



**UGANDA BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD
(UBTEB)**

**THE SPEECH OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD ON THE
RELEASE OF THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017
UGANDA COMMUNITY POLYTECHNIC CERTIFICATE (UCPC)
EXAMINATION RESULTS**

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*Hon. Minister of Education and Sports,
Hon. State Ministers,
The Ministry Officials,
Permanent Secretary,
Members of the Technical Team of the Ministry,
Members of the Board of UBTEB,
Executive Secretary, UBTEB
Executive Secretaries of Sister Boards,
The UBTEB Secretariat Staff,
Heads of Institutions Present,
The Press,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen*

Hon. Minister, Ministry of Education and Sports, on behalf of Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board (UBTEB), I take the honor to thank you for accepting to officiate and grace this occasion on the release of the November/December 2017 examination results of Uganda Community Polytechnic institutions. This is the 11th series of the release of UBTEB examinations results to the public. With effect from this year, the Board will be releasing results three times a year, i.e. in January, March, and September.

On behalf of the Board Hon. Minister let me bring to your attention some key highlights regarding the Board:

- i. The Board has continued to grow in its operations as exhibited in the growth of students' enrolment, staff and other areas such as linkages with international organizations. The number of accredited examination centers has also grown from 184 in 2011 at the inception to the current 557 Centres. Since the last release of the November-December 2016 Examinations that was done in March 2017, a total of 131 new examination centres have been accredited. The target of the board is to reach 1000 accredited centres by 30th June 2018. By this date we hope that all

institutions offering Post O-Level certificate courses in Business, Technical and Vocational Education will be presenting their students to UBTEB for national assessment in accordance with the recent guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education and Sports.

- ii. The Board is presenting to you a total of 4,647 Candidates that registered for the November/December 2017 end of Program Examinations from 113 Examinations Centres. UBTEB has registered increase in student enrolment in Uganda Community Polytechnic Certificate (UCPC) institutions from 4,331 candidates in 2016 to 4,647 candidates in 2017. However, the current student enrollment in UCPU institutions is much higher than this as most UCPU institutions have not been presenting all their students for national assessment. This challenge has been addressed by the circular from the Ministry of Education and Sports that requires all these institutions to present their students for national assessment. I am glad to report that vocational education is being appreciated and the Board appeals for more career guidance to students in Primary and Secondary Schools to help them make better choices in the skills sector.

A tree must be bent while it is young. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.

So as a country, we need to aggressively market vocational education to Primary Certificate of Education (PCE) holders so that they can join these UCPU institutions instead of waiting to recruitment the holders of Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) or Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE).

- iii. In this category of Examination results, the Board successfully conducted the examinations without any examinations malpractice registered. The Board pledges to continue safeguarding the security of our examinations.
- iv. The Board has continued to make efforts aimed at obtaining development assistance from Education Development Partners to complement government funding. To this effect, UBTEB signed an MOU with Belgium Development Corporation (BTC) that has since extended assistance towards capacity building of

the Secretariat staff. BTC also hired a Consultant, Kenwill, which is carrying out a survey on the effectiveness and efficiency of UBTEB assessment processes with the aim of generating stakeholder proposals on how UBTEB can better deliver on her mandate.

- v. I am also glad to report that UBTEB this year will carry out capacity building of more Instructors in addition to the 87 Assessors that were trained last year on Competence Based Assessment (CBA). The Board has a target of training 500 moderators and assessors in a phased manner in Competence Based Assessment but at the moment its constrained by limited finances. However, we must appreciate that building the capacity of Instructors/Lecturers in all BTVET Institutions in Competence Based Education and Training (CBET) is critical to skills transfer and producing competent graduates. We therefore, appeal to the Ministry of Education and Sports to provide the additional funds required to retool the instructors/ lecturers in CBET in BTVET Institutions.
- vi. UBTEB has strengthened supervision and monitoring of Real Life projects done by students in the whole country. Hon. Minister there is need for Government support to boost the students' innovations and enhance skills acquisition and development. We would like to appeal to government to allocate part of the Youths Livelihood programme funds to students from BTVET institutions in order to commercialise their innovations.
- vii. Hon. Minister, the Board has been allocated one (1) acre of land in Kyambogo by the Ministry of Education and Sports for the establishment of an Assessment Centre (warehouses and item test development) and also the Secretariat offices. As a board, we are very grateful to the unwavering support from the Ministry of Education and Sports in establishing UBTEB as a permanent board with permanent headquarters.

viii. UBTEB has continued to make efforts towards streamlining and regulating the qualifications in the BTVET sub sector. I would like to thank the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Sports who issued a circular with guidelines on the accreditation and assessment of Post O'Level and A'level programmes in Uganda. I am glad to report that UBTEB has received positive responses from Universities and Tertiary institutions offering these programmes and UBTEB is willing to partner with them so as to improve skills training. I would like to thank Universities that have already supported this move; Makerere University College of Education and External Studies- Centre for Life Long Learning, Multitech Business School, St. Lawrence University, Kumi University, Bishop Stuart University, TEAM University, and Bugema University. Others are expected to come on board before 30th June 2018 as they are required to compliance with the guidelines from the mother ministry, Ministry of Education and Sports.

I take this opportunity to thank the Board members with whom I perform the Board duties, UBTEB Secretariat Staff, the Ministry of Education and Sports, Sister Boards and Agencies, and all stakeholders for the endless support offered to the Board. I also commend all those that have been involved in the entire Examination Management process of conducting the November/December 2017 Examinations.

Last but not least, I would like to congratulate the graduands on achieving this important milestone. To the parents and guardians, I urge you to continue supporting the education of your children.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
Nelson Mandela

“Setting Pace for Quality Assessment”

For God and My Country; I thank You.

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