

# Primary school teachers fail Mathematics

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**KAMPALA.** Most of the primary school teachers who sat the 2017 Grade Three Teacher's Certificate examinations failed Mathematics.

The acting academic registrar, Kyambogo University, Mr Peter Okello, while releasing the results at the Office of the Prime Minister in Kampala on Friday, said the overall performance of candidates had declined compared to the previous years. He singled out poor performance in Mathematics for the drop.

Out of the 15,944 teachers who sat the exams, 31 scored a distinction, accounting for only 0.9 per cent of the candidates.

Another 9,160 (57 per cent) passed with credits, while 6,833 (4.3 per cent) secured passes,



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We're not going to allow PTCs that are only after money. There is no gambling in teacher's colleges, hence all private PTCs that have persistently failed to perform well are likely to be operating illegally and we shall close them.”

ROSEMARY SSENINDE, STATE MINISTER FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION

and 5,905 (37 per cent) completely failed the exams and are required to repeat.

“The overall performance indicates a slight decline in performance compared to the previous year. This is due to the poor performance in Mathematics. But we are optimistic that performance will improve with the reviewed entry admission requirements, as well as improved supervision,” Mr Okello said.

Kyambogo University vice chancellor, Prof Elly Kantuguka, named the best performing colleges as Bushenyi PTC, Canon Apolo PTC in Fort Portal, Ndegeya PTC in Masaka, Bundibugyo PTC, and Buhungiro PTC in Mbarara.

He said Paidha PTC in Zombo District, Blessed Jildo PTC in Kitgum, Kapchorwa PTC, and Nazigo PTC in Kayunga District

attained an overall pass below 41 per cent.

The best students were named as Jonathan Kanya Otema from Luteete PTC in Luweero, Daniel Bwire from Busihko PTC in Busia, and Viola Kobusingye from Shimoni PTC in Wakiso.

Meanwhile, the Education ministry has warned it will close private PTCs that are not fully registered after majority of them posted poor grades in the Grade Three Teacher's Certificate exams.

State Minister for Primary Education Rosemary Sseninde who officiated at the release of the results, warned that PTCs that have been operating illegally and performing poorly face closure. She instructed the PTCs to hand in the list of students admitted by end of April.