



TECHMED

— Think Smart. Perform Elite. —

TECHMED Admission Intelligence Guide 2026

The Complete Nigerian
University Admission Roadmap

#No
Wasted
Year

Wisdom Johnson
(Tutor TechMed)

TECHMED ADMISSION INTELLIGENCE GUIDE 2026

The Complete Nigerian University Admission Roadmap

Copyright © 2026 TECHMED. All rights reserved.

Published by TECHMED | techmedng.com

First Edition, 2026

Rights Reserved

No part of this publication may be reproduced, distributed, transmitted, stored in a retrieval system, or used in any form or by any means — electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise — without the prior written permission of TECHMED, except for brief quotations in educational reviews and non-commercial reference use.

Disclaimer

This guide is produced strictly for educational purposes. While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy at the time of publication, admission policies, cutoff marks, JAMB regulations, and institutional procedures in Nigeria change regularly. Readers are advised to verify current requirements from official sources — including the JAMB portal, NUC, and relevant institution websites — before making any admission-related decisions.

TECHMED is an independent educational brand. This guide is not affiliated with, endorsed by, or produced in partnership with JAMB, NUC, WAEC, NECO, or any Nigerian university or government agency.

Limitation of Liability

TECHMED and its author accept no liability for decisions made based on the information in this guide. Admission outcomes depend on factors beyond any guide's control, including institutional policies, available spaces, and individual candidate performance. This guide provides strategic guidance — not guarantees.

Permission and Reproduction

For permission to reproduce sections of this guide for educational, institutional, or non-commercial purposes, contact TECHMED through official channels at techmedng.com or via WhatsApp: 07044255045.

#NoWastedYear

DEDICATION

To every Nigerian student who has ever sat in a room not knowing what comes next —
who studied hard, trusted the process, and still heard silence.

This guide is for you.

You were never the problem.

The information gap was.

#NoWastedYear

PREFACE

Why This Guide Exists

Every year, millions of Nigerian students prepare for JAMB. They read. They pray. They trust. And every year, a painful number of them miss admission — not because they lacked intelligence or effort, but because they lacked the right information at the right time.

This guide was written to end that pattern.

The Real Challenge Nigerian Students Face

The Nigerian admission system is not complicated because it is designed to fail students. It is complicated because it involves multiple bodies — JAMB, individual universities, WAEC, NECO, CAPS — each operating with its own rules, timelines, and processes, and very little coordinated communication reaching students directly.

What fills that gap? WhatsApp rumours. Cybercafe operators. Paid agents with outdated or fabricated information. Family members who went through the process years ago under entirely different rules. And students left to make critical decisions with incomplete, often inaccurate data.

The result is predictable: brilliant students choose the wrong school, miss deadlines they never knew existed, miscalculate their aggregate, fall for scams, or make desperate last-minute decisions that cost them an entire academic year.

This is not an intelligence failure. It is an information failure. And information failures can be fixed.

What Admission Intelligence Means

Admission Intelligence is not insider information. It is not connections. It is not money handed to agents.

Admission Intelligence is the ability to understand how the admission system actually works — the screening logic, the aggregate calculations, the catchment dynamics, the CAPS process — and use that understanding to make strategic decisions at every stage.

A student with Admission Intelligence does not guess which school to choose. They analyse their score, their catchment status, historical cutoffs, and Post-UTME patterns, and they select with precision.

A student with Admission Intelligence does not panic when their CAPS status changes. They understand what each status means and what action, if any, is required.

A student with Admission Intelligence does not waste a year. Even when a cycle does not go as planned, they know exactly what to do next.

This guide exists to give you that intelligence.

What Makes This Guide Different

There are admission guides in the Nigerian market. Most of them are either too generic to be useful or too narrow to cover the full picture.

This guide was built differently:

- It covers the entire admission cycle — from course selection before JAMB registration all the way through clearance and matriculation after admission.
- It addresses all three major categories of students: those preparing for Post-UTME, those going through screening-only systems, and those exploring alternative pathways after a difficult cycle.
- It explains the why behind every process, not just the what. When you understand why a system works the way it does, you navigate it differently.
- It is honest. Where scores are unlikely to be enough, this guide says so — and then shows you what to do instead.
- It includes appendices that function as practical reference tools: aggregate calculation tables, subject combination lists, CAPS status decoders, school directories, and emergency checklists.

This is not a motivational document. It is a strategic manual.

How to Approach This Guide

Reading this guide from cover to cover will give you the most complete picture of the Nigerian admission landscape. But not every section applies equally to everyone. The How to Use This Guide section immediately following this preface will walk you through the most efficient reading pathway for your specific situation.

Wherever you are in your journey — whether you are registering for JAMB for the first time, waiting for Post-UTME results, or deciding whether to resit — there is a section in this guide built specifically for you.

A Word Before You Begin

Admission delay is painful. Rejection stings. The pressure from family, from peers, from your own expectations — it is real, and it is heavy.

But confusion makes every one of those things worse. And confusion is preventable.

By the time you finish this guide, you will understand the system. You will know your realistic position within it. You will know exactly what to do — whether your result is good news or not.

That is the promise of Admission Intelligence. Not that everything will go perfectly. But that you will never again be without a clear next step.

Wisdom Johnson

Tutor TechMed | Founder, TECHMED

University of Uyo | 2026

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Wisdom Johnson

Founder, TECHMED | Tutor TechMed | Medical Student, University of Uyo

Wisdom Johnson — known across Nigerian student communities as Tutor TechMed — is a medical student, science educator, admission strategist, and founder of TECHMED, an educational platform built to help students navigate university admission with clarity, strategy, and accurate guidance.

His work sits at the intersection of academic mentorship and systems thinking. Where most tutors teach subjects, Wisdom teaches students how to understand the structures around those subjects — the admission system, the competitive landscape, the decisions that determine outcomes before a single exam is written.

The Journey That Built TECHMED

TECHMED was not born in a classroom. It was born from a waiting room.

After finishing secondary school, Wisdom wrote JAMB in 2022 with strong preparation and a clear goal: Medicine and Surgery. He did not gain admission. That disappointment — and the months that followed — revealed something that changed how he thought about education entirely: most students do not fail because they are unprepared. They fail because nobody has explained the system to them properly.

He spent the following period studying the admission process with the same discipline he applied to Chemistry and Biology. He rewrote JAMB, scored 331 in his UTME, achieved 91 in Chemistry, and secured admission to study Medicine and Surgery at the University of Uyo in 2024.

Three years at home after secondary school. That experience — and the determination that no student should go through it unnecessarily — became the foundation of everything TECHMED has built since.

Teaching Record and Impact

Over several years of active teaching and mentorship, Wisdom has:

- Delivered 400+ UTME and Post-UTME classes across online and offline platforms
- Mentored thousands of students preparing for competitive courses in STEM fields
- Guided students through UTME & Post-UTME strategy, aggregate calculations, and CAPS processes
- Simplified complex science concepts — particularly in Chemistry, Biology, and Physics — for students who had previously struggled to connect with the material

- Served as Head of Tutors at top brands, contributing to structured academic mentorship programmes

Students consistently describe his approach in the same terms: clarity, structure, and an ability to make difficult things feel manageable.

The TECHMED Mission

TECHMED exists on a single conviction: brilliant students should not lose opportunities because of confusion.

The brand is built as a student-centred educational ecosystem — combining academic preparation resources, admission intelligence tools, structured guides, mentorship, and community — designed to help students make informed decisions and move strategically through every stage of their academic journey.

The long-term vision is to become one of Nigeria's most trusted student-support platforms: a brand students reach for before they make any major academic decision, not after something has already gone wrong.

techmedng.com | WhatsApp: 07044255045

NAVIGATION

How to Use This Guide

This guide covers the full Nigerian university admission cycle — from pre-JAMB decisions through post-admission clearance and alternative pathway planning. It is comprehensive by design. But it is also built to be navigated, not just read.

Use this section to identify your current position and find the fastest path to what you need most.

