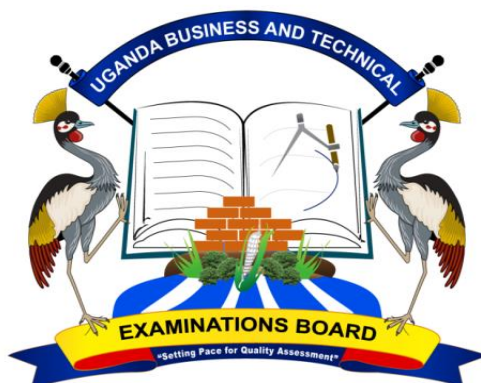


**UGANDA BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD
(UBTEB)**



**THE STATEMENT FOR RELEASE OF NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017 END OF
PROGRAMME FOR UGANDA COMMUNITY POLYTECHNICS CERTIFICATE
(UCPC) EXAMINATIONS RESULTS**

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**THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S STATEMENT ON THE RELEASE OF RESULTS FOR
THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017 UCPC EXAMINATIONS OF THE UGANDA
BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD (UBTEB), 30TH JANUARY 2018**

*Hon. Minister for Education and Sports,
Hon. Minister of State for Primary Education,
The Permanent Secretary,
The Ministry Officials,
Members of the MoES Technical Team,
The Chairperson and Members of the Board of UBTEB,
Executive Secretaries and Representatives of other Examination Boards,
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 11th series of Final year Examinations from 10th November 2017 to 15th December, 2017 in 401 accredited Examination Centres country wide.

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, results for Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate Programmes (UCPC) will be released separately. These results are for students that study in Community Polytechnics and Technical School and Farm Schools that admit Primary Seven leavers. The decision to release the UCPC results in January 2018 is to allow the graduates of this category of programmes, equal chance of being admitted together with those from Ordinary level into National Certificate programmes in BTVET institutions or advance in their careers.

On behalf of the UBTEB team allow me present to you the November/December 2017 UCPC Examinations results for Candidates who completed their programs of study for release to the public.

2.0. CANDIDATURE BY REGISTRATION AND SITTING FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017 UCPC END OF PROGRAM EXAMINATIONS

Hon. Minister, from the 113 accredited Examination Centers which presented candidates for Examinations, the Board registered 4,647 candidates; 4,283(92.2%) sat for Examinations, while 364(7.8%) were absent, (Table 2.0 below).

The Board registered an increase in the number of candidates from 4,629 in 2016 to 4,647 in 2017 representing a **0.4%** increase. The Board also registered increase in the number of registered Examination Centres from 102 in 2016 to 113 in 2017 representing **10.8%** increase in registration.(Fig 2.1 below).

Table 2.0: Registration for November/December 2017 UCPC End of Programme Examinations

| Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate Programs | | Registered | | | Absent | | | | Sat for Exams | | | |
|--|---|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Code | Programme Name | F | M | Total | F | M | Total | % | F | M | Total | % |
| EI-857 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Electrical Installation Practice | 14 | 157 | 171 | 1 | 15 | 16 | 9.4% | 13 | 142 | 155 | 90.6% |
| MVM-856 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Motor Vehicle Mechanics | 8 | 829 | 837 | 0 | 49 | 49 | 5.9% | 8 | 780 | 788 | 94.1% |
| WMF-858 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Welding and Metal Fabrication | 0 | 27 | 27 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 11.1% | 0 | 24 | 24 | 88.9% |
| BCP-852 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Block Laying and Concreting Practice | 38 | 2224 | 2262 | 9 | 119 | 128 | 5.7% | 29 | 2105 | 2134 | 94.3% |
| PPF-850 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Plumbing & Pipe Fitting | 2 | 44 | 46 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4.3% | 2 | 42 | 44 | 95.7% |
| CJ-851 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Carpentry and Joinery | 0 | 488 | 488 | 0 | 17 | 17 | 3.5% | 0 | 471 | 471 | 96.5% |
| CS-513 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Business Studies - Computer Studies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% |
| ACC-512 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Business Studies - Accounting | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 3 | 3 | 100.0% |
| SS-514 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Secretarial Studies | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 3 | 0 | 3 | 100.0% |
| SK-515 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Business Studies - Stores Keeping | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0% |
| LWSM-955 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Leather Works and Shoe Making | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0% |
| GDC-853 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Garment Design and Construction | 711 | 33 | 744 | 140 | 7 | 147 | 19.8% | 571 | 26 | 597 | 80.2% |
| FFP-854 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Food Preparation | 27 | 8 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 27 | 8 | 35 | 100.0% |
| CPCA | Community Polytechnics Certificate in Agriculture | 10 | 18 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7.1% | 8 | 18 | 26 | 92.9% |
| Total | | 813 | 3,834 | 4,647 | 152 | 212 | 364 | 7.8% | 661 | 3,622 | 4,283 | 92.2% |

