Matters, Mr. Adukwu Emmanuel, after thirty-five years of meritorious service.

Dr. Bakori, who bagged his Doctorate in Guidance and Counseling from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, spent most of his career with the Board at the Test Development Department, where he served in various capacities. When he became a Director, he was redeployed to the Admissions Department and thereafter, the National Headquarters Annex, Kaduna, where he exited the services of the Board.

While presenting his address during the send-off party held in his honour prior to the commencement of his terminal leave, the outgoing Director expressed his gratitude to the Board for the various benefits he enjoyed in the course of his career path. He also expressed appreciation to all the members of the staff of the Annex Office for their constant support and implored them to extend same to the new Acting Director. He also urged them not to relent in their efforts at rendering quality service to the Board. In his response, the Ag. Director, Mr. Emmanuel Adukwu, thanked the outgoing Director for his leadership style. He said, "Your passion for empowering the staff through capacity building is second to none." He stated that the staff would miss him greatly and appealed to him to call at the office occasionally adding that his wealth of experience would always be valued and wished him well in his future endeavours.

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... JAMB Organises One-Day Retreat for Test Administration Staff

Opara, who spoke on: "The Use of ICT in Management/Protection Data and Prevention of Examination Malpractice;

and Director of Information and Technology Services, JAMB, Mr. Fabian Okoro, who discussed "Transformation and Impact of ICT on Test Administration Department: The Gains and Prospects."



Mr Mufutau Bello, Director Finance and Accounts, one of the resource person at the TA workshop.



Dr Marcel Opara Obinna, Director, Examination Administration NABTEB addressing participants at the TA workshop.



Dr(Mrs) Beatrice Okorie, Director Special Duties Dept, addressing the participants at the TA workshop.



Dr Yusuf Lawal, former Director TA, resource person at TA workshop.



Mr Fabian Okoro, Director ITS taking the participants through some IT procedures at the Workshop.



Participants at the TA workshop.



Mrs Ville Pius, Director TA welcoming participants to the workshop.



Mrs Mabel Agbebaku, Director, Quality Assurance delivering one of the papers at the TA workshop.



Some of the participants at the workshop.

2022 POLICY MEETING: A VERITABLE PLATFORM FOR STOCKTAKING, POLICY FORMULATION AND REVIEW - PROF. OLOYEDE

he 2022 Policy Meeting on Admissions conducted by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has been described as yet another veritable platform for stock-taking and policy formulation aimed at repositioning the nation's tertiary institutions for better performance.

The Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, stated this while fielding questions from newsmen on Friday, 29th July, 2022, on the impact of the annual Policy Meeting on Admissions on the nation's developmental goals.

According to him, the policy meeting on admissions is an annual meeting of stakeholders in the education sector held to herald the commencement of the admission process and take critical decisions that would guide the various tertiary institutions on ways and means of deploying their admission process in the realisation of the country's strategic objectives. The meeting was chaired by the Honourable Minister of Education,

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...Printing of 2022 Mop-Up Notification Slip Commences Monday, 1st August, 2022

Services, Mr Fabian Okoro made the announcement via a statement released to JAMBULLETIN on the development. According to the statement, the 2022 Mop-up notification slip is available for printing by candidates who have been rescheduled to sit the examination on Saturday, 6th August 2022.

The printing of the mop-up notification slip is compulsory for all mop-up candidates, as it enables them to know the venue, date, session and time of their examination. Affected candidates are advised to print the slips on time to know the location of their examination centres, and the time of the examination beforehand.

This would also guide them in making necessary arrangements ahead of the exercise as the Board frowns at lateness to its examination, as no excuses would be entertained from any candidates especially as it is a mop-up exercise. Candidates need not visit any CBT centres for the printing of the mop-up notification slip as it can be done at any available internet point, be it private or public. To print the slip, candidates are to visit https://www.jamb.gov.ng then click on 2022 mop-up slip printing then insert registration number to print."

The slip contains the candidates' important details like registration number, the centre to which they are to sit the examination within their chosen examination town and the expected time to be at the centre.

It should be noted that candidates who, for whatever reasons, were absent at those centres are NOT eligible for the mop-up examination and so need not attempt to print as there won't be any to print.

As expected in the Board's examination. all candidates would be checked into the examination hall using the Biometric Verification Machine (BVM) which is also a register of attendance in line with the Board's policy of No biometric verification, no examination.

