

UNEB extends exam registration for a month

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The Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB) has extended the registration deadline for candidates intending to sit the 2026 Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE), Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE), and Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE).

The examination body has given schools and parents an additional month to complete the process.

Addressing journalists on Friday at the Uganda Media Centre in Kampala, UNEB executive director Dan Odongo said the normal registration period, which had been scheduled to close on May 31, has now

been extended to June 30.

The registration for exams kicked off on April 2, 2026.

Odongo said the extension followed the completion of validation exercises for new schools that had applied to become UNEB examination centres, as well as existing centres seeking expansion of their candidate capacities.

"The extension applies to both old and newly approved examination centres across the country," he said.

Odongo said out of the projected 880,000 PLE candidates expected this year, 673,992 had already registered by Friday morning, representing about 77% of the target.

For UCE, UNEB expects nearly 500,000

candidates, and by Friday, 299,483 had already registered. At the UACE level, 109,718 candidates had registered out of the anticipated 180,000.

"To us, this is very, very good progress," Odongo said.

According to UNEB, late registration for UCE and UACE candidates will attract a surcharge of 50% of the registration fee, while PLE candidates will pay a 100% surcharge.

"For private candidates and schools outside the government sponsorship arrangement, the registration fees remain unchanged. PLE candidates will pay sh34,000, UCE candidates sh164,000, and UACE candidates sh186,000," Odongo said.

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