From Table 2.0 above, Female candidates dominated in Garment Design and Construction and; Food Preparation while male candidates dominated in all other programmes. Block laying and Concrete Practice, Motor Vehicle Mechanics and; Garment Design and Construction presented many candidates compared to all other programs.

2.1: Graphical Comparison of Registration and Completion Rates by Years of Examinations

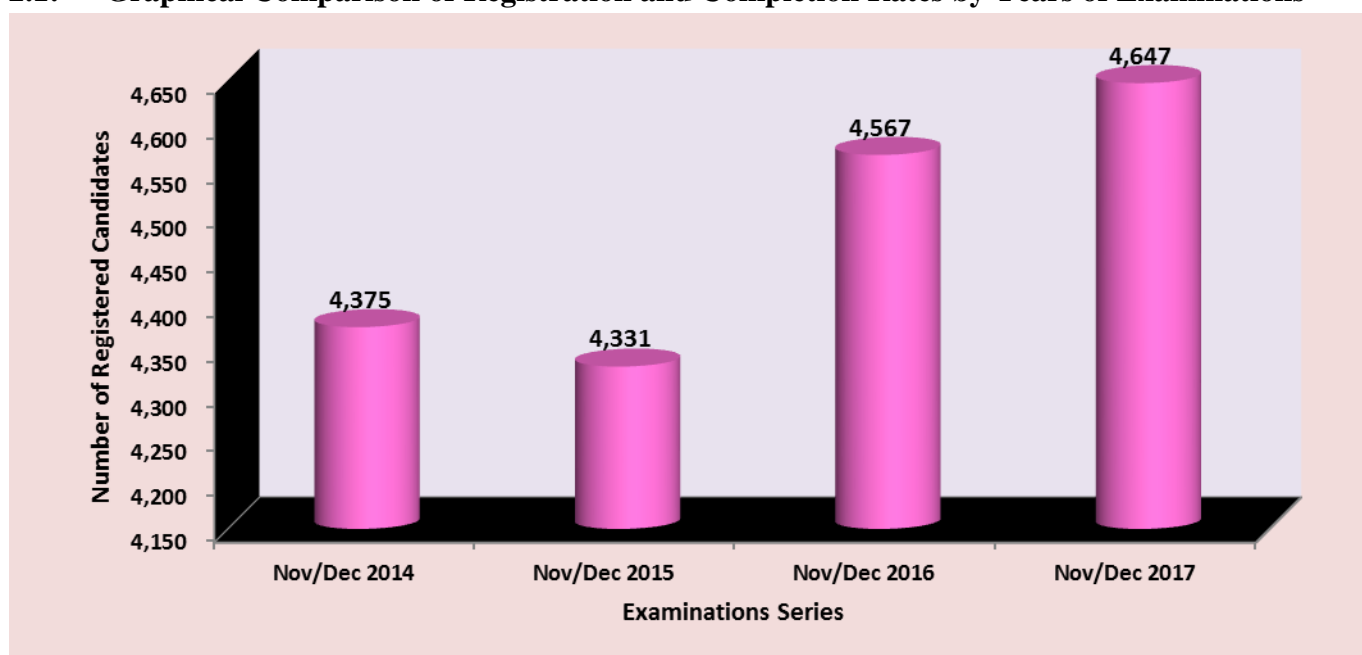


Fig. 2.1: Registration of Candidates for End of Programme Examinations (2014 - 2017)

3.0 GENERAL PERFORMANCE OF CANDIDATES IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017 UCPC END OF PROGRAMME EXAMINATIONS

Hon. Minister, generally, out of the total of 4,283 candidates who sat for **end of programme Examinations**, 3,425(80.0%) successfully completed their programmes while 858(20.0%) have one or more subjects to improve upon their competencies, before completing their various programmes.