Candidates are advised to prepare ahead and stay close to their examination venues, if possible, they should pay a prior visit to their centres before the date of the examination. Candidates are also reminded that the ban on prohibited items is still in force. Therefore, candidates should be careful not to run foul of the law as necessary sanctions would be meted out to violators of its code of conduct.

The list of the banned items within the examination hall includes but is not limited to flash drives, smart watches, calculators, recorders, mobile phones, spy reading glasses and jewellery, among others

TOTAL HEALTH TRUST PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO DELTA STATE OFFICE

he Delta State Office of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Asaba, on Monday, 25th July, 2022, paid host to the representatives of a Health Maintenance Organisation (HMO), Total Health Trust.

During the visit, the Head of the delegation from Total Health Trust, Mr. Clement Ighenki, enlightened the staff of the State Office on the various health insurance packages, benefits and guidelines for accessing the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS).

Mr. Ighenki disclosed that the Federal Government of Nigeria had rebranded the NHIS as the scheme is now to be known as National Health Insurance Authority (NHIA). He stated that the new scheme has come loaded with more insurance benefits for its clients as it now provides healthcare services at primary, secondary and tertiary levels, thereby covering more conditions than previously done and urged members of staff of the Board to visit the NHIA website for the list of the HMO's health package as well as get answers to their enquiries.

Responding, the Delta State Coordinator, Mrs. Linda Ajanwachukwu, expressed appreciation to the healthcare service provider for the enlightenment outreach adding that its message would be communicated to other offices of the Board.







FEW FACTS ABOUT JAMB

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

...Does JAMB Decide Cut-Off Mark?

admissions. However, before the admission exercise commences a policy meeting is held with all the Heads of the Institutions in attendance and chaired by the Hon. Minister of Education. At this meeting, the admission guidelines, which include recommendations from individual institutions and their preferred minimum admission scores, are presented and deliberated upon at the meeting and not JAMB as erroneously portrayed by Prof. Fagge, because JAMB is only a member out of the close to about a thousand participants at the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, for instance, more than 50% of the universities had submitted in writing their minimum scores of 200 and above to the Board for presentation to the meeting for the purpose of deliberation. The same applied for the other tiers of tertiary institutions. The implication of this process is that no institution would be able to admit any candidate with any score below what they had submitted as their minimum score.

Perhaps, it is also apt to address the series of misconceptions as to what is generally described as "uniform minimum national UTME score" for admission into tertiary institutions in Nigeria entails. For some time now, many candidates and some members of the general public have been under the erroneous impression that there is a minimum national UTME score set by the Board, which they also refer to as "cut-off point". The truth is that there is nothing like a national minimum UTME score for all Universities, Polytechnics or Colleges of Education in Nigeria as it is only individual institutions which set their minimum entry scores based on their peculiarities.

The Board has no role whatsoever in the decision of the institutions to determine how or with what criteria they want to admit. The role of the Board is to ensure that the goalpost is not shifted in the middle of the game. Furthermore, in most cases, the UTME score is not the sole determinant of placement of candidates into tertiary institutions. As such, the undue attention to the so-called national minimum UTME score (UTME cut-off point) is a major conception of many ill-informed candidates who assumed that they have finally attained the benchmark having achieved the socalled minimum national score or "cut-off point' for admission.

It is, therefore, a double jeopardy for many candidates who subscribed to the popular myth of a uniform UTME score (cut-off) for all Universities, Polytechnics or Colleges of Education in Nigeria.

The myth also incorporates the erroneous impression that it is only the UTME score that constitutes the benchmark for admission. This is far from the truth. Hence, such candidates on attainment of particular grades in the UTME celebrate in advance of their imminent placement in their institutions of choice, which in reality may not come to pass at the end of the day.

The Board, therefore, for the umpteenth time, is stating unequivocally that there is no uniform minimum UTME score (cut-

off) for all Universities, Polytechnics or Colleges of Education in Nigeria because each institution determines and submits to JAMB its minimum UTME score after analysing the UTME scores of its applicants against its available quota. It should, therefore, be noted that decisions at the annual Policy Meeting on Admission does not reduce this minimum prescriptions emanating from the institutions except in the few situations where these institutions had submitted minimum UTME scores that fall below what the Policy Meeting considers as the acceptable minimum score. That is where the much-talked about 140 came from, which is but a baseline that no institution should cross.

