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JAMB SETS TO CONDUCT 2022 CENTRE VALIDATION AND ACCREDITATION EXERCISE



An accredited Professional Testing Centre.

As part of its preparations for the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has concluded all arrangements to validate and accredit centres to be used for the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME). At the final briefing for Chief Technical

Advisers, Zonal Directors, State Coordinators and Technical Officers for the accreditation of the Board's examination centres on Wednesday, 8th December, 2021, the need for thoroughness in the conduct of the exercise was emphasised.

The final briefing, which was hosted virtually from the Board's National Headquarters, discussed the modalities for the accreditation

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INTERNATIONALIZATION OF ADMISSIONS: 2021 UTME HOLDS ACROSS INTERNATIONAL CENTRES

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has conducted the 2021 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) for foreign candidates desirous of securing admission into Nigerian tertiary institutions.

The examination, which was held in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Accra, Ghana, and Buea, Cameroon, could, however, not hold in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Cotonou, Benin Republic; Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Johannesburg, South Africa; London, United Kingdom, and Nairobi, Kenya, owing to COVID-19 restrictions.

It is to be noted that the conduct of examinations in foreign centres is part of the Board's conscious strategies to market the nation's tertiary institutions to

Nigerians in the Diaspora as well as international candidates.

The Board, is at the moment, exploring the possibility of having more centres with Europe and America being major targets.

It is to be noted that the ranking of our tertiary institutions would continue to be abysmally low until we improve on a number of vital performance indicators.

Thus, attracting international students would assist in making our tertiary institutions, especially the universities, truly universal and prepared to compete with their peers across the globe.

You will recall that the Board had, in its quest to find a seamless process that would attract foreign candidates into Nigerian tertiary institutions, constituted

an Internationalisation Committee headed by Prof. Attahiru Jega and comprising very distinguished scholars, most of whom are former Vice-Chancellors, others were the representatives of the National Universities Commission (NUC), National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) and National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) as members. The report of the Committee was submitted to the Hon. Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu, who seeing the critical role it would play in terms of opening our institutions to the world, had reconstituted the yet-to-be inaugurated National Committee on Internationalisation also to be headed by Prof. Attahiru Jega.

...JAMB Sets to Conduct 2022 Centre Validation and Accreditation Exercise

of centres to be used for the conduct of the 2022 UTME.

The Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, while declaring the meeting open, said, "The exercise is necessary so as to assess the conduct of the 2021 UTME as well as look at those areas requiring improvement."

The validation exercise, which would commence immediately after the modalities are defined, is to ensure, among other things, that only centres that are 100% ready would be used for the exercise in addition to giving other new ones the opportunity to showcase their capacity and be included, if found suitable, while ensuring that any centre that is lacking in terms of technical and infrastructural specifications is excluded from the exercise.

The various stakeholders to engage in this exercise were urged to ensure that all the rules guiding the validation of centres are followed to the letter without any form of sentiments or compromise.

The Registrar likened the exercise to laying a foundation of a house, noting that a good foundation devoid of any shoddy practices should yield a successful

and hitch-free examination.

According to him, centre validation when done efficiently determines how good a particular year's examination would be. He charged the officers to give the task at hand their utmost attention knowing full well that the integrity as well as image of the Board was at stake.

The Registrar announced that JAMB would continue to do all that is required in the conduct of its examination and would not tolerate any form of shoddy work by any official.

Putting the stakeholders through the guidelines and requirements for the accreditation exercise, Director, Information Technology Services (ITS), Mr Fabian Okoro, announced that there would be about six centres across the six geopolitical zones which would be used to test run the new-age technology which the Board is hoping to deploy.

The Chief Technical Advisers (CTA) were mandated to ensure that thorough checks on the CCTV installations and other security devices of the various centres are carried out.

Mr Okoro also said, "If centres are not

adequately covered, centre owners must make provisions to install more cameras as remote monitoring of the examination is non-negotiable."

The Director (ITS), stressed that all the computer systems must be on a Local Area Network stressing that wireless network would not be acceptable by the Board.

Other guidelines included the need for all centres to be well-fenced and not in a shared location with any other business outfit, adequate backup systems should be provided, the power supply should be up and active and that every centre should have functional air conditioners.

Speaking on behalf of the Technical Advisers, the Chairman and Coordinator, Technical Advisers, Prof. Bashir Galadanci, reiterated the group's commitment to the ideals of the Board. He said, "This is a national assignment and we are proud to be a part of this assignment."