4.0 DETAILS OF PERFORMANCE BY PROGRAMME, GENDER AND GRADES

Table 4.1: Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate - End of Programme Results

| Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate Programs | | Candidates Registration and Performance Details | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Summary of Performance | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Code | Programme Name | 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 | % |
| EI-857 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Electrical Installation Practice | 13 | 142 | 155 | 90.6% | 3 | 25 | 28 | 18.1% | 2 | 95 | 97 | 62.6% | 1 | 7 | 8 | 5.2% | 7 | 15 | 22 | 14.2% | 6 | 46.2% | 127 | 89.4% | 133 | 85.8% |
| MVM-856 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Motor Vehicle Mechanics | 8 | 780 | 788 | 94.1% | 0 | 108 | 108 | 13.7% | 4 | 459 | 463 | 58.8% | 0 | 10 | 10 | 1.3% | 4 | 203 | 207 | 26.3% | 4 | 50.0% | 577 | 74.0% | 581 | 73.7% |
| WMF-858 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Welding and Metal Fabrication | 0 | 24 | 24 | 88.9% | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4.2% | 0 | 14 | 14 | 58.3% | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8.3% | 0 | 7 | 7 | 29.2% | 0 | 0.0% | 17 | 70.8% | 17 | 70.8% |
| BCP-852 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Block Laying and Concreting Practice | 29 | 2105 | 2134 | 94.3% | 0 | 93 | 93 | 4.4% | 25 | 1289 | 1314 | 61.6% | 4 | 289 | 293 | 13.7% | 0 | 434 | 434 | 20.3% | 29 | 100.0% | 1671 | 79.4% | 1700 | 79.7% |
| PPF-850 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Plumbing & Pipe Fitting | 2 | 42 | 44 | 95.7% | 0 | 12 | 12 | 27.3% | 2 | 22 | 24 | 54.5% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 8 | 8 | 18.2% | 2 | 100.0% | 34 | 81.0% | 36 | 81.8% |
| CJ-851 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Carpentry and Joinery | 0 | 471 | 471 | 96.5% | 0 | 121 | 121 | 25.7% | 0 | 235 | 235 | 49.9% | 0 | 11 | 11 | 2.3% | 0 | 104 | 104 | 22.1% | 0 | 0.0% | 367 | 77.9% | 367 | 77.9% |
| CS-513 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Business Studies - Computer Studies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| ACC-512 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Business Studies - Accounting | 0 | 3 | 3 | 100.0% | 0 | 3 | 3 | 100.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 3 | 100.0% | 3 | 100.0% |
| SS-514 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Secretarial Studies | 3 | 0 | 3 | 100.0% | 1 | 0 | 1 | 33.3% | 1 | 0 | 1 | 33.3% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0 | 1 | 33.3% | 2 | 66.7% | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 66.7% |
| SK-515 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Business Studies - Stores Keeping | 0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 1 | 1 | 100.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| LWSM-955 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Leather Works and Shoe Making | 0 | 2 | 2 | 100.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50.0% | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 100.0% | 2 | 100.0% |
| GDC-853 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Garment Design and Construction | 571 | 26 | 597 | 80.2% | 77 | 3 | 80 | 13.4% | 361 | 17 | 378 | 63.3% | 71 | 3 | 74 | 12.4% | 62 | 3 | 65 | 10.9% | 509 | 89.1% | 23 | 88.5% | 532 | 89.1% |
| FFP-854 | Uganda Community Polytechnics Certificate in Food Preparation | 27 | 8 | 35 | 100.0% | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5.7% | 21 | 3 | 24 | 68.6% | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11.4% | 3 | 2 | 5 | 14.3% | 24 | 88.9% | 6 | 75.0% | 30 | 85.7% |
| CPCA | Community Polytechnics Certificate in Agriculture | 8 | 18 | 26 | 92.9% | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7.7% | 5 | 15 | 20 | 76.9% | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 2 | 2 | 4 | 15.4% | 6 | 75.0% | 16 | 88.9% | 22 | 84.6% |
| Total | | 661 | 3,622 | 4,283 | 92.2% | 83 | 368 | 451 | 10.5% | 421 | 2,150 | 2,571 | 60.0% | 78 | 325 | 403 | 9.4% | 79 | 779 | 858 | 20.0% | 582 | 88.0% | 2,843 | 78.5% | 3,425 | 80.0% |

- i. From the total of 4,283 candidates that sat for Examinations in the various programmes, 3,425 representing 80.0% successfully completed their programmes while 858 (20.0%) have one or more subjects to improve upon their competences. The percentage pass rate was impressive with 10.5% passing with Distinction, 60.0% with Credit and 9.4% with Pass grades.
- ii. The female candidates performed better than the male in Block laying and Concreting Practice, Plumbing and Pipe Fitting, Garment Design and Construction; and Food Preparation.
- iii. Female candidates also dominated in performance.

