UGANDA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD

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Integrity & Security in the management of Examinations;

The health and safety of learners is a joint

Responsibility

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#Registration of candidates # A total of 1,180,595 candidates registered

- A total of **1,180,595** candidates have been registered at all the three levels. Of these, **749,466** are PLE**, 333,126** are UCE while **98,235** are UACE Candidates**.** According to ES Odongo, this has certainly been a successful exercise. He says the PLE registered candidates for instance have exceeded the projected number of 720,000 candidates. Out of the registered PLE candidates, **53 %** are females, while 50.3% of the UCE candidates are females. At UACE level, **42%** of the registered candidates are females.

- **Examination Centres**

  We validated and accredited a total of **457** new examination centres. These included **100** centres for both UCE and UACE candidates and **357** for PLE. This brings the total of our examination centres to **19,812**. Out of these, **13,971** are PLE Centres, **3,662** are UCE while the UACE Centres are **2,179.**

  - **Next steps:**

  After the registration of candidates, we have asked schools to display the draft registers and albums to enable candidates verify their registration data. This will go on until the end of the term. In case of any errors, schools are able to make the necessary amendments. They specifically look out for errors with respect to Names of Candidates - Spellings and order of names, photographs of candidates to ensure they are not mismatched, Gender, Date and Year of birth, Funding Code, candidates' Institutional choices and subjects of choice.

- **Dates for Conducting the Examinations:** The Board at its 62nd meeting approved the following dates for conducting the examinations;
    - UCE - March 1- April 6, 2021
    - PLE - March 30-31, 2021
    - UACE- April 12- May3, 2021.
- **Theme:** Our theme this year is *'Integrity and security in the management of examinations; the health and safety of learners is a joint responsibility'.*

Schools to re-open for three more classes

- **The Ministry** of Education and Sports proposes to have sub-candidate classes (Primary Six, Senior Three and Senior Five) join the candidate classes when school resumes for third term in January 2021. According to the Director of Basic Education in the Ministry, Mr. Ismail Mulindwa, the final decision will be informed by an assessment to establish the capacity of the schools to accommodate the learners within the confines of the COVID-19 Standard operating Procedures. (***Daily Monitor, Pg. 3)***

Makerere sets dates for graduations, re-opening

- Makerere University has resolved that new entrants to the university will report on January 10,2021, while the graduation for the finalists is set for March. The first semester for the second batch of freshers, currently UNEB 2020 candidates, will start on August 13, and end on December 10. This means that the University will be starting two academic years in the same calendar year. The Academic Registrar's letter to all principals and deans shows that the University senate last week resolved that the first semester will run from February 6 end on May 8, while the second semester will run from May 15 and close on August 1, 2021. The graduation dates have been set for March 16-19, 2021. (*New Vision.pg.12)*

The End - Have a blessed, SAFE, & bountiful December

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"All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children" (Isiah 54:13)