About 148 officials participated in the virtual meeting.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY: JAMB FELICITATES WITH PROF. EMERITUS EDUNGBOLA

...Says His Contributions Have Impacted Humanity



L-R: Prof. Emeritus, Luke Ekundayo Edungbola and Director of Admissions, Mr. Muhammed Babaji Ahmed at the book presentation.

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has congratulated Professor Emeritus, Luke Ekundayo Edungbola, on his immeasurable contributions to the development of university education and humanity at large.

The commendation came from the Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede,

who was represented by the Director of Admissions, Mr Muhammed Ahmed Babaji, at a public presentation of the autobiography of the erudite scholar held on 8th December 2021, at the University of Ilorin, Auditorium.

The book titled: "From No Direction To A Destination" was a comprehensive narrative of the life of Prof. Edungbola and covers a period of seven decades, including his childhood development, primary education, his undergraduate education at the University of Ife, Ile-Ife, his NYSC days in East-Central State and Postgraduate Studies at the John Hopkins University, Ballymoney, Maryland, USA.

The 32-chapter book with 500 all-inclusive pages, 400 striking photographs, illustrations, tables and appendices also featured, among other things, his academic career that spanned over four decades in full-time teaching,

research, community services, while working directly under ten Vice-Chancellors.

The Registrar pointed out that the autobiography would "surely inspire scholarship as well as serve didactic purposes."

Continuing, he said, "Your life, in words of Benjamin Franklin, is a testament to the fact that "an investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

"Several anecdotes of your childhood reminiscences and career, which are likely to be shared in this book, would be pointers to the fact that every mountain, however great, can be surmounted through hard work and a resolve to succeed."

The Registrar enjoined the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor to share the masterpiece with the public so that the Nigerians could





JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 04 - DECEMBER 10, 2021

FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N)
1	E-facilities/Sales	95,726,470.00
2	PRC Service Charge	6,123,240.00
	TOTAL	101,849,710.00

FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	67,260,002.94
2	Zonal and State Offices	Withheld 2021 Allocations	2,200,000.00
3	Federal Inland Revenue Service	Taxes	86,068,276.63
4	Aero Dispatch Support Services	Third Party Examination	6,840,000.00
5	De-Damak Nig Ltd	Supply of Motor Vehicles	67,399,999.99
6	Aero Dispatch Support Services	Distribution of Exam Materials	6,840,000.00
7	Fits Interbiz Concepts Ltd	Office Equipment	2,160,275.00
8	Okoko Item Progressive Union	Publicity	60,000.00
9	Agency Services	Agency	1,200,000.00
10	Bwari Kitchen Nigeria Ltd	Refreshment and Meals	774,887.25
11	Outsourced Service	Cleaning Services	5,644,936.66
12	ZIRMUS Ltd	Maintenance of Building	1,845,378.29
13	CUMMINS West Africa Ltd	Retention on Generator Supply	6,164,839.52
14	MTN Nigeria Communication	Internet Access Charges	6,841,915.41
15	Digital Bridge Institute	Staff Development	21,809,500.00
16	Hydroflow Intergrated Projects Ltd	Contruaction of Cubicles and Computerisation at Ehime Mbanjo PTC	16,654,485.11
17	ZAGADCO Global Investment	Contruaction of Cubicles and Computerisation at Awka PTC	29,979,893.76
18	Digital Pulse Technonogies	Internet Access Charges	5,118,912.50
19	Flexisaf Edusoft Ltd	IT Consulting	3,290,869.88
20	EMACS Engineering Consulting	Professional fees for Consortium	1,794,535.44
21	Kaytee Nig Ltd	Contruaction of Cubicles and Computerisation at Lokoja PTC	13,557,747.10
22	Remita	Financial charges	56,050.50
	TOTAL		353,562,505.98

JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN DECEMBER 13TH – DECEMBER 19TH

Happy Birthday

13TH DECEMBER

Ahmed Ramon Abdulrahman
Getrude Ifeoma Nwachukwu
Ibrahim Olatunji Kawu
Olufunmilayo Pamela Anyiam

14TH DECEMBER

James Ebodo Eneje
Ebehimare Maryann Afolami
Olajumoke Issa

15TH DECEMBER

Olusegun Adesina
Obiageli Onyemечи Godwin Dickson
Yusuf Sharu Kabara
Joseph Ekpe Adidi

Babangida Ibrahim Bello
Ijeoma Henrietta Onyekwere

16TH DECEMBER

Murna Danjuma Bitiyong
Oluwakemi Shakirat Awosanya
Iragbonfoh Patricia Musa
Caleb Musa Maigari
AbdulHakeem Abdulkadir
Bolaji Oladapo Adedayo
Bukar Mbaruma Abdul
Ifeanyi John Kalu
Fatima Musa Garba

