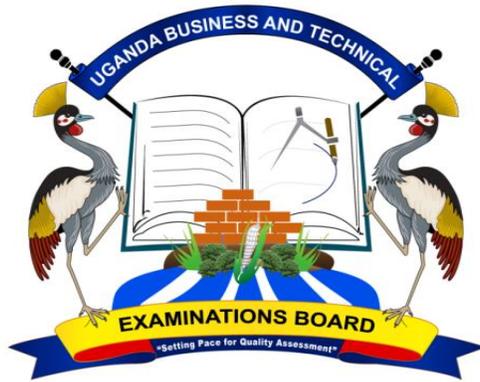


**UGANDA BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS
BOARD (UBTEB)**



**THE STATEMENT ON THE SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UBTEB**

AND

**INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS OF
UGANDA**

BY

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The Assistant Commissioner-Business Education,
Board Chairperson, UBTEB
The Chief Executive Officer and team from ICPAU,
Heads of Business training Institutions,
Members of the Press,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today marks another great milestone in the history of UBTEB since its operations in 2011. The Board in line with her mandate to streamline, regulate, coordinate and conduct credible national examinations and award Certificates and Diplomas in the Business, Technical and Vocational/ specialized education or training in Uganda is pleased to witness the formation of the strategic partnership with ICPAU. In line with the Skilling Uganda strategy of 2012/3 to 2021/2, UBTEB is committed to ensure quality competence based assessment with the aim of producing skilled work force that that Uganda needs to boost incomes and employment and to compete in regional and global market. UBTEB's assessment seeks to produce competent and self-reliant citizens to contribute to the economic and social development of Uganda thus improving the livelihoods of all Ugandans and sustainably reducing poverty.

The signing of MOU today with ICPAU demonstrates the commitment and trust in UBTEB's mode of assessment to raise a generation of graduates that meet the ever-changing demands of the world of work in Uganda and beyond. It is important to note that world over, effective and relevant skills development are built on strong alliances with strategic partners.

The MOU has the following Priority areas of cooperation. UBTEB and ICPAU agree to collaborate and undertake activities in the following areas:

- a) Promotion of accountancy professional training and assessment aimed at enhancing competitiveness of the learners and ultimately the graduates;
- b) Conducting joint curriculum design, development and review of certificate and diploma accountancy programmes;
- c) Organizing and conducting accountancy examinations at Certificate and Diploma levels.
- d) Conducting research to enhance competitiveness and delivery of institutional mandates and delivery of joint projects;
- e) Organizing joint training and capacity building programmes for skills development with focus on learner, employee and employer needs;
- g) Providing BTVET graduates with an avenue for access, progression and continued learning in accountancy and other fields.

The signing of the MOU with ICPAU will go a long way to address the issues of ensuring smooth career progression of students who enroll for certificate and Diploma programmes in UBTEB accredited centres in the whole country and ICPAU's partner Universities. Am glad to note that with the signing of MOU with ICPAU, it will give UBTEB graduates an added advantage to progress easily from Certificate level to Degree level to become professional Certified Public Accountants. With ICPAU, Business' programmes content at Certificate and Diploma level will be harmonized to make them standard hence allowing a common platform for course exemptions while pursuing the Certified Public Accountants papers. This will

be done in liaison with the relevant Government agencies including National Curriculum Development Centre and National Council for Higher Education.

In addition to this, ICPAU will present students of Accountants Technician Diploma course offered all over the country to UBTEB for National Assessment. This is a good step forward in streamlining the assessment component so as to realise standardization of awards as envisaged in the BTVET Act 2008.

Our alliance with ICPAU will involve joint efforts in policy development, and quality assurance. We are grateful to ICPAU for showing increasing interest in skills development and industry driven initiatives to competence based assessment for skills development.

With the recent curriculum reviews by the National Curriculum Development Centre, major reforms have been witnessed and one of the reforms is the making of most training programmes enriched to be competence based.

I wish to extend special appreciation to the Chief executive officer of ICPU and his entire team for showing commitment to work with the Board to strengthen and coordinate the quality of assessment of their member institutions. As the Board we pledge to work with you together with the relevant Departments and Agencies of Ministry of Education and Sports to enhance the quality of assessment and skill provision.

In line with the National Development Plan on skills Development, the Board has undertaken keen interest in promoting the need for quality skills provision that can contribute towards socio economic transformation of individual and the economy as a whole.

The Board over the years has enjoyed cordial relations with various Ministries, Departments, Agencies and other organisations including Uganda Manufacturers Association, Uganda National teacher Union (UNATU), District Education Officers (DEOs) forum in order to promote UBTEB's mandate and the programmes examined by the Board.

Ladies and gentleman, on behalf of the Secretariat and on my own behalf, allow me thank in a special way ICPAU for accepting to partner with UBTEB to enhance quality skills assessment for socio-economic transformation and national growth.

We shall always work with you.

“Setting Pace for Quality Assessment”

Thank you and May God bless you all.

For God and my Country.

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