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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MINISTERIAL DIRECTIVE ON ALLOWING ALL UNEB-REGISTERED CANDIDATES TO SIT THEIR EXAMINATIONS

KAMPALA, Uganda – 13th October 2026 – It has been drawn to the attention of the Acting Minister of Education and Sports that some schools are denying UNEB-registered candidates who have outstanding school fees and/or charges from sitting their end-of-cycle examinations.

As provided for in the Education (Pre-Primary, Primary, and Post-Primary) Act, 2008:

- a) Under Section 3(1), the Minister responsible for Education and Sports, shall ensure that national policies and objectives as enshrined in the Constitution are implemented and observed at all levels of Education.
- b) Under Section 3(2)(a), without prejudice to the general duties of the Minister under subsection (1) the Minister shall, from time to time, initiate policies and reforms of education as the need arise.

Therefore, the Acting Minister of Education and Sports has directed as follows:

1. Any UNEB-registered candidate must be allowed to sit his or her end-of-cycle exams irrespective of whether he or she has any outstanding school fees or charges owed to the respective school.
2. It is the responsibility of the respective Headteacher to officially communicate to UNEB the particulars of candidates who have sat their end-of-cycle exams before clearing outstanding school fees or charges to enable UNEB withhold the results of such candidates.
3. It is the responsibility of the responsible Headteacher to formally inform UNEB when to release the results of any candidate(s) whose results had been withheld on account of non-payment of outstanding school fees or charges by the time student sat his or hers UNEB end-of-cycle exams.
4. The payment of any outstanding school fees or charges by UNEB-registered candidates who were allowed to sit their end-of-cycle exams prior to settling such dues shall not incur any penalty or fee.

The media fraternity, public, school proprietors and foundation bodies, Chairpersons of School Management Committees and Boards of Governors, Headteachers, Education administrators at all levels of Government, and the Executive Director of UNEB are hereby informed.

Thank you for your attention to this directive.

For God and My Country

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