- iv. Whereas the general performance has remained good, there was however, slight drop by 0.1% from 80.1% in 2016 to 80.0% in 2017.
- v. Poor performance in *English* and *Mathematics* have continued to affect the pass rate in most programmes.
- vi. None retooled teachers in Competence Based Education Training on curriculum delivery side also partly explains the low completion rates in this category of programmes.

6.0 ACHIEVEMENTS

Hon. Minister;

- i. The Board did not register any leakage of Examination papers and this is attributed to high levels of professionalism and integrity exhibited by the Secretariat staff and Examiners;
- ii. The Board registered a 10.8% increase in number of accredited Examinations centers presenting candidates for UCPC examinations from 102 in 2016 to 113 in 2017.
- iii. The overall number of students enrolling for the UBTEB Examinations has continued to increase from 4,375 in 2014, to 4,331 in 2015, 4,567 in 2016 and to 4,647 which is in the right direction with Skilling Uganda and the BTVET Strategic Plan.
- iv. The Board embarked on implementation of an MOU with UGAPRIVI which among other objectives is meant to ensure that all Training Institutions at both Diploma and Post Ordinary level Certificate programmes present the students to UBTEB for National Assessment. Through this collaboration, the Board in December 2017 inspected and has provisionally accredited 108 UGAPRIVI Institutions as UBTEB Examination Assessment Centres.
- v. Beginning with November/December 2017 Examinations, the Board rolled out online registration system for its Examinations and by November/December 2018, all candidates will register for Examinations online.
- vi. In preparation to implement the Circular issued by the Permanent Secretary; MoES regarding Streamlining Assessment and Accreditation of Post Ordinary level Certificate programmes in Business and Technical, directing that all Diplomas and Certificates be nationally assessed by UBTEB. The Board has registered positive response from Tertiary Institutions and Universities.

7.0 CHALLENGES

Allow me mention some of the key challenges that affect the operations of the Board:-

- i. Inadequate funding still remains a challenge to the Board and this hinders the implementation in terms of assessment of a highly practical and CBET oriented curricula;
- ii. There are still some tertiary institutions that do not present their candidates for UBTEB National Examinations, and this undermines the intentions of the BTVET Act 2008 and the overall BTVET Strategic Plan. We hope the recently released circular by the Permanent Secretary MoES will address this challenge
- iii. Lack of Computers in most institutions has continued to increase the cost of administration of Computer related examinations;
- iv. Poor performance of candidates in Mathematics and English affects the pass rates of most programmes.
- v. UBTEB conducts its Examinations following the Competence Based Assessments (CBA) principles, unfortunately the Instructors and some Lecturers in Training Institutions are still not yet retooled on Competence Based Education and Training (CBET) principles. This presents a serious mismatch in the Training, Delivery and Assessment.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- i. Government through the MoES should increase the budget provision to the Board to enable it achieve its mandate;
- ii. The MoES should enhance mechanisms for enforcing the non compliant institutions that are subjecting candidates to internal assessment. Such institutions should adhere to the guidelines in the recently released circular by the Permanent Secretary regarding streamlining Assessment and Accreditation of Post Ordinary Level Certificate programmes.
- iii. The MoES should source for Computers for Training Institutions.
- iv. The MoES and private proprietors should recruit teachers of English and Mathematics in all UCPC training institutions.
- v. The MoES should expeditiously plan and conduct refresher training of all instructors on CBET principles.
- vi. Career guidance in primary and secondary schools on vocational education should be emphasised to give students information on career opportunities.

9.0 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 the BTVET Department. We cherish this relationship since it has enabled UBTEB achieve most of its 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.

We shall always work together as we continue.... ***“Setting Pace for Quality Assessment”***.

Thank you and May God bless you all.

For God and My Country.



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