Who This Guide Is For

- New UTME candidates registering for JAMB for the first time
- Returning candidates who missed admission in a previous cycle
- Post-UTME candidates preparing for institution-level exams
- Screening candidates waiting on aggregate-based admission decisions
- Students exploring alternative pathways — IJMB, JUPEB, polytechnic, Direct Entry, etc
- Parents and guardians supporting a child through the process

Reading Pathways by Situation

If you are a new UTME candidate:

Begin at Section 1 and read through to Section 4. These sections cover everything you need to understand before and during the UTME cycle: how the admission system works, how to choose your course and school, JAMB registration, exam preparation, and Post-UTME strategy. Return to Sections 5 and 6 once your results are out and the CAPS process begins.

If you are awaiting admission after UTME:

Go directly to Section 5 (JAMB CAPS and the Admission Process). Read Chapter 16 first — CAPS statuses are widely misunderstood and mishandling them has cost many students admission. Then read Section 6 (After Admission) to be prepared for what follows acceptance. If your results are uncertain, also read Chapter 22 in Section 7.

If you are considering a change of course or institution:

Read Chapter 18 (Admission Lists and What to Do Next) and Chapter 11 (Understanding Your JAMB Score) together. These chapters will help you assess your realistic options before committing to a change that may not improve your position.

If admission did not work out this cycle:

Go directly to Section 7 (Alternative Pathways). Read Chapters 22 through 26 in sequence. This section was written specifically to give you direction — not consolation — including IJMB and JUPEB options, polytechnic and Direct Entry pathways, resit strategy, and how to make a gap year genuinely productive.

If you are a parent or guardian:

Begin with Section 1, Chapters 1 and 2, to understand how the system works. Then read Section 8 (Protection and Survival) — particularly Chapter 27 on scams and Chapter 28 on admission pressure and mental health. These chapters will help you support your child without inadvertently adding harmful pressure or falling for fraudulent agents.

How to Navigate the Sections

The guide is organised into nine sections, each covering a distinct phase of the admission journey. Each section opens with a brief overview and closes with a summary checklist. The checklists are practical — treat them as action items, not just reading summaries.

Chapters build on each other within each section, but you can also read individual chapters in isolation if you need a quick answer on a specific topic. The chapter titles in the Table of Contents are descriptive enough to guide you to what you need.

How to Use the Appendices

The appendices at the back of this guide are reference tools, not additional reading. You will use them actively throughout the process:

- Appendix I (Institution Intelligence Directory) — use when selecting your school to check catchment areas, aggregate systems, and accreditation status.
- Appendix A-J — cover subject combinations, aggregate calculation tables, CAPS status explanations, checklists, and timeline calendars. Keep them accessible. You will return to them multiple times.

Getting Maximum Value From This Guide

Do not read this guide once and set it aside. Use it as a reference tool throughout your entire admission cycle.

At each stage — before JAMB, after UTME results, during Post-UTME, while waiting on CAPS — return to the relevant section and review the checklist. The students who benefit most from guides like this are the ones who treat them as systems, not stories.

Read strategically. Act on what you read. And move forward with the information, not without it.

Strategy compounds. Confusion costs. Choose intelligence.

CONTENTS

Table of Contents

FRONT MATTER

- Copyright Page ii
- Dedication iii
- Preface — Why This Guide Exists iv
- About the Author vi
- How to Use This Guide viii

SECTION 1 — Understanding the Admission System

- Chapter 1 — The Nigerian Admission Problem
- Chapter 2 — How Admission Into Nigerian Universities Actually Works
- Chapter 3 — The Admission Timeline: The Big Picture Roadmap

SECTION 2 — Before JAMB Registration

- Chapter 4 — Choosing the Right Course Strategically
- Chapter 5 — Correct JAMB Subject Combinations
- Chapter 6 — O'Level Requirements Explained
- Chapter 7 — Choosing the Right School

SECTION 3 — JAMB Registration and UTME

- Chapter 8 — JAMB Registration Masterclass
- Chapter 9 — UTME Preparation System
- Chapter 10 — Writing the UTME Successfully
- Chapter 11 — Understanding Your JAMB Score

SECTION 4 — Post-UTME and Screening

- Chapter 12 — Understanding Post-UTME Systems
- Chapter 13 — Post-UTME Preparation Blueprint
- Chapter 14 — Screening Registration and Portal Survival
- Chapter 15 — Aggregate Scores Explained

SECTION 5 — JAMB CAPS and the Admission Process

- Chapter 16 — JAMB CAPS Explained Simply
- Chapter 17 — O'Level Upload and Verification

Chapter 18 — Admission Lists and What to Do Next

SECTION 6 — After Admission

Chapter 19 — Acceptance Fee and School Fee Survival

Chapter 20 — Clearance and Physical Verification

Chapter 21 — Course Registration and Matriculation

SECTION 7 — Alternative Pathways: No Wasted Year

Chapter 22 — What If Admission Doesn't Work This Year?

Chapter 23 — IJMB, JUPEB and Foundation Programmes

Chapter 24 — Polytechnic and Direct Entry Strategy

Chapter 25 — Resitting UTME Properly

Chapter 26 — Building Skills While Waiting

SECTION 8 — Protection and Survival

Chapter 27 — Admission Scams and Fraud Exposed

Chapter 28 — Mental Health and Admission Pressure

SECTION 9 — TECHMED Resources

Chapter 29 — TECHMED Tools and Resources

Chapter 30 — Success Stories and Testimonials

Chapter 31 — Final Words: The #NoWastedYear Mindset

APPENDICES

Appendix I — Institution Intelligence Directory

Appendix A — Course and Subject Combination Table

Appendix B — School Aggregate Calculation Reference

Appendix C — CAPS Status Decoder

Appendix D — Clearance Master Checklist

Appendix E — Admission Probability Framework

Appendix F — Post-UTME Battle Plan Template

Appendix G — Common Admission Mistakes Database

Appendix H — Master Admission Timeline Calendar

Appendix J — Emergency Admission Checklist

SECTION 1

UNDERSTANDING THE ADMISSION SYSTEM

Chapters 1 – 3

CHAPTER 1

The Nigerian Admission Problem

Every year, over one million Nigerian students register for JAMB.

In 2026, we had 2.24 million registered candidates.

Many of them study hard. Many of them score well. And still — a painful number of them miss admission.

That is the Nigerian admission problem. Not just competition. Not just insufficient spaces. The real problem is a system that most students do not understand — and that nobody is explaining to them clearly.

Why Brilliant Students Still Miss Admission

The most common assumption is that students miss admission because they did not score high enough. That is sometimes true. But it is rarely the whole story.

Here is what actually causes most admission failures:

- **Wrong school choice.** The student's JAMB score was good — but not good enough for that school's cutoff or departmental requirements.
- **Wrong course choice.** The course was too competitive for the aggregate the student could realistically achieve.
- **Catchment area blindness.** The student did not know they were applying from outside the school's catchment zone, which reduced their competitive advantage significantly.
- **O'Level upload errors.** Results were uploaded incorrectly or to the wrong examination type on CAPS, causing automatic disqualification.
- **Post-UTME mistakes.** The JAMB score was strong but the Post-UTME performance pulled the aggregate below the departmental cutoff.
- **Missed deadlines.** The student did not know there were time-sensitive steps in the CAPS process or Post-UTME/screening registration dates, etc, and missed a critical window.
- **Falling for scams.** A student paid for "assistance" from a fake agent who disappeared after collecting money.

None of those are intelligence failures. They are information failures.

The Hidden Confusion in the System

The Nigerian admission system involves multiple overlapping bodies and processes that most students have never been properly introduced to:

- **JAMB** sets national policy, conducts UTME, manages CAPS, and controls O'Level verification.
- **Universities** conduct their own screenings, set their own departmental cutoffs, and manage their own admission lists — largely independent of each other.
- **WAEC, NECO, and NABTEB** provide the O'Level results that feed into both eligibility checks and aggregate calculations.
- **CAPS** (the Central Admissions Processing System) is the official platform through which admission is confirmed but most students misunderstand what its various statuses mean.

Because these systems operate separately but affect each other, students often act on incomplete information. They check their CAPS status without understanding what it means. They accept or reject admission at the wrong time. They miss steps because they did not know the steps existed.

Information Asymmetry and Exploitation

In Nigeria's admission ecosystem, information is power — and it is not equally distributed.

