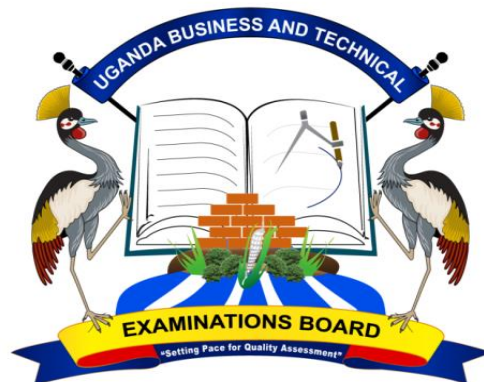


**UGANDA BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD
(UBTEB)**



**THE STATEMENT FOR RELEASE OF NOV/DEC 2018 END OF PROGRAMME
FOR UGANDA COMMUNITY POLYTECHNICS CERTIFICATE (UCPC) AND
ADVANCED CRAFT EXAMINATIONS RESULTS**

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THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S STATEMENT ON THE RELEASE OF RESULTS FOR THE NOV/DEC 2018 UCPC & ADVANCED CRAFT EXAMINATIONS OF THE UGANDA BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD (UBTEB), 05TH FEBRUARY, 2019.

*Hon. Minister for Education and Sports,
Hon. Ministers of State for Higher Education,
The Chairperson Education and Sports Committee of Parliament
The Permanent Secretary,
Members of the MoES Technical Team,
The Chairperson and Members of the Board of UBTEB,
Executive Secretaries and Directors of Other Education Agencies,
Heads of Institutions Present,
The UBTEB Secretariat Staff,
Members of the Press,
Distinguished invited Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.*

1.0. INTRODUCTION

Hon. Minister of Education and Sports, Uganda Business and Technical Examination Board (UBTEB) conducted its 14th series of Final year Examinations from 19th November to 14th December, 2018 in 492 accredited Examination Centres country wide for all programmes.

The following categories of programmes had students who sat for their final year examinations and they will proceed to the world of work.

- i) Business Diploma & Certificate Programmes
- ii) Physical & Biological Diploma & Certificate Programmes
- iii) Technical Diploma Programmes
- iv) Technical National Certificate Programmes
- v) Technical Advanced Craft Programmes and
- vi) Technical Uganda Community Polytechnics Programmes

Hon. Minister, effective with the November-December 2017 Examinations, The Board now presents to you the results for Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate Programmes (UCPC) and Advanced craft, to be released separately. The UCPC programmes are for students that study in Community Polytechnics, Technical Schools and Farm Institutes that are admitted after completing Primary Seven (PLE). The decision to release these results early is to allow some of the graduates of these categories of programmes have equal chance of being admitted together with those from Ordinary level into National Certificate in BTJET institutions to progress with their careers.

On behalf of the UBTEB team allow me present to you the Nov/Dec 2018 UCPC & advanced craft Examinations results for Candidates who completed their programmes of study for release to the public.

2.0. CANDIDATURE BY REGISTRATION AND SITTING.

Hon Minister, a total of 5,972 (1,112F & 4,860M) candidates registered for UCPC and Advanced Craft programmes. While 169 candidates did not turn up for examinations, 5,803(97.2%) sat for

examinations, from which 4,678 (88.3%) successfully completed their studies. Some of the possible reasons for absenteeism are that after registration those who feel they have acquired skills get absorbed in the employment before they sit their examinations. However, the Department of Research, Policy and Quality Assurance will undertake a study to establish the actual causes of absenteeism.

Specifically for UCPCs, a total of 4,254 (791 Females & 3,463 Males) candidates registered for end of programme Examinations in 231 Examination Centres and table 3.1 indicates the details

Out of 4,126 that sat the examinations, 3,317 (80.4%) successfully completed their programmes and can proceed to the world of work for Apprenticeship or join the National Certificate level. This is a very good performance, and it gives us a 0.4% improvement in completion rates compared to that of 2017 (**Fig 2.1**). This is partly attributed to adequate syllabus coverage and students getting used to Competence Based Assessment procedures.

The other 809 (19.6%) of the candidates who did not meet the all the requirements, are advised to register for reassessment of their competences at the next subsequent assessments to improve on their competences.