17TH DECEMBER

Mabel Ekeikhome Agbebaku

Fausat Toyin Bello
Odunayo Adebanye Akintola
Naomi Suleiman

18TH DECEMBER

Rosemary Isioma Chukwuma
Binta Esther Isa
Margaret Oluseyi Jegede
Mercy Zashimi Sunday
Titilola Tosin Alabi

19TH DECEMBER

Ladi Dorcas Saaku
Ajishu Samuel Shishi
Ibtihal Abdallah



EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

VANGUARD NEWSPAPER MONDAY DECEMBER 6TH 2021 - JAMB Changes Literature Texts For Language Subjects Ahead Of 2022 UTME: The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) says it has changed the literature texts in four language subjects and Literature-in-English ahead of the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME). It stated that the four language subjects are Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba and Arabic. The changes, it said, would take effect from the 2022 UTME. Candidates desiring to sit the 2022 UTME

are advised to read the syllabus carefully as they prepare for the examination.

LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER THURSDAY DECEMBER 9TH 2021 - House Demands Functional Education Curriculum For Schools: The House of Representatives has urged the Federal Ministry of Education to direct all relevant agencies and institutions under its jurisdiction to develop a functional educational curriculum for schools at all levels. The House also mandated its committees on Basic Education and Services and Tertiary Education and Services to ensure

compliance.

The House said, while most countries have realised the flaws in their educational system and have either changed or adopted fresh initiatives that prepare youths for work and entrepreneurship, Nigeria's educational system seems to be stuck.

It was worried that scholars, educationists and education administrators are either reluctant or unaware of the need to take urgent steps to improve Nigeria's educational curriculum to positively impact the productivity of the country's youth.

EXAMINOTRICKS



LEADERSHIP NEWSPAPER SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH 2021 - Kaduna And The Spectre Of Teachers With Fake Certificates: Recently, the Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board (KADSUBEB), said it was set to dismiss 233 primary school teachers for presenting fake certificates. A verification committee launched in April 2021 uncovered the scandal. KADSUBEB Chairman, Tijjani Abdullahi said the Board screened 451 certificates presented by the teachers out of which 233, representing 51 per cent, turned out to be fake. He also noted that one institution disowned 212 of these 233 fake certificates.

The discovery by the Kaduna SUBEB's certificate verification committee is symptomatic of the enormity of the rot in the nation's education system, a

phenomenon that has continued to impede the quest for quality manpower development.

VANGUARD NEWSPAPER TUESDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2021 - KWASU Expels 87 Students for Antisocial Behaviour: The Vice-Chancellor of Kwara State University (KWASU), Malete, Professor Muhammed Mustapha Akanbi, SAN, has said the institution has, in the last two sessions, expelled no fewer than 87 students for alleged antisocial behaviour.

He added that the students were expelled for alleged involvement in examination malpractices, drug abuse, internet fraud, robbery and other vices.

Prof. Akanbi said, "Kwara State University has zero-tolerance for indiscipline and misconduct. All cases of indiscipline are investigated and appropriate punitive

measures are taken against students found guilty of such offences promptly. This is to ensure that the few bad eggs among students do not contaminate the decent ones."

PUNCH NEWSPAPER THURSDAY DECEMBER 9TH 2021 - Kwara Poly Expels Six Students For Submitting Fake OND Certificates: The management of the Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, has announced that it had expelled six Higher National Diploma students over the submission of fake Ordinary National Diploma certificates.

A statement by the Principal Assistant Registrar, Academic Matter, Mr Onikoko Saliu, stated that the management of the institution has approved the immediate expulsion of the affected students from the polytechnic.

DBI TO TRAIN STAFF ON ENHANCED DIGITAL LITERACY

As part of preparations for a hitch-free conduct of the 2022 UTME, the Board has perfected all arrangements to enhance the digital literacy of its staff, among other measures. Consequently, the Board has mapped out strategies to partner with Digital Bridge Institute (DBI) to achieve this set objective.

It would be noted that digital literacy entails having the skills you need to live, learn and work in a society where communication as well as access to information is increasing through digital technologies like the internet, social media and mobile devices. Therefore, the training would be in line with Management's desire to be in tune

with global best practices in terms of information technology as it prepares for a more remarkable outing in the 2022 UTME Registration and Examination exercises.

The training, which would span five days, is scheduled to commence from Monday, 13th December, to Friday, 17th

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...AUTOBIOGRAPHY: JAMB Felicitates with Prof. Emeritus Edungbola

tap from the enormous wealth of experience of the author.