Students from connected families, or those who can afford paid consultants, often navigate the process with relative ease. They know which schools are safer bets for their scores. They know how aggregates are calculated. They know which deadlines matter.

Students without those advantages rely on:

- Neighbours and family members whose information may be years out of date
- Unverified WhatsApp forwards from unknown sources
- Cybercafe operators who insert themselves as "helpers" and charge for basic tasks
- Paid agents who promise admission they cannot deliver

This guide exists to close that gap.

The information that used to require connections or money to access is now structured, verified, and in your hands.

Why This Guide Exists

This guide was not written to motivate you. Motivation fades. Strategy compounds.

It was written to give you:

- A complete, accurate picture of how the admission system works
- Practical steps you can follow at every stage of the process
- Honest guidance on what your scores can and cannot realistically achieve
- Protection from the scams and errors that derail thousands of students every cycle
- A backup plan if this cycle does not go as expected

No wasted years. No unnecessary confusion. No expensive mistakes.

That is the mission.

CHAPTER 2

How Admission Into Nigerian Universities Actually Works

Before you can navigate the admission process, you need to understand it as a whole system — not just the parts you can see.

Most students only know the parts they have personally experienced: registering for JAMB, sitting the exam, waiting. But the admission system is much larger than that, and the parts students do not know about are often the ones that determine whether they get in or not.

JAMB's Role

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) is the federal body that:

- Registers candidates for UTME
- Conducts the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination
- Manages the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS)
- Sets minimum national cutoff marks for admission
- Verifies O'Level results through its database
- Approves and tracks the formal admission of every student into any accredited institution

JAMB does not, however, admit students on its own. It creates the framework. Universities make the final decision within that framework.

Important: Meeting JAMB's national cutoff does NOT guarantee admission.
It only makes you eligible to be considered by universities.
Each institution has its own, usually higher, departmental cutoffs.

University Screening Systems

Every university processes admission slightly differently. But broadly, there are three systems in use:

1. Post-UTME Examination

The university conducts its own written or computer-based exam after JAMB. Your performance in this exam, combined with your JAMB score and O'Level grades, produces your final aggregate score. Schools like the University of Lagos, University of Ibadan, and many federal universities use some form of this.

2. Screening Without Exam

Some schools do not conduct a separate exam. Instead they screen based purely on your JAMB score and O'Level results. You submit your documents, the school verifies them, and your aggregate is calculated from the available data.

3. Direct Processing

A smaller number of institutions process admission directly from JAMB scores and O'Level grades with minimal additional screening. Polytechnics and some state universities operate this way for certain courses.

Merit Admission

Merit admission is the standard route. It is based purely on academic performance:

- Your UTME score
- Your O'Level grades in relevant subjects
- Your Post-UTME score (if the school conducts one)

All three are combined into an aggregate score, and students are ranked. The highest-ranked candidates fill available spaces first.

Merit admission is the most competitive category but it is also the most transparent.

Catchment Areas

This is one of the most misunderstood concepts in Nigerian admission, and ignorance of it has cost thousands of students places they otherwise deserved.

Every federal university has a defined catchment zone — a group of states from which students get preferential treatment in admission. Typically:

- Students from catchment states may compete at a slightly lower cutoff
- A certain percentage of available spaces are reserved for catchment applicants
- Non-catchment applicants compete for the remaining spaces under stricter conditions

Example: A student from Kano applying to the University of Lagos is a non-catchment applicant. A student from Lagos or Ogun applying to the same school is within catchment. The Kano student may need a higher aggregate to secure the same course.

CHECK THE **APPENDIX I** AT THE END OF THE DOCUMENT FOR A FULL TABLE OF TOP SCHOOLS AND THEIR CATCHMENT AREAS.

This does not mean you cannot gain admission from outside catchment. Many students do but your school choice strategy must account for it.

ELDS — Educationally Less Developed States

Under the ELDS policy, JAMB designates certain states as Educationally Less Developed. Candidates from these states may compete under modified cutoff conditions to ensure geographic representation in federal universities.

Current ELDS states include: Adamawa, Bauchi, Bayelsa, Benue, Borno, Cross River, Ebonyi, Gombe, Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Niger, Plateau, Rivers, Sokoto, Taraba, Yobe, Zamfara

If you are from an ELDS state, this may work in your favour for certain schools and courses. Know your status and use it strategically.

NOTE: THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT GET THE ELDS ADVANTAGE FROM EACH OF THESE STATES ARE USUALLY VERY FEW.

How the Admission Quota Works

Most federal universities allocate admission slots using a formula designed to ensure fairness. The typical distribution is as follows:

45% — Merit: Based strictly on UTME, O-level, Post-UTME scores (depending on the school)

35% — Catchment Area: Reserved for candidates residing in states close to the university.

20% — ELDS: Reserved for candidates from the 23 educationally disadvantaged states to ensure fair representation.

To benefit from this policy, candidates must indicate their correct state of origin when filling out the JAMB Portal during registration.

Departmental Cutoff Marks

The national JAMB cutoff (150 for universities in 2026) is just the floor. It tells you the minimum score required to even be considered for admission no matter the course.

But every department in every university sets its own effective cutoff, based on:

- How many spaces are available in that department
- How many candidates applied with competitive scores
- The school's internal scoring formula for aggregates

In highly competitive departments — Medicine, Law, Pharmacy, Computer Science at top schools — the effective cutoff can be dramatically higher than the national minimum.

Course	School	Typical Effective Cutoff (Aggregate)
Medicine & Surgery	University of Lagos	75–80+
Medicine & Surgery	University of Ibadan	75–80+
Medicine & Surgery	University of Uyo	60–70+
Nursing Science	Most Federal Universities	55–65+
Computer Science	Top Federal Universities	55–65+
Mass Communication	UNILAG	60–70+
Law	University of Ibadan	65–75+

Note: These figures are indicative based on historical patterns. Actual cutoffs vary by year and available spaces. Always verify through official channels.

CHECK APPENDIX A AT THE END OF THE DOCUMENT FOR THE FULL BREAKDOWN FOR ALL COURSES

Why Scores Alone Do Not Guarantee Admission

By now the picture should be clear — but let's state it explicitly:

- A 280 JAMB score cannot compensate for choosing a school that only admits 320+ for your course
- A 320 JAMB score cannot overcome wrong subject combinations that make you ineligible
- A perfect JAMB score means nothing if your O'Level results are not uploaded correctly

- Strong academics cannot protect you from a scammer who claims to have "sorted" your admission

Scores matter. They matter a lot. But they are inputs into a larger system — and the other inputs matter equally.

Common Myths Students Believe

MYTH: "If I score high in JAMB, I will definitely get admission."

REALITY: JAMB score is one input. School choice, O'Level grades, Post-UTME, catchment area, and timing all determine the outcome.

MYTH: "My uncle works in the school, so admission is sorted."

REALITY: Most unauthorised admission "arrangements" are scams. Legitimate admission follows CAPS. If it is not on CAPS, it is not real.

MYTH: "I just need to pass Post-UTME and I'm in."

REALITY: You need an aggregate that beats the departmental cutoff. Passing Post-UTME is not the same as achieving a competitive aggregate.

MYTH: "I can change my course after getting admission."

REALITY: Course changes are **rare, heavily restricted, and not guaranteed**. Choose correctly from the start.

CHAPTER 3

The Admission Timeline — Big Picture Roadmap

One of the most damaging mistakes Nigerian admission candidates make is moving without a timeline. They react to events instead of anticipating them.

The admission cycle has a predictable rhythm every year. The specific dates shift slightly, but the sequence is almost always the same. Students who know the sequence are ready. Students who don't are always catching up.