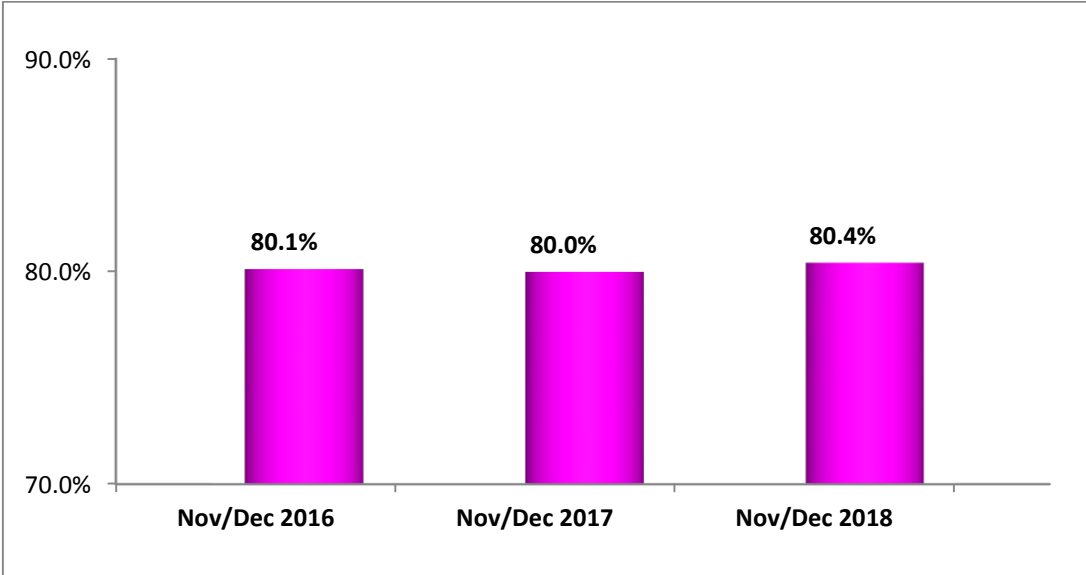


Fig. 2.1: Completion Rates in End of Programme UCPC Examinations (2016 -2018)

Hon Minister, for Advanced Craft programmes, 1,718 (321F & 1,397M) candidates registered for examinations. The programmes was phased out by introduction of the 2016 National Certificate programmes which prepares candidates to expressly join Diploma programmes and no longer upgrade through advanced craft programmes.

Out of the 1,677 that sat, 1,361 (81.2%) successfully completed their programmes and will join the world of work to practice or proceed to Diploma level in their different trades and table 3.2 shows the details. The performance and completion rates in this category of programmes has still remained good at 81.2percent.

3.0 DETAILS OF PERFORMANCE BY PROGRAMME, GENDER AND GRADES

Table 3.1: Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate - End of Programme Results

Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate Programs		Candidates Registration and Performance Details																		Summary of Performance									
Code	Program Name	Registered			Absent				Sat for Exams				Distinction			Credit			Pass			Probation				Successfully completed			
		F	M	Total	F	M	Total	%	F	M	Total	%	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	%	F	M	Total	%			
EI-857	Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Electrical Installation Practice	35	178	213	0	6	6	2.8%	35	172	207	97.2%	0	7	7	24	108	132	5	28	33	6	29	35	16.9%	29	143	172	83.1%
MVM-856	Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Motor Vehicle Mechanics	9	760	769	1	27	28	3.6%	8	733	741	96.4%	1	46	47	4	469	473	3	70	73	0	148	148	20.0%	8	585	593	80.0%
BCP-852	Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Block Laying and Concreting Practice	32	1997	2029	0	32	32	1.6%	32	1965	1997	98.4%	0	66	66	15	1078	1093	3	391	394	14	430	444	22.2%	18	1535	1553	77.8%
CJ-851	Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Carpentry and Joinery	2	447	449	0	35	35	7.8%	2	412	414	92.2%	0	29	29	2	290	292	0	27	27	0	66	66	15.9%	2	346	348	84.1%
ACC-512	Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Business Studies - Accounting	1	3	4	0	0	0	0.0%	1	3	4	100.0%	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0.0%	1	3	4	100.0%
SS-514	Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Secretarial Studies	4	0	4	3	0	3	75.0%	1	0	1	25.0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
LWSM-955	Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Leather Works and Shoe Making	0	3	3	0	0	0	0.0%	0	3	3	100.0%	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	33.3%	0	2	2	66.7%
GDC-853	Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Garment Design and Construction	668	55	723	21	1	22	3.0%	647	54	701	97.0%	71	10	81	467	32	499	15	1	16	94	11	105	15.0%	553	43	596	85.0%
FFP-854	Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Food Preparation	33	7	40	0	2	2	5.0%	33	5	38	95.0%	7	1	8	22	3	25	0	0	0	4	1	5	13.2%	29	4	33	86.8%
CPCA	Community Polytechnics Certificate in Agriculture	7	13	20	0	0	0	0.0%	7	13	20	100.0%	0	0	0	6	9	15	0	1	1	1	3	4	20.0%	6	10	16	80.0%
WMF-858	Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Welding and Metal Fabrication	1	52	53	0	2	2	3.8%	1	50	51	96.2%	0	3	3	1	29	30	0	7	7	0	11	11	21.6%	1	39	40	78.4%
Total		791	3,463	4,254	25	103	128	3.0%	766	3,360	4,126	97.0%	79	161	240	540	1,991	2,531	27	519	546	120	689	809	19.6%	646	2,671	3,317	80.4%