Before the book presentation, the Registrar was conducted round a photo exhibition mirroring the various scholarly research works of the renowned and award-winning scholar that centred on the eradication of Guinea Worm and River Blindness control in Nigeria, among other exploits, in the Health Sciences and Public Health, just to mention a few.

The well-attended occasion was graced by the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam Abdulrahman Abdulsaraq; Engr. Jani

Ibrahim, the Chief Launcher; the Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Sulyman Age Abdulkareem; Mrs Cecilia Moji Aina (Chairperson); former Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Prof. Shuaibu Oba AbdulRaheem; Eminent Professors, Royal Fathers, Clerics, Members of the University of Ilorin Community, Friends and Family Members of the Public Healthcare provider etc.

Encomiums were showered on the academic giant as a humble personality who has touched many lives at home and abroad.

A multiple-award winner, Professor Emeritus Edungbola was the first recipient of the University of Ilorin Researchers' Merit Award to commemorate the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of the Institution in 2001.

Professor Emeritus Edungbola was also a recipient of the National Productivity Merit Award presented by former President Olusegun Obasanjo, among other numerous awards.

JAMB TRAINS WAEC ON PSYCHOMETRICS



Participants during the training session.

In its bid to digitalise its examinations, the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) was recently hosted a training session at the National Headquarters of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board

(JAMB) where the rudiments of psychometric analysis, as well as the requirements for establishing a Psychometrics Department as obtained in the Board, were highlighted.

The leader of the WAEC delegation, Mrs Ojo Odide, Deputy Registrar, said that the Council had come to partner with the Board to further enhance the credibility of its examinations by adopting the prevailing mode of conducting public examinations, which is Computer-Based Testing (CBT), hence their visit to the Board with a view to learning from its expertise in the area of psychometrics. According to her, CBT has become the best tool in the fight against the rampant

cases of examination infractions globally. Consequently, she stated that the purpose of the visit, among others, was to understudy the Board's Psychometrics Department with aim of establishing same by the Council.

In his remarks, the Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, said that psychometrics is a necessary instrument in test development, noting that if its processes were domiciled in a Department with the right human and material resources, positive outcomes in terms of the production of standardised test items would result.

He pointed out that the key feature of every examination body is integrity, therefore, if an examination body were to compromise on that, then such a body would have lost the very essence of its existence.

"The paramount issue for any examination body is the integrity of its examinations. For this to happen, there has to be a system in place that is built on acceptable rules and regulations where global best practices are strictly implemented."

Prof. Oloyede explained that the cankerworm of examination malpractice has eaten deep into the fabric of the nation's education system to the extent

that some examination bodies now give out certificates to anyone who can afford to pay and not necessarily to those who merit them. Such tendencies, he said, should be nipped in the bud before incalculable damage is done to the system.

The three-day technical interactive training which took place at the Psychometrics Department of the Board was hosted by the Director, Psychometrics Department, Dr Akinyele Ariyo, who took the six-man delegation through the rudiments of psychometrics and the roles that such a Department is expected to play as the research hub of any examination agency.

The training exposed participants to such topics as "Introduction to Psychometrics"; "Relationship between Psychometrics and ICT, among others.

In his remarks at the end of the training session, Mrs Odide expressed the profound gratitude of the Council to the Board for the time taken to expose them to world-class psychometrics processes.

In her words, "We are extremely grateful for the time taken to put us through. The presentations were made simple and unassailable. We look forward to coming back for a more in-depth training."

...DBI to Train Staff on Enhanced Digital Literacy

December 2021, in three of the Institute's training centres located in Abuja, Kano and Lagos.

No fewer than 256 technical and managerial staff of the Board would participate in the first phase of the

training. The second phase would hold later in a "train-the-trainer" module.

This initiative is in furtherance of enhanced technological capacity development of staff which is one of the Five-point Agenda of Prof. Is-haq Oloyede

as enunciated in his assumption of office speech. It would be recalled that the Board had digitalised almost every aspect of its operations, hence the need for enhanced technical know-how of its staff.



DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS IN ILORIN ANNEX OFFICE, SAYS ERA OF ILLEGAL ADMISSIONS ARE OVER



Director Admissions, Mr. Muhammed Babaji Ahmed and the Ilorin Annex Office Ag. Director, Mrs. Ramat Titilayo Shittu, during the Director's visit to the office.

The Director of Admissions, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Mr. Muhammed Babaji Ahmed, has said the era of illegal admissions are over.