The Full Admission Cycle — Explained

Phase	What Happens	Typical Period
JAMB Registration Opens	NIN linkage, profile code creation, CBT centre selection	Jan – Feb
UTME Examination	All candidates write their exams at designated CBT centres	Apr – May
UTME Results Released	Scores published on JAMB portal	Apr – May
Post-UTME Registration	Eligible candidates register on university portals	May – Sep
Post-UTME / Screening	Schools conduct exams or document screening	Jun – Sep
Aggregate Calculation	Schools compute combined scores internally	Jun – Sep
First Admission List	Schools release first batch of admitted candidates	Jul – Sep
CAPS Admission Proposed	JAMB proposes admission — candidates accept or reject	Jul – Sep
O'Level Upload Deadline	Candidates upload results to CAPS for verification	Usually within 1 month after UTME results release
Second & Supplementary Lists	Additional candidates admitted to fill remaining spaces	Sep – Nov
Acceptance Fee Payment	Admitted candidates pay to secure their space	Sep – Nov
Clearance & Verification	Physical clearance at the school	Sep – Dec
Matriculation	Formal registration as a student of the institution	Nov – Dec

Important Timelines Students Miss

Most students know about JAMB registration and the exam. Far fewer know about these critical windows:

- **Post-UTME registration deadlines.** Some schools close registration within days of announcement. If you miss it, you miss that school's screening entirely — regardless of your JAMB score.
- **O'Level upload windows.** JAMB sets periodic deadlines for result uploads. Missing these can lead to your admission being withheld even after you are offered a place.

- **CAPS acceptance windows.** Once your admission is proposed on CAPS, you have a limited time to accept. Failure to accept within the window can result in the offer being withdrawn. In 2026, JAMB gave every candidate a deadline of 4 weeks to accept or reject admission once it shows on CAPS.
- **Acceptance fee deadlines.** Schools set deadlines for acceptance fee payment. Missing this deadline can forfeit your place to the next candidate on the list.

Every single one of these deadlines has cost real students their admission. Not because they were unqualified — but because nobody told them the deadline existed.

What Happens at Every Stage

Stage 1 — Before JAMB

This is the strategy phase. Course selection, school selection, subject combinations, O'Level assessment. Most students skip this stage entirely and go straight to registration without a plan. Do not make that mistake. The decisions you make here determine everything that follows.

Stage 2 — JAMB Registration & UTME

Registration, CBT preparation, and exam execution. This is where your UTME score is determined. Your goal is not just to pass — it is to score high enough to be competitive for your chosen course at your chosen school.

Stage 3 — Post-UTME

After UTME results, eligible candidates register for and sit their school's Post-UTME or screening. This is where many students lose the advantage their JAMB score gave them. Poor Post-UTME preparation collapses aggregates that should have been safe.

Stage 4 — CAPS & Admission Lists

This is the final confirmation phase. CAPS shows your admission status. You must monitor it regularly, understand what each status means, and respond correctly and promptly.

Stage 5 — After Admission

Acceptance fees, clearance, course registration, and matriculation. This stage has its own pitfalls — particularly payment fraud and documentation errors during clearance.

Master Admission Calendar — Key Actions

Action	When to Do It	Why It Matters
Finalise course + school choice	Before JAMB registration or immediately after your results are released	Shapes every decision that follows
Sort NIN linkage	Early January	Required for registration; delays common
Register for JAMB	As early as possible	CBT centre slots fill up fast
Begin UTME preparation	Immediately after registration	8 weeks minimum is ideal
Check Post-UTME announcements	From April onwards	Schools announce quickly; deadlines are tight
Upload O'Level results to CAPS	Immediately they are available	Delays risk admission being withheld
Monitor CAPS status	Daily during July–October	Status changes require fast action
Accept admission on CAPS	Within 24–48 hrs of offer	Offers can expire
Pay acceptance fee	Same week as CAPS acceptance	Late payment can forfeit your place
Begin clearance documents	Before arriving school	Missing documents delay or block clearance

TECHMED TIP

Screenshot your CAPS status regularly.
 Keep copies of every payment receipt.
 Never rely on a single phone or one person to monitor your CAPS.
 The admission process does not pause for personal emergencies.

Section 1 Summary — What You Should Know

- ✓ The Nigerian admission system involves JAMB, universities, and CAPS working together — not as one single process
- ✓ Your JAMB score is one input. School choice, O'Level, Post-UTME, and catchment all determine the final outcome
- ✓ Departmental cutoffs are what actually matter — not just the national minimum

- ✓ Catchment areas and ELDS designations directly affect your competitiveness at specific schools
- ✓ The admission timeline has multiple critical deadlines most students are unaware of
- ✓ Acting on myths and unverified information is one of the leading causes of admission failure

SECTION 2

BEFORE JAMB REGISTRATION

Chapters 4 – 7

CHAPTER 4

Choosing the Right Course Strategically

Course choice is the single most consequential decision in the entire admission process.

It determines which schools are realistic for you. It determines which subject combination you need. It determines how competitive your O'Level results must be. And it determines what you will spend the next four to six years of your life studying.

Yet most students make this decision in minutes under pressure, influenced by parents, peer groups, or a vague idea of what sounds prestigious.

That is how brilliant students end up stuck.

Passion vs. Realism

The debate between following passion and being realistic is a false one. The real question is:

"Is this course achievable for me given my current academic profile — and am I willing to do what it takes to compete for it?"

Passion without a realistic assessment of your admission profile leads to wasted years chasing a course you are consistently under-qualified for. Realism without any motivation leads to studying something you resent for years.

The smart approach:

- Be honest about your current JAMB score range and O'Level grades
- Understand the realistic competition level for your desired course
- If you are not yet competitive, make a plan to become competitive — or choose a strategic alternative
- If the course is achievable, commit fully and prepare with precision

Competitive Courses Explained

Not all courses are equally difficult to gain admission into. Here is a practical classification:

Competitiveness	Typical Courses	What It Means for You
Very High	Medicine, Pharmacy, Law, Dentistry	High JAMB + strong Post-UTME + near-perfect O'Level required at top schools
High	Nursing, Physiotherapy, Computer Science, Engineering	Strong scores needed. Limited spaces, high applicant numbers
Medium	Biochemistry, Microbiology, Mass Comm, Accounting	Competitive but more achievable with solid preparation
Lower	Many Arts/Social Sciences at state universities	More accessible, though quality of school varies

This table is a guide, not a rule.

Competitiveness varies by school. Medicine at a state university may be more accessible than Medicine at UNILAG or UI, but the MBBS degree is equivalent. Think strategically.

Career-Path Thinking

Before choosing a course, answer these questions honestly:

- Do I understand what professionals in this field actually do day-to-day?
- Am I prepared for the academic demands of this course? (Medicine is 6 years; Law requires strong reading; Engineering is mathematics-heavy)
- If I cannot gain admission into this exact course this cycle, what related course would still lead me toward my goal?
- Am I choosing this course because I genuinely want it or because someone else wants it for me?

Common Wrong Decisions

- ⚠ **Choosing Medicine purely for prestige** without understanding the academic demands or being genuinely interested in the medical field.
- ⚠ **Choosing a course at a school that is far too competitive** for your realistic aggregate — then repeating multiple times trying to force it.
- ⚠ **Picking a course with the intention of transferring later.** Transfers are rare and restricted. **Study what you actually want to study.**
- ⚠ **Ignoring a genuinely good alternative** because it "doesn't sound as good" — when it leads to the same career outcome.

CHAPTER 5

Correct JAMB Subject Combinations

Your JAMB subject combination is not flexible. Each course has a defined set of required subjects, and if you register with the wrong combination, you will be automatically ineligible — regardless of how well you score.

This is one of the most avoidable mistakes in the entire process. And it happens every year.

Subject Combination Fundamentals

Every JAMB candidate selects four subjects. One of those four is English Language, which is compulsory for all candidates.

The remaining three subjects must match the requirements of the course you are applying for. These requirements are set by JAMB and cannot be substituted at will.

Wrong subject combination = automatic ineligibility.
No Post-UTME will save you. No agent can fix it after the fact.
Verify your combination BEFORE completing registration.

Course-Subject Combination Table

The following are the correct JAMB subject combinations for the most commonly applied-for courses:

Course	Compulsory Subjects	Plus English
Medicine & Surgery	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Yes
Nursing Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Yes
Pharmacy	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Yes
Medical Lab Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Yes
Physiotherapy	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Yes
Dentistry	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Yes
Biochemistry	Biology, Chemistry, Physics/Maths	Yes
Microbiology	Biology, Chemistry, Physics/Maths	Yes
Civil Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry	Yes
Electrical Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry	Yes

Course	Compulsory Subjects	Plus English
Computer Science	Maths, Physics, + one of Chemistry/Biology/Economics	Yes
Law	Literature/Government/History + CRS/Economics	Yes
Mass Communication	Literature/Government + one Arts/Social Science	Yes
Accounting	Maths + Economics + one of Commerce/Government	Yes
Economics	Maths + Economics + one of Government/Geography	Yes
Architecture	Maths, Physics, + one of Chemistry/Geography/Art	Yes

IMPORTANT: Always verify your subject combination on the official JAMB website (jamb.gov.ng) before completing registration. JAMB updates requirements periodically. This table reflects standard combinations but official confirmation is essential.

