

Uneb charges for certifying documents are high

Deep in the neighbourhoods of Ntinda in the eastern suburbs of Kampala, a lot of agony prevails at the statutory body, Uganda Examinations Board (Uneb). By the noxious intricacies, policies and procedures of many hiring agencies, thousands of academic documents are certified every month on a daily basis at Uneb, universities etc.

Recently, I visited Uneb to have my documents certified as required by the job advert of a district service

commission. I got shocked by the assessment of certification fees of Shs160,000 for both O-Level and A-Level certificates! I failed to raise the money and my papers were not certified and so I could not apply for the job. I wondered how on earth a responsible government could authorise such fees to be imposed on jobless and penniless Ugandans, who are seeking job opportunities not only in order to survive but also to serve their country through providing urgently

needed services but also paying taxes such as PAYE and making savings through NSSF for investments in the country. For all purposes and intent I pray that government stops those painful and costly policies of certifying academic documents. Could this be exploitation and corruption and being perpetuated by collusion between employment agencies and Uneb?

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