

Uneb withholds 279 UACE results

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KAMPALA. The Uganda National Examinations Board (Uneb) yesterday announced it was withholding results of 279 candidates who sat the 2015 Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) examinations.

The number of results withheld represents an increase of 106 candidates from 173 registered in 2015.

Mr Mathew Bukenya, the outgoing Uneb executive secretary, said the affected candidates were suspected to have had external assistance, possession of unauthorised material in an examination room and collusion.

The most affected subjects have been Mathematics, subsidiary Mathematics, subsidiary Information Communication Technology (ICT) and art.

"Hearing will be accorded to the affected students before final decisions are made," Mr Bukenya said.

Weaknesses

Mr Bukenya added that examiners reported that schools rush through the UACE syllabus in order to complete by term one of Senior Six, something that could have contributed to poor performance in some subjects.

Ms Jessica Alupo, the Minister for Education, said none of the candidates accessed the examination

before time.

She said entries for Mathematics had increased from 26,800 to 31,306 and Physics increased from 15,413 to 16,783.

"I appeal to school heads to put government computers to effective use so that the performance can be improved," Ms Alupo said.

Some of the centres that were affected in the 2014 UACE include Nsambya Hillside High School in Wakiso District, Lunar International School in Buyende District and Giants College in Luweero District.

Last year, Mr Bukenya said several invigilators who were on duty at some of centres were referred to police to answer charges of neglect of duty.