Wrong Combinations That Destroy Admission Chances

These are real mistakes candidates make every year:

- ⚠ **Registering Biology instead of Physics for Engineering courses.** Physics is compulsory for all engineering programmes.
- ⚠ **Using Government instead of Biology for Medicine.** Biology is non-negotiable for medical courses.
- ⚠ **Choosing Literature for science courses** because a friend chose it or the school didn't explain the rule.
- ⚠ **Picking only three subjects** and not realising English must be one of the four.

Frequently Confused Combinations

Course	Common Mistake	Correct Combination
Computer Science	Using Biology instead of Physics	Maths, Physics, Chemistry or Economics
Law	Using Biology or Chemistry	Literature or Government + Social Sciences
Architecture	Forgetting Physics	Maths, Physics, + relevant third subject
Pharmacy	Dropping Physics	Biology, Chemistry, Physics — all three required
Accounting	Forgetting Maths	Maths is compulsory, not optional

CHAPTER 6

O'Level Requirements Explained

Your O'Level results — from WAEC, NECO, or NABTEB — are not just background documents. They are active inputs into your admission eligibility and, in most schools, your aggregate score calculation.

Getting this wrong is more common than you might expect.

WAEC, NECO, and NABTEB

All three are accepted for university admission in Nigeria. There is no official hierarchy between them — what matters is that you have the required credits in the right subjects.

However, some schools have historically shown preference for WAEC results in competitive departments. If you have WAEC results, use them as your primary O'Level result when given a choice.

One Sitting vs Two Sitzings

Most universities prefer candidates who obtained all their required credits in one sitting. If you have results across two sittings (e.g., some credits from 2022 and others from 2023), you can combine them — but:

- Not all schools accept results from two sittings for all courses

- **Medicine, Pharmacy, and most health science courses at federal universities typically require one sitting**
- State universities are often more flexible on this
- Always check the specific school's requirements for your course before assuming two sittings is acceptable as seen on their website.

Required Credits by Course

Course Group	Minimum Credits Required	Compulsory Subjects
Medicine & Surgery	5 credits at once	English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Nursing / Pharmacy	5 credits at once (most schools)	English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Engineering	5 credits	English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry
Computer Science	5 credits	English, Maths, Physics + relevant sciences
Law	5 credits	English, Maths + Arts/Social Sciences (school-specific)
Accounting	5 credits	English, Maths, Economics or Commerce
Most Social Sciences	5 credits	English, Maths + relevant subjects

Credit means C6 or above (A1, B2, B3, C4, C5, C6).
D7, E8, and F9 are NOT credits — they will not count toward your requirement.
Always verify you have genuine credits, not just passes.

Common Disqualifying Mistakes

- ⚠ **Having a D7 in Mathematics and assuming it counts.** It does not. Maths must be at C6 minimum for almost every course.
- ⚠ **Not having English Language as a credit.** This disqualifies a candidate from virtually every university programme in Nigeria.
- ⚠ **Combining results across three different exam bodies** — WAEC, NECO, and NABTEB together — without verifying this is accepted by your chosen school.
- ⚠ **Having the right subjects but in the wrong combination** — e.g., crediting Physics instead of Biology for Medicine.

Awaiting Result Strategy

If your results are not yet out when JAMB registration opens, you can register with "awaiting result."

What this means:

- You register and sit JAMB without your O'Level results
- You must upload your results to JAMB CAPS as soon as they are released
- Schools conducting Post-UTME may require proof of results before screening
- Your admission cannot be finalised until results are verified on CAPS

Do not wait. The moment your results are released, upload them to CAPS immediately. Late uploads have delayed and blocked admissions that were already being processed.

CHAPTER 7

Choosing the Right School

Choosing the right school is a strategic decision, not an emotional one.

This is where many students' admission journeys go wrong before they even write a single exam. They fall in love with a school's name or reputation, ignore the numbers, and spend years chasing admission into a school that was never realistic for their profile.

Federal vs State vs Private Universities

Category	Strengths	Considerations
Federal Universities	Strong academic reputation, NYSC recognition, widely respected degrees	Most competitive admission; highest aggregate requirements for popular courses
State Universities	More accessible admission, often lower cutoffs, good for catchment applicants	Funding and infrastructure vary widely by state

Category	Strengths	Considerations
Private Universities	Less competitive admission, sometimes more structured campus life	Higher fees; not all are equal in quality or national recognition

Check **APPENDIX I** at the end of this document for a list of **ALL** accredited universities in 2026 and their category.

Safe Schools vs Risky Schools

A safe school is one where your realistic aggregate score gives you a genuine chance at your target course. A risky school is one where you are borderline — one bad Post-UTME day away from missing out.

The strategic framework:

- **First choice:** The school you genuinely want — where your score is competitive but not borderline
- **Second choice:** A school where you are clearly competitive — your backup if choice one does not work

University preference for candidates that picked them as FIRST-CHOICE only allows you to focus on one school and one course.

Choose with precision. You can change school or course after results — but at a cost of time.

Getting it right at registration saves stress downstream.

Catchment Considerations

Revisiting this from Chapter 2 — because at the school selection stage, it becomes a practical decision:

- If you are from a school's catchment area, apply there with confidence
- If you are not from catchment, you need a higher aggregate to compete for the same spaces
- Applying to a non-catchment school is not a mistake — but your score needs to justify it
- If your score is borderline, applying within catchment dramatically improves your chances

Realistic School Selection Strategy

Before finalising your school choice, answer these questions:

1. What is my realistic JAMB score range based on my preparation?
2. What aggregate score can I achieve combining JAMB + O'Level + Post-UTME?
3. What is the historical departmental cutoff for my course at this school?
4. Am I within catchment for this school?
5. Does this school conduct Post-UTME, and am I prepared for it?
6. Is this school known for delays, accreditation issues, or unstable academic calendars?

Section 2 Summary — Pre-Registration Checklist

- ✓ Course is chosen based on realistic academic profile, not just pressure or prestige
- ✓ Subject combination for chosen course is confirmed and correct
- ✓ All required O'Level credits are available in the right subjects
- ✓ One sitting vs two sitting requirement for target school and course is confirmed
- ✓ School selection accounts for catchment area and historical departmental cutoffs
- ✓ Safe school identified as backup to first choice
- ✓ Awaiting result plan in place if results are not yet released

***Everything before JAMB registration shapes everything after it.
Plan it properly.***

SECTION 3

JAMB REGISTRATION & UTME

Chapters 8 – 11

CHAPTER 8

JAMB Registration Masterclass

This is where most students make their first serious mistake — and it costs them months.

JAMB registration looks simple on the surface: fill a form, pick a centre, pay your fee. But there are hidden failure points at every step that disqualify candidates before they even sit the exam.

This chapter walks you through the entire registration process with the precision of someone who has seen what goes wrong.

The Problem With Registration

Thousands of candidates are disqualified each cycle not because of their scores — but because of registration errors made at the cybercafe. Operators rush, candidates don't verify, and mistakes get locked in.

● DANGEROUS MISTAKE: Never let a cybercafe operator complete your JAMB registration without you watching every single field being entered. Errors in your name, date of birth, or O'Level details are almost impossible to correct after submission.

What You Need Before You Register

Do not go to a JAMB-accredited centre unprepared. Have all of the following ready before you start:

- **National Identification Number (NIN)** — Your NIN must be linked to your JAMB profile. No NIN = No registration. Sort this weeks before registration opens.
- **Valid email address** — Must be one you created yourself. Do not use the cybercafe operator's email. You will need this email to recover your account.
- **Active phone number** — Must be registered in your real name. Do not use a number you don't own or control. If there's no option, use a trusted relative's phone number.
- **O'Level result(s)** — Have your WAEC/NECO/NABTEB details ready for entry, or select 'awaiting result' if not yet available..
- **Debit card or bank app** — For payment of registration fee. Confirm your bank account has sufficient balance.

