

Ubteb to adopt new model of assessment

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KAMPALA. The Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board (Ubteb) has said they will use a new model of assessment to examine their students' competencies ahead of the beginning of their examinations on Monday.

The Ubteb deputy executive secretary, Mr Wilfred Nahamya, yesterday said the instructors are expected to look at both the learning process and the product every student presents to ensure whoever graduates leaves with a skill for which they trained in.

"Our assessment will emphasise more on production unlike in the past where we would consider the processes only. This time round, learning should be productive. If you are a carpentry student, by the time you graduate, you should have made a table, chair or anything in line with what you studied. It is very expensive," Mr Nahamya said.

Candidates

The board is preparing to examine 86,342 students in Community Polytechnic Certificate and National Technical craft courses against 62,896 who sat last year. These are students who completed their Primary Seven and immediately enrolled for technical and vocational courses.

Mr Nahamya said while enrollment has increased for Business, Technical and Vocational Education Training (BTVET) courses, ICT and marketing courses registered fewer candidates.

He said there was need to revisit the curriculum and avail equipment to institutions to enable them train their students on hands-on courses.

"Marketing used to be one of the most subscribed courses. Either the world of work thinks that anyone can do marketing today, student numbers are low. Surprisingly, ICT is another course with few students. The major problem here is lack of facilities like computers," Mr Nahamya said.

The Permanent Secretary, Mr Alex Kakooza, said they would review the BTVET curriculum to ensure that the technical institutions produce technicians who meet the increasing demands from various sectors.