- i. From this table, a total of 4,254 candidates registered for Examinations in the various programmes, 4,126 representing 97% turning up for examinations and 128 (3%) being absent.
- ii. Compared to the Nov/Dec 2017, there was an 8.5% drop in candidature from 4,647 in 2017 to 4,254 in 2018. The drop is mainly explained by drop in enrollment of students in Certificate programmes in Business studies, Secretarial studies accounting and Leather works and shoe making. To avert this trend, the Board will collaborate with BT/VET Department to raise awareness for the Public to understand that Business related courses are also offered in Community Polytechnics that admit P.7 leavers
- iii. There is however, an improvement in completion rate by 0.4% from 80.0% in 2017 to 80.4% in 2018.
- iv. In addition, mastery of Trade calculations and science is still a challenge to some candidates across most programmes.

Table 3.2: Advanced Craft End of Programme Examination Results

Advanced Craft Certificates		Candidates Performance Details																		Performance Summary											
		Registered			Absentees				Sat for Examinations				Distinction			Credit			Pass			Unsuccessful				Successfully Completed					
Code	Program Name	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	%	F	M	Total	%	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	F	M	Total	%	F	%	M	%	Total	%			
4004-II	Certificate in Tailoring and Cutting Garments, Craft Part II	224	47	271	3	0	3	1%	221	47	268	99%	2	2	4	128	29	157	51	7	58	40	9	49	18.3%	181	82%	38	81%	219	81.7%
3005-II	Certificate in Plumbing in East African Countries Craft Part II	52	218	270	0	6	6	2%	52	212	264	98%	22	86	108	26	117	143	0	2	2	4	7	11	4.2%	48	92%	205	97%	253	95.8%
3004-II	Certificate in Brick/Block Laying and Concreting Practice Craft Part II	9	292	301	3	13	16	5%	6	279	285	95%	0	21	21	3	180	183	2	28	30	1	50	51	17.9%	5	83%	229	82%	234	82.1%
3002-II	Certificate in Painters' and Decorators' Craft Part II	7	9	16	0	0	0	0%	7	9	16	100%	0	4	4	6	3	9	0	0	0	1	2	3	18.8%	6	86%	7	78%	13	81.3%
3001-II	Certificate in Carpentry and Joinery Craft Part II	0	56	56	0	2	2	4%	0	54	54	96%	0	7	7	0	38	38	0	3	3	0	6	6	11.1%	0	0%	48	89%	48	88.9%
2002-III	Certificate in Electrical Installation Craft Course Part III	26	437	463	1	5	6	1%	25	432	457	99%	1	49	50	18	263	281	1	28	29	5	92	97	21.2%	20	80%	340	79%	360	78.8%
2023-II	Certificate in Radio, Television and Electronics Course Part II	1	10	11	0	0	0	0%	1	10	11	100%	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	3	4	0	4	4	36.4%	1	100%	6	60%	7	63.6%
1022-II	Certificate in Motor Vehicle Technician Craft Course Part II	2	328	330	0	8	8	2%	2	320	322	98%	0	6	6	0	107	107	1	113	114	1	94	95	29.5%	1	50%	226	71%	227	70.5%
Total		321	1,397	1,718	7	34	41	2%	314	1,363	1,677	98%	25	175	200	181	740	921	56	184	240	52	264	316	18.8%	262	83%	1,099	81%	1,361	81.2%