[IMAGE PLACEHOLDER]

JAMB NIN linkage screenshot — shows how to link and the feedback

Step-by-Step Registration Flow

This is the correct sequence for completing JAMB registration. Follow this in order. Do not skip steps.

1. **Obtain your National Identification Number (NIN)** through the steps above. This is mandatory. If you don't have one, visit any NIMC enrolment centre to register. You cannot proceed without it.
2. **Create your JAMB profile code** by sending your NIN (as an 11-digit number with no spaces) via SMS to 55019 or 66019. Use the phone number linked to your NIN. Format: NIN 12345678901
3. **Receive your 10-character profile code via SMS.** Save this code securely. You will present it at the CBT centre to begin registration. This code is also used to access your JAMB profile online.
4. **Purchase the JAMB e-PIN from approved selling points** — JAMB-accredited banks, JAMB-accredited CBT centres, NIPOST offices, or online payment platforms like Remita, etc. You will need your profile code to complete this purchase.
5. **Visit an accredited JAMB CBT registration centre.** JAMB registration can only be done at approved CBT centres — not at home, not at cybercafés. Use JAMB's official portal (jamb.gov.ng) to locate accredited centres near you.
6. **Provide your profile code and e-PIN to the registration officer at the CBT centre.** These two items unlock the registration portal.
7. **The registration officer captures your biometric data** — this includes your fingerprints and passport photograph. The photo is taken live at the centre; you do not bring a pre-taken passport.
8. **Enter your personal details into the system with the officer's guidance.** Your name must match your NIN exactly — not how you prefer it to appear. Any discrepancy can block your admission later.
9. **Select your preferred course and institution (first choice, second choice, third choice).** Confirm these match the strategic decisions you made in Section 2 of this guide.
10. **Select your UTME subject combination for your chosen course.** The registration officer should help ensure it's correct, but the responsibility is yours. Double-check before final submission.
11. **Enter your O'Level details if your results are already obtained, or select "Awaiting Result" if applicable.** If your results are ready, enter them exactly as they appear on your certificate or result slip.
12. **Choose your preferred examination town.** NOTE: JAMB assigns a specific CBT centre within your chosen town. You do not select the exact centre yourself. Choose a town you can reach easily on exam day.
13. **Review all entries carefully before final submission.** Once submitted, certain fields cannot be changed without going through JAMB's correction process (which costs money and time).
14. **The registration officer prints your registration slip.** This contains your exam date, time, and centre. Collect it, check that all details are correct, and store it safely.
15. **Receive your JAMB registration number.** This appears on your slip. Memorise it or save it securely. You'll use it for everything — checking results, Post-UTME registration, and CAPS.
16. **Wait for examination slip printing day** when announced by JAMB while you keep preparing hard for the exams.

CBT Centre Selection — Think Strategically

Where you sit your exam matters more than most students realise. Your performance on exam day is influenced by the environment.

- **Choose a town close to or where you have your home.** Travelling far on exam day adds stress and risk — traffic, late arrival, panic.
- **Register early.** Popular centres fill up fast. Late registrants are assigned whatever is left.

Protecting Your Profile

 **DANGEROUS MISTAKE:** Your JAMB profile email and phone number are the keys to your admission. Never share them with an agent, never use a cybercafe's email, and never give your profile code to a third party. These details are used in CAPS manipulation scams.

- Change your profile password immediately after registration
- Log out of all public computers after every session
- Save your profile code, email, and phone number in a secure location

Common Registration Mistakes — At a Glance

Mistake	Why It's Dangerous	How to Avoid It
Wrong name entry	Creates mismatch with O'Level and NIN; can block clearance	Enter name exactly as on NIN
Wrong date of birth	Causes verification failure later in CAPS	Cross-check NIN before entry
Cybercafe email used	Operator can access your account at any time	Create your own email before going
Wrong subject combination	Automatic ineligibility for your course	Verify combination from official JAMB brochure
Late registration	Best CBT centres fill up; exam slots limited	Register in the first two weeks
Wrong O'Level entry	Triggers CAPS verification failure	Copy directly from your result slip

REAL EXAMPLE — Wrong Name, Wrong Future

Amaka registered for JAMB and her results came back as 285 — strong enough for her course.

But during clearance, the school rejected her documents because her JAMB name read 'Amaka Obi'

while her WAEC result and birth certificate both read 'Chiamaka Obi.'

She was told to apply for a JAMB name correction — a process that took a while and meant she missed the admission window entirely.

The computer operator had shortened her name to save time.
She never checked. One unchecked field. One wasted year.

See Appendix I for the official JAMB portal URL and useful verification links.
See Appendix G for a full list of common registration errors and how to fix them.

CHAPTER 9

The UTME Preparation System

Scoring high in JAMB is not about reading everything. It is about reading the right things, in the right order, with the right method.

Most students approach UTME preparation the same way they approached secondary school: open the textbook, read from chapter one, hope for the best. That approach consistently produces average results.

This chapter gives you the strategic preparation system that consistently produces high scores — built around the way UTME questions are actually set.

Why Random Reading Fails

 **DANGEROUS MISTAKE:** Spending equal time on all topics is one of the biggest preparation errors. UTME questions are not distributed equally. Some topics appear in nearly every exam. Others rarely appear at all. Not knowing the difference is a serious disadvantage.

Every year, JAMB draws heavily from a specific pool of high-yield topics. Past question analysis consistently shows that roughly **60–70% of each paper comes from the same core topics** across different years.

Students who identify and master these topics first — then fill in supporting knowledge — consistently outscore those who read linearly.

The 3-Layer Preparation Framework

TECHMED SYSTEM — USE THIS ORDER:

LAYER 1: Past Questions (Start Here)
 LAYER 2: High-Yield Topic Mastery
 LAYER 3: Supporting Coverage

Layer 1 — Past Questions First

Begin with past JAMB questions before opening any textbook. This does three things:

- It shows you exactly the style and language JAMB uses
- It identifies which topics appear repeatedly
- It reveals your current knowledge gaps with precision

Work through the last **5–7 years** of past questions for each subject. Note which topics repeat. Those topics become your priority list.

Layer 2 — High-Yield Topic Mastery

Once you have your priority list, master those topics completely. Do not move on until each one is solid.

Below are the historically high-yield areas for the main science subjects — based on consistent past question patterns:

Subject	Historically High-Yield Topics (Commonly Tested)
Chemistry	Mole concept, Chemical bonding, Electrochemistry, Organic chemistry (alkanes/alkenes/alkynes), Acids/bases/salts, Periodic table trends, Equilibrium
Physics	Mechanics (motion, force, energy), Waves and sound, Electricity (circuits, ohm's law), Light and optics, Heat transfer, Nuclear physics basics
Biology	Cell biology, Genetics and inheritance, Ecology, Photosynthesis and respiration, Classification of organisms, Reproduction
Mathematics	Algebra, Sequences and series, Trigonometry, Coordinate geometry, Statistics and probability, Differentiation
English Language	Comprehension passages, Lexis and structure, Oral English phonetics, Antonyms and synonyms, Sentence completion

These topics are historically frequent, not guaranteed.
 JAMB occasionally introduces new angles. Build strong fundamentals, not just topic memorisation.

Layer 3 — Supporting Coverage

After your high-yield topics are solid, work through remaining topics in order of how recently they appeared in past questions. Cover everything at least once — but not at the expense of mastering the core.

The 8-Week Study Framework

Week	Focus	Daily Target
Week 1	Past question analysis + topic priority mapping	2 hrs: 1 full past paper per subject
Week 2	High-yield topics — Chemistry + Biology (Layer 2)	3 hrs: 1 topic deep dive + 20 past Qs
Week 3	High-yield topics — Physics + Mathematics (Layer 2)	3 hrs: 1 topic deep dive + 20 past Qs
Week 4	English Language + all subjects past questions	3 hrs: English drills + 1 full timed paper
Week 5	Full past paper practice — timed, exam conditions	3 hrs: 2 full timed papers daily
Week 6	Weak area remediation — target your lowest-scoring topics	3 hrs: focused topic review + drills
Week 7	Speed and accuracy — CBT simulation sessions	3 hrs: CBT practice + 2 past papers
Week 8	Light revision only — no new material. Rest. Confidence.	1–2 hrs maximum. No heavy reading.

