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### PRESS STATEMENT

#### **Registration of candidates for the 2024 PLE, UCE (Old and New Curricula) UACE Examinations**

This year, the Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB) will conduct Four sets of Examinations: the **Primary Leaving Examination (PLE)**, the **Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE)** for both the **Old and New Curricula**, and the **Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE)**. This will be the first time UNEB is conducting the UCE examination based on the **New Lower Secondary Curriculum (NLSC)**, and arrangements for this examination are on course. Alongside the UCE Examination based on the **New Curriculum**, UNEB will also conduct another set of **UCE-Transitional Examination (UCE-TE)** based on the old curriculum. This will be a one off opportunity given to anyone who would like to be assessed under the old curriculum, and qualifies for the same. Registration for all the Four Examinations (4Es) is currently ongoing.

#### **Requirements for the UCE Examination based on the New Curriculum**

Only candidates who passed PLE (Grades 1,2,3, and 4) or its equivalent and have attended four years of Ordinary Level Education may be registered for this UCE Examination. The PLE Grades shall be verified automatically by the e-registration software for those who have sat the PLE within the periods specified in the circular on registration sent to schools at the commencement of the registration exercise, or earlier. Candidates should provide their correct index number and year of sitting for PLE. The New Lower Secondary Curriculum requires candidates to register for a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of Nine (9) subjects. Continuous Assessment (CA) scores for the subjects offered, as well as Project scores shall be a requirement for certification.

#### **Requirements for the UCE-Transitional Examination (UCE-TE) based on the Old curriculum**

As the country transits from the Old Curriculum to the New Lower Secondary School Curriculum, UNEB recognises that there is need to conduct a UCE transitional examination based on the old curriculum. This is a one-off examination to give an opportunity to the following categories of people;

- a. Those who sat UCE in 2023 or earlier and would like to improve their grades;
- b. Those who registered for UCE in 2023 or earlier, but did not sit;
- c. Those whose 2023 UCE results have been cancelled
- d. Those who failed to register for UCE in 2023. These must have sat PLE in 2018 or earlier;

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- e. Adult candidates who are 20 years old and above and did not sit for PLE. These will require special permission from the Board before they can register. They must provide proof of age.

UNEB emphasises that this is a one – off opportunity and will not be repeated. **NO OTHER EXAMINATION WILL BE CONDUCTED under the old UCE Curriculum.**

### **Requirements for the UACE Examination**

Only candidates who passed UCE (Grades 1,2,3, and 4), and obtained the Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) in 2022 or earlier, or possess an equivalent qualification can be registered for the 2024 UACE Examination. For purposes of government sponsorship, only candidates who **sat for UCE in 2022** are eligible to register under the government program of Universal Post O'Level Education and Training (UPOLET).

### **Candidates with Foreign Results**

All candidates with foreign results **MUST** have their marks equated by UNEB before registration. After receiving the equated results, the candidates will be given a unique code to enable them register electronically. This procedure also applies to adult candidates, as well as candidates who have been authorised to use legally changed names.

### **Continuous Assessment and Project Scores**

Continuous Assessment is an integral part of the NLSC and the scores will contribute 20% to the final End of Cycle Assessment. Scores for Projects will be reported separately on the certificates. Any candidate without CA and Project scores will not be graded by UNEB. Schools should submit CA scores for the candidates **from 4<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.**

To facilitate this process, UNEB is currently training teachers of all secondary schools in Competency Based and Continuous Assessment Skills as well as data collection using the Assessment Management Information System (AMIS) tool developed by the Board. Training is under way on a regional basis.

### **Registration for the Four Examinations**

Normal registration for all candidates will close on **31<sup>st</sup> May, 2024.** For candidates who may miss registering during this time, a period has been set for late registration, which attracts a surcharge. The government will pay the registration fees of all the candidates sponsored under any of the three programs of Universal Primary Education (UPE), Universal Secondary Education (USE) and the Universal Post O-Level Education and Training Program (UPOLET). Heads of these Centres are advised to ensure that they submit the registration data of their candidates during the period of normal registration.

### Registration fees for privately sponsored candidates

No.	Examination Level	Registration Fees
1	PLE	34,000/=
2	UCE Examination	164,000/=
3	UACE Examination	186,000/=

### Charging fees not prescribed by UNEB

According to the UNEB Act 2021, section 33, it is an offence to charge fees not prescribed by UNEB and refer to such fees as 'UNEB Fees'. Heads of Centres and School Directors are therefore cautioned against calling any other administrative costs as UNEB fees. Such an offence attracts a penalty of two thousand currency points (Forty Million Shillings) or a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years or both. Additionally, the person convicted shall pay back the amount that is not prescribed by UNEB to the concerned students or their sponsors. The Board will also withdraw the Examination Centre of the school, and, where the person convicted is a registered teacher, the person shall be de-registered according to the relevant laws regulating the profession. Aggrieved parents or members of the public charged exorbitant fees alleged to be UNEB registration fees should file complaints with the nearby police station.

### Misappropriation of Examination Registration Fees

UNEB equally cautions Heads of Centres or their representatives to ensure that all the UNEB registration fees are remitted to the Board, and that the students are duly registered for the examination. Anyone who fails to do so commits an offence, and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding two thousand currency points (Forty million shillings) or a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years or both, as provided for in section 32 of the UNEB Act 2021. Such a person shall also pay back the money collected to the concerned learners or their sponsors and compensate them accordingly. Where the person convicted is a registered teacher, the person shall be de-registered under the relevant laws regulating teachers.

### Registering private candidates as Government sponsored candidates

Heads of government aided schools are put on notice NOT to register privately sponsored candidates as government sponsored candidates. This is a fraudulent practice which causes financial loss to government. Any head of an examination centre or school director that will be found indulging in this practice shall pay twice the amount that has been defrauded. Relevant laws on fraud will also be applied on such head teachers or directors and in addition, the examination centre number of the school shall be withdrawn.



### Display of Candidates' Registers


The UNEB 2021 Section 4 (2) requires schools/ Examination Centres to display the register of the registered students in a conspicuous place at the school noticeboards, sixty days before the date for commencing the national examinations.

Heads of Examination Centres are hereby put on notice to ensure that at the end of the registration, they make printed copies of the registration slip from the UNEB Portal. It is the responsibility of candidates, parents and Heads of Centres to confirm that the biodata of the candidates is correct. Candidates MUST verify the correctness of the details and append their signatures as proof that they have verified the information. Such information includes; *spelling and order of names as captured on the birth certificate, date of birth as per the prescribed format of (Date/ Month/ Year), the correctness of the gender appended, the right photograph, as well as subjects offered for UCE and UACE candidates.*

### Checking Registration status of candidates

At the end of the registration period, UNEB will make it possible for candidates, parents/ guardians of candidates to check the registration status of their children by sending an SMS to 6600. They will be required to know and type in the full index number of the candidates. The Board therefore urges parents and guardians of candidates to take keen interest in the registration of their children and verify the correctness of the information submitted.

We wish all the aspiring candidates God's blessings. I thank you all. For God and my country.

  
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