- i. In this category of programmes, a total of 1,718 candidates registered for Examinations in the various programmes, 1,667 representing 98% turned up for examinations while 41 (2%) were absent.
- ii. The completion rate has remained good at 81.2 percent.
- iii. Whereas there are many reasons behind those who have not completed in the expected time, negative attitude towards *Science and Calculation* stands out.
- iv. In addition, Motor Vehicle Technology A, and Radio & TV fault diagnosis were poorly done papers which negatively affected the completion rates of candidates of Motor Vehicle Technician and Radio & Television Electronics Technicians.

4.0 ACHIEVEMENTS

Hon. Minister;

- i. The Board did not register any leakage of Examination papers and no any other malpractice was detected. This is attributed to high levels of professionalism and integrity exhibited by the Secretariat staff and Examiners and strict supervision;
- ii. The Board registered a 40% increase in number of accredited Examinations centres presenting candidates for UCPC and Advanced Craft from 266 in 2017 to 373 in 2018.
- iii. Beginning with Nov/Dec 2017 Examinations series, the Board rolled out online registration system for candidates and in Nov/Dec 2018, all first year candidates registered for Examinations online.
- iv. The Board has trained 207 instructors in Competence Based Assessment to realign with the changes in the demands of the world of work.

5.0; Challenges encountered during the general Conduct of Examinations & Processing of Results

Hon. Minister, while executing her mandate in the conduct of examinations and processing of results, the Board has experienced many challenges and below are the critical ones;

- i. Despite Government's continuous remittance of subventions to the Board, the cost of processing, delivering and administering the examinations has increased and constrains the Board's finances. The Board would appreciate if additional funding was considered to enable adequate and effective delivery of its mandate especially in practicals oriented assessment.
- ii. There is inadequate Computers in some of the training institutions which leads to many shifts in the conduct of the ICT related Practical Examinations hence increasing supervision costs.
- iii. Whereas the practical aspects in UBTEB assessment and examinations have gained ground with emphasis on Competence Based Assessment (CBA), the Instructors in the Community Polytechnics are not yet retooled in Competence Based Education and Training (CBET) to move with the changing dynamics of world of work. The Ministry and Training Institutions therefore would benefit more if the instructors were aligned to these new approaches of training, delivery and assessment respectively.

6.0 Recommendations

- i. Heads of Centres should liaise with the BTVET Department and devise means of acquiring Computers for the Candidates or prioritize the purchase of Computers in their budgets.
- ii. The Board proposes the review of UCPC currilum to align better to CBET principles.
- iii. The retooling of Instructors should be made a priority since most of the curricular have already been reviewed to accomodate CBET and generally CBA principles.
- iv. The ministry is requested to consider increasing the quota of government admissions to UCPC certificate holders intending to enrol for National Certificates programmes.

7.0: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- i. The Board is grateful to the Ministry of Education and Sports for the continued guidance and financial support;
- ii. The Board has continued to work in close collaboration with BTVET Department. We cherish this relationship since it has helped us to achieve most of UBTEB desired goals;
- iii. We are also grateful to the BTC Uganda for the support in Human Resource Capacity Development and the on-going research survey on efficiency and effectiveness of UBTEB Examination processes.
- iv. The Board greatly appreciates the assistance and support from the Chairperson and Board members, Examiners, candidates and their Parents/Guardians and other UBTEB stakeholders for the good work done;
- v. The Board appreciates constant collaboration with all sister Examinations Boards; UNEB, UNMEB, UAHEB and other institutions like DIT, NCDC and NCHE. This has enabled UBTEB to achieve commendable output within a very short time of its existence;
- vi. The Board appreciates the support of the Heads of Institutions, Teachers and the Uganda Police Force in the conduct of examinations;
- vii. UBTEB also appreciates the role of the press and media in the process of achieving its vision and mission.

Finally, on behalf of the Secretariat and on my own behalf, allow me congratulate all the candidates and parents/ guardians and all other UBTEB stakeholders for the accomplishments made to this day. Results will be ready for collection immediately the Minister has released them. We shall always work together as we continue.... *“Setting Pace for Quality Assessment”*.

Thank you and May God bless you.

For God and My Country.

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