It should, therefore, be noted that UTME score is just one of the two or three scores that are generally cumulated to obtain the eventual aggregate score and ranking of the candidates by most institutions. Other parameters are Post-UTME/Post-A/L qualifications screening test score; O/L grade score; and in some cases, physical test (such as applicable in the Nigerian Defence Academy/Police Academy).Therefore, it is the score from all these segments that are added together to have an eventual ranking table or "cut-off" score.

Prof. Fagge and his likes may wish to request the video clips of the proceedings of the just-concluded 2022 Policy Meeting on Admissions to see how institutions are practically in charge of their various submissions on who they want to admit.

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...2022 POLICY MEETING: A Veritable Platform for Stocktaking, Policy Formulation and Review - Prof. Oloyede

Malam Adamu Adamu.

The 2022 Policy Meeting on Admissions, which was held at the International Conference Centre, Abuja, on Thursday, 21st July, 2022, had in attendance Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Rectors of Polytechnics, Provosts of Colleges of Education, Proprietors of Innovative Enterprises Institutions, their Registrars and Admission Officers as well as Heads of the Regulatory Agencies in the education sector (NUC, NBTE, NCCE) and other critical stakeholders. According to Prof. Oloyede, the 2022 Policy Meeting charted policy directions for the nation's tertiary institutions, set admission guidelines, and make a holistic review of application statistics, candidates' performance in the UTME, decide concessional and acceptable minimum admission standards in addition to evaluating the conduct of 2021 Admissions with a view to improving on that of 2022.

Furthermore, the Registrar informed journalists that the meeting, which

emphasized the need for Institutions to adhere to admission guidelines and timelines, had as its highlights, the NATAP-M Awards, where winners of the various categories of awards were awarded prizes to the tune of N500million. He also enlightened the gathering on the various advisories on condonement of illegal admissions, inter and intra institutional transfers, among other important issues.



JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, BWARI, ABUJA

ADVISORY ON EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF SERVICE FOR CBT CENTRES

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

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

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ADVISORY TO INSTITUTIONS ON HOW TO HANDLE THE CONDONEMENT OF UNDISCLOSED ILLEGAL INSTITUTIONAL ADMISSIONS (CUIIA) (ADMISSIONS CONDUCTED OUTSIDE CAPS 2017-2020)

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

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

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

- I. The institutions should first and foremost declare the number of candidates admitted outside CAPS by sending a formal letter of confession and disclosure (LCD) to the Registrar of JAMB.
- ii. The letter of confession and disclosure should have the list of candidates attached. A copy of the letter and the list of candidates should be sent to JAMB state office where the institution is located. The list and total number of affected candidates for each year of admission should be clearly specified with the Programme (i.e Course of Study).
- iii. If the Board upon receiving the letter (and after due scrutiny and investigations) grants approval, the institution shall be contacted within 2 weeks of acknowledged receipt of the LCD.
- iv. The portal is then opened for the Institution to upload the list of candidates already submitted.
- v. The letter of approval from JAMB to the institution and the uploaded list shall contain the following:
 - the academic year for which the retroactive approval is granted;
 - total number of candidates, and

the period of grace (not exceeding 60 days) within which the affected candidates must complete the process of **Condonement of Undisclosed Illegal Institutional Admission (CUIIA).** Only the candidates declared by the institutions are to visit JAMB office and complete the appropriate form online after paying the prescribed fee (i.e) the application fee of N4,000 only is paid by those without JAMB Registration number for the year and N5,000 penalty paid by every candidate involved.

- vi. The records of the candidates shall then be made available on CAPS after they have completed the online process.
- vii. The Admission Officer of the Institution shall retroactively propose formally the candidates to the Head of Institution who in turn shall recommend the candidates within the specified time.
- viii. The JAMB Desk officer too, shall retroactively approve the candidates on CAPS within the original list submitted by the institution. After approval, the previously illegal students will be able to print their JAMB admission letters from e-facility on JAMB Portal.
- ix. It should be noted that the admission letter would henceforth carry the date of the retroactive approval and not backdated to protect the Board's integrity of the data it might have provided before the condonement. The admission letter would also be named **"Retroactive Letter of Admission"** to reflect the correct history of the admission.
- x. Please NOTE that only candidates on the list declared by the institutions shall be attended to at the JAMB office. The Board shall not extend the period of grace granted to each institution. Any candidate that does not complete the process within the allotted (maximum two months) grace period loses the remedial opportunity.

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| S/N | ZONAL OFFICE | STATES IN THE ZONE | |
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| 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 | |

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