CBT Mastery — The Skill Students Ignore

UTME is a computer-based test. Many students who know the content still underperform because they are not comfortable with the CBT interface. This is entirely preventable.

- **Practice on a screen, not paper.** If you only practice on paper, you will be slower and less comfortable on exam day.
- **Use JAMB's official CBT practice software** (available on the JAMB website) at least twice per week from Week 4 onwards.
- **Practice answering and flagging.** In CBT, you can flag questions to return to. Practise this strategy deliberately.
- **Time yourself always.** 100 minutes for 100 questions across 4 subjects. That is 25 minutes per subject — about 2 minutes per question on average.

[IMAGE PLACEHOLDER]

JAMB CBT practice interface — screenshot showing the flag question button, timer, and navigation panel

High-Yield Preparation Methods

- **Active recall over passive reading.** After reading a topic, close the book and try to reproduce the key points from memory.
- **Spaced repetition.** Review past topics at increasing intervals — the day after, three days later, a week later. This dramatically improves retention.
- **Group drilling.** Pair with one or two serious students to drill past questions aloud. Teaching forces deeper understanding.
- **Formula card creation.** For Physics, Chemistry, and Maths — write every formula on a small card. Review daily.

REAL EXAMPLE — High Score Through Strategy, Not Volume

Kelechi had 4 months to prepare. He worked from 6am to 10pm every day reading two textbooks from cover to cover.
He scored 221.

His classmate Ugo had 8 weeks. She started with 5 years of past questions, identified the top 15 topics per subject, and drilled those relentlessly. She added CBT simulation sessions in Week 6.
She scored 289.

Volume of reading is not the variable. Precision of preparation is.

See Appendix F — Post-UTME Battle Plan Template (adaptable for UTME prep).
See Appendix H — Master Admission Timeline Calendar for scheduling your study weeks.

CHAPTER 10

Writing the UTME Successfully

You have prepared. Now you have to perform. These are two different skills.

Many students prepare well but underperform on exam day because of avoidable mistakes — arriving late, panicking over a hard question, running out of time on the final paper, or fumbling with the CBT system.

This chapter is your exam-day tactical guide.

The Night Before

- **Do not read new material.** Your brain needs consolidation time, not new input.
- **Confirm your exam venue address and travel route.** Know exactly how you are getting there.
- **Pack your exam slip, valid ID, and any required items.** JAMB specifies what to bring — confirm this.
- **Sleep early.** Fatigue kills exam performance. A rested brain outperforms an exhausted one.
- **Eat a proper meal the evening before.** Do not rely on a light breakfast alone on exam morning.

Exam Morning

- **Wake up at least 2 hours before your scheduled time.** Traffic, delays, and queues are real.
- **Arrive at the centre 30–45 minutes early.** Late arrivals are turned away. There are no exceptions.
- **Avoid loud, anxious conversations outside the hall.** Other candidates' panic is contagious.
- **Do not discuss subject content with other candidates at the gate.** It creates confusion and self-doubt right before you go in.

[IMAGE PLACEHOLDER]

JAMB exam centre arrival — candidate presenting exam slip at gate for biometric verification

Inside the CBT Hall — Tactical Guide

TECHMED EXAM TACTICS — READ BEFORE YOUR EXAM DATE

Step 1 — First 3 Minutes

Do not rush into questions immediately. Use the first 3 minutes to:

- Read any on-screen instructions carefully
- Confirm your subject order and timing
- Take one slow breath and settle your focus

Step 2 — The Two-Pass Strategy

This is the single most effective exam tactic for CBT:

1. **First pass:** Go through all 100 questions once. Answer anything you are confident about immediately. Flag every question you are unsure about.
2. **Second pass:** Return to flagged questions only. Now give each one focused attention.
3. **Never leave an answer blank.** There is no negative marking in UTME. An educated guess beats an empty answer every time.

Step 3 — Time Distribution

Subject	Recommended Time	Max Time Before Moving On
Use English (English Language)	22 minutes	25 minutes
Subject 1 (e.g. Biology)	24 minutes	26 minutes
Subject 2 (e.g. Chemistry)	24 minutes	26 minutes
Subject 3 (e.g. Physics)	20 minutes	22 minutes
Review + Check Flags	Remaining time	—

Time targets above are recommended guides, not rules.
 UTME question difficulty varies. If one subject is running long, move on and return.
 Running out of time on your strongest subject because you got stuck on Subject 1 is a costly mistake.

Managing Difficult Questions

- **If a question seems impossible — move on.** Do not let one question consume 10 minutes while 10 other answerable questions wait.
- **Use elimination.** Even if you do not know the correct answer, you can often eliminate 1–2 obviously wrong options. This improves your educated guess odds.
- **Trust your preparation.** If you have drilled past questions properly, your first instinct on familiar question types is usually correct. Do not second-guess excessively.

Panic Control

Panic during exams is a physiological response. Here is how to interrupt it:

- **Slow your breathing** — 4 counts in, hold 4, out 4. Do this twice before returning to the paper.
- **Switch subjects temporarily** — if one subject has you spiralling, answer two easy questions in another subject to rebuild confidence.
- **Say 'I have prepared'** quietly to yourself. Anchoring to preparation history reduces performance anxiety.

 **DANGEROUS MISTAKE:** Do not report technical problems to other candidates or create disruption. If your computer freezes, raise your hand and inform a supervisor immediately and calmly. JAMB has protocols for technical faults. These are applied only if you report them properly.

 REAL EXAMPLE — Time Management Failure — 271 That Should Have Been 300+

Emeka was genuinely well-prepared. His past question scores were consistently in the 290–310 range.

On exam day, he spent 18 minutes on a single difficult Physics question he was convinced he could solve.

He never caught up. He ran out of time with 12 questions unanswered.

His final score: 271.

He had the knowledge. He lost the strategy.

The two-pass method would have caught those 12 questions.

After the Exam

- Do not compare answers with other candidates outside the hall. It serves no purpose and creates unnecessary anxiety.
- JAMB results are typically released within days. Check only through the official portal or via the official SMS notification.
- Screenshot and save your result immediately when it drops.

CHAPTER 11

Understanding Your JAMB Score

Your JAMB score is a number. But what it means — and what it can realistically get you — depends entirely on context.

This chapter gives you the honest framework for reading your score, understanding what it means for your options, and making smart decisions based on it.

What Different Scores Realistically Mean

The score ranges below reflect what is historically observed in Nigerian admission cycles. Note that actual outcomes commonly depend on the school, the course, the year, and the number of applicants — not just the score.

Score Range	What It Generally Indicates	Realistic Position
320 – 400	Excellent — highly competitive	Strong candidate for most courses at top federal universities. Merit list consideration for Medicine/Law/Pharmacy at competitive schools.
280 – 319	Good — competitive	Competitive for most courses. Medicine and top courses at elite schools may still require strong Post-UTME and O'Level grades.
250 – 279	Moderate — workable	Viable for many courses at federal and state universities. Course and school choice become critical. Post-UTME performance matters a lot.
220 – 249	Below average for competitive courses	May work for less competitive courses or state/private universities. Difficult for Medicine, Pharmacy, or competitive Engineering.
200 – 219	Minimum viable range	Admission possible at private universities or less competitive state schools. Most federal university courses will be very difficult.
Below 200	Below national cutoff for universities	Does not qualify for most university admission. Consider polytechnics or alternative pathways (see Section 7).

These score ranges reflect historical patterns only.
 Actual cutoffs vary by year, school, course, and available spaces.
 A 260 that secured Medicine in 2019 may not secure the same course at the same school today.
 Always verify current departmental cutoffs before making decisions.

Course Competitiveness and Your Score

Your score alone does not tell you whether you can gain admission. It tells you where you stand in the queue. Whether that is high enough depends on how many people are in front of you — for that specific course, at that specific school.