The Director, who paid a working visit to the JAMB Annex Office Ilorin, stated this during an interactive session with the Ag. Director, Ilorin Annex Office, Mrs. Ramat Titilayo Shittu and her staff, on the Advisory on the Condonement of Undisclosed Institutional Illegal Admissions (CUIIA).

The Director, in his address, enjoined the

Ag. Director to sensitise all tertiary institutions within her area of coverage of the dangers of illegal admissions saying the Board would not condone or regularise any illegal admission going forward.

The Director explained that the Board has issued final notice on illegitimate admissions conducted by tertiary institutions vis-a-vis the CUIIA Advisory.

According to him, the CUIIA Advisory revolves around the ways and means of how to condone and, therefore, mainstream the series of undisclosed illegal institutional admissions that had been conducted over the years by several institutions. To that end, he disclosed that the Board had placed advertisements in several national dailies to sensitise the public appropriately as no excuse would be entertained from any candidate who accepts admission outside the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS).

The Director also stated that copies of the Advisory would be forwarded to the the

Annex Office for onward delivery to the affected institutions to address this infraction once and for all.

Mr. Babaji pointed out that, as part of measures to mop up the backlog of improperly-admitted candidates, the Board had created a platform to retroactively capture those who had been screened and found to have the minimum requirements for admission.

Earlier, Mrs. Shittu had commended the Director of Admissions, for the impromptu visit which, according to her, had brought great honour to the Annex Office.

At the end of the interactive session, Mrs. Shittu conducted the visiting Director round the Annex Office Complex, and also used the opportunity to acquaint him with the various operational processes of both the Professional Testing Centre (PTC) and the Professional Registration Centre (PRC) as well as other Units located within the facility.

“YOU CANNOT GIVE WHAT YOU DO NOT HAVE”

...JAMB Registrar Assesses 2022 promotion Examination Results

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has conducted its 2022 Staff Promotion Examination for members of staff who are due for promotion in 2022. Assessing the performance of staff after the release of results, the Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, stated that no one can give what he or she does not have. This, he said, is especially true in relation to the performance of some of the staff particularly those vying for the directorate cadre, who took the promotion examination on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

The Registrar, described the general performance as very encouraging especially for a Board that prides itself as a leading light in the examination industry. He, however, frowned at the performance of some individuals, whom he urged to buckle down so as not to give the Board a bad name.

The Registrar, while expressing his disappointment with these individuals, said, “ I was deeply distressed and

disappointed by the responses of some of the staff. It is very troubling to realise that a few of us do not know anything about our core function, which is admission. If you can call yourself a staff of the Board, you should be able to speak about the Board's activities whenever you are called upon.”

He said any staff aspiring to senior positions especially directorate cadre must be above board as well as be familiar with all that the Board is doing.”

“The responses to certain questions by these few members of staff is not only shocking but also unbelievable. It is more worrying when these questions are practical processes within the Board.”

On a general note, however, the Registrar commended the overall performance of staff and disclosed that he would not be deterred by the antics of the few ones who have decided to be laid-back in matters relating to their primary assignment.

He further declared that the examination was an eye opener for the Board as more

needs to be done. He noted that it was a good thing that in spite of everything, the Board was still able to see many good scores with only a few disappointing results. He, however, added that in line with the integrity mantra of the current leadership of the Board, once a person does not merit a position, he would not be given.

Prof. Oloyede further announced that to stem the tide of unpardonable outings, the Management had decided that periodic trainings, seminars and assessments would be carried out on a regular basis by the Board at the Headquarters and in the Outstations on a monthly basis to keep the staff updated about their knowledge of the Board as well as periodic assessments which would be undertaken to determine the level of assimilation or awareness of their respective responsibilities.

The examination was taken by no less than 644 out of the 656 staff who are qualified to sit the 2022 Staff Promotion Examination.



JAMB



HEADQUARTERS' ANNEXES: LAGOS, KADUNA AND ILORIN ZONAL AND STATE OFFICES OF THE BOARD

S/N	ZONAL OFFICE	STATES IN THE ZONE
1.	Abuja	Federal Capital Territory, Niger and Kogi
2.	Bauchi	Bauchi, Gombe and Taraba
3.	Benin	Edo and Delta
4.	Enugu	Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo
5.	Ibadan	Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo
6.	Sokoto	Kebbi, Sokoto, and Zamfara
7.	Kano	Jigawa, Kano and Katsina
8.	Lafia	Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau
9.	Maiduguri	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe
10.	Port-Harcourt	Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River and Rivers

Zonal Offices bear the names of the towns in which they are located.



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