The single most important question to ask after seeing your score is not:
 'Is this a good score?'

It is:

'Is this score competitive enough for my specific course at my specific school, combined with my O'Level grades and expected Post-UTME performance?'

School Selection Implications

After receiving your score, revisit your school and course choice with fresh eyes:

- If your score is **above** the historical range for your course at your chosen school — you are in a strong position. Focus on Post-UTME.
- If your score is **within** the typical range — your Post-UTME performance and O'Level grades become the deciding factor. Prepare aggressively.
- If your score is **below** the historical range — be honest about this. Forcing an application to a school where you are not competitive often results in another wasted year.

When to Change School or Course

JAMB allows school and course changes after UTME results. Here is the honest decision framework:

Situation	Recommended Action
Score is significantly below historical departmental cutoff	Change school to a more realistic option. Do not force an impossible application.
Score is borderline — could go either way	Keep school if you are within catchment. Apply for Post-UTME and maximise that score.
Score is strong but original course choice was poor	Consider keeping your score and upgrading your course if it is now realistic.
Score is very low (below 200)	Consider polytechnic, IJMB, or a strategic gap year — not a desperate application.

 **DANGEROUS MISTAKE:** Making school or course changes based on rumour, peer pressure, or panic — not data. Every change has consequences for your aggregate calculation, Post-UTME eligibility, and admission timeline. Make changes deliberately, with information.

REAL EXAMPLE — Right Score, Wrong School — One Year Lost

Chukwuemeka scored 258. His original choice was Medicine at University of Lagos. Historical data showed UNILAG Medicine's effective aggregate threshold was consistently around 75+. At 258 JAMB, even with a strong Post-UTME and excellent O'Level, hitting 75 aggregate was a stretch.

He was advised to apply anyway — 'you never know.'
 He did not get in. He also missed the Post-UTME deadline for two schools he was actually competitive at because he spent too long waiting on UNILAG.

The following year, with the same 258 (he didn't resit), he applied to a federal university where his course's historical cutoff was around 55–60 aggregate.
 He got in.

Right score. Wrong school choice. One unnecessary year.

Decision-Making Framework After Results

STEP 1: Get your score. Screenshot and save it.
 STEP 2: Look up historical aggregate cutoffs for your course at your chosen school.
 STEP 3: Calculate your realistic aggregate (JAMB + O'Level + estimated Post-UTME).
 STEP 4: Ask honestly — am I competitive?
 STEP 5: If yes — proceed to Post-UTME registration immediately.
 STEP 6: If no — identify a more realistic school or course. Do this early.
 STEP 7: Never make changes based on pressure. Make them based on data.

See Appendix B — School Aggregate Calculation Table
 See Appendix E — Admission Probability Framework
 See Appendix H — Master Admission Timeline Calendar

APPENDIX S3-A

Section 3 Reference — UTME Subject Combination Quick Check

Use this table to verify your subject combination is correct BEFORE submitting your JAMB registration. Cross-reference with the official JAMB brochure at jamb.gov.ng.

Course	Compulsory JAMB Subjects (+ English)
Medicine & Surgery	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Nursing Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics

Course	Compulsory JAMB Subjects (+ English)
Pharmacy	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Physiotherapy	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Medical Lab Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Dentistry	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Biochemistry	Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths
Microbiology	Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths
Civil / Mech / Electrical Engineering	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry
Computer Science	Mathematics, Physics + Chemistry or Biology
Architecture	Mathematics, Physics + Chemistry or Geography
Law	Literature in English + Government or History + one Social Science
Accounting / Business Admin	Mathematics, Economics + Commerce or Government
Mass Communication	Literature or Government + one Arts/Social Science
Economics	Mathematics, Economics + one of Government or Geography

Always verify on the official JAMB syllabus document.
Requirements can be updated. This table reflects historically stable combinations.

APPENDIX S3-B Registration Checklist — Before You Leave for the Cybercafe

Complete every item on this list BEFORE sitting down at a registration terminal.

- ✓ NIN is available and confirmed
- ✓ Email address created — unique to me, not shared with anyone
- ✓ Phone number is active and registered in my name
- ✓ Passport photograph meets JAMB specifications (white background, formal)
- ✓ WAEC/NECO/NABTEB result details written out (or 'awaiting' confirmed)
- ✓ Course and institution choices finalised from Section 2 strategy
- ✓ Subject combination confirmed against official JAMB brochure

- ✓ Bank account or card ready for payment
- ✓ I know the exact URL: jamb.gov.ng — not a lookalike site

APPENDIX S3-C

UTME Score Interpretation & Next-Action Guide

After receiving your result, use this table to identify your next move.

Your Score	Typical Position	Recommended Next Action
320+	Highly competitive	Proceed confidently. Register Post-UTME at your chosen school immediately.
280–319	Competitive	Proceed. Prepare intensively for Post-UTME. School choice is likely sound.
250–279	Workable	Review school choice. If borderline for your course, consider a safer school. Prepare hard for Post-UTME.
220–249	Below average for top schools	Be honest about school and course choice. Look at state/private options. Post-UTME performance is critical.
200–219	Minimum viable	Target private universities or state schools. Federal university competitive courses will be very difficult.
Below 200	Below standard cutoff	Do NOT force a university application. See Section 7 for polytechnic and alternative pathway options.

SECTION 4

POST-UTME & SCREENING

Chapters 12 – 15

CHAPTER 12

Understanding Post-UTME Systems

This is the stage where a strong JAMB score can be reinforced — or completely undone.

Post-UTME is not a formality. For schools that conduct it, your Post-UTME performance directly changes your aggregate score — and your aggregate is what actually determines admission, not your JAMB score alone.

Understanding the system your chosen school uses is non-negotiable.

The Three Types of Post-UTME Systems

System Type	What Happens	Schools That Commonly Use This
Post-UTME Examination	School conducts a separate written or CBT exam. Your score is combined with JAMB and O'Level to produce an aggregate.	University of Lagos, University of Ibadan, ABU Zaria, UNIPORT, UNIBEN, OAU, and most federal universities
Document Screening Only	No exam. School verifies your JAMB score, O'Level results, and personal details. Aggregate is calculated from available data only.	Some state universities and private universities
Hybrid (Exam + Screening)	School conducts both a brief assessment AND a formal document screening.	Varies by school and department; confirm on each school's portal

Post-UTME formats change. A school that used document screening last year may introduce an exam this year.
Always confirm the current format on your school's official website or admissions portal BEFORE preparing.

Why This Distinction Matters

If your school uses a Post-UTME exam, your preparation strategy must include subject drilling and past Post-UTME questions for that specific institution.

If your school uses document screening only, preparation shifts entirely to ensuring your documents are complete, accurate, and uploaded correctly — before their deadline.

 **DANGEROUS MISTAKE:** Preparing for a Post-UTME exam when your school actually uses document screening only — or vice versa. Check the format first. Preparing for the wrong system wastes time and creates false confidence.

Post-UTME Eligibility — Who Can Register

Not every JAMB candidate is invited to register for Post-UTME. To be eligible, you typically need:

- A JAMB score at or above the school's published Post-UTME cutoff (this is different from the national JAMB cutoff)
- Your school and course as your JAMB first choice — most schools only invite first-choice candidates
- Valid O'Level results in the required subjects, or an awaiting-result status that the school accepts

Each school publishes its own Post-UTME eligibility criteria.
Check your specific school's announcement on their official website or portal.
Do not rely on general information from WhatsApp or unverified sources.

Aggregate Calculations — A First Look

Your aggregate score is the combined metric schools use to rank all candidates. The formula varies by school — but the inputs are typically:

- JAMB/UTME score (usually scaled to a percentage of the total aggregate)
- Post-UTME score (also scaled)
- O'Level grades (converted to points and scaled)

See Chapter 15 for full aggregate calculation formulas and worked examples.

REAL EXAMPLE — High JAMB, Poor Post-UTME — Admission Denied

Fatima scored 298 in JAMB — well above the Post-UTME cutoff for her chosen school. She assumed her JAMB score was enough and did not prepare seriously for the Post-UTME exam.
She scored 42% in Post-UTME.

Her aggregate worked out to 58.1 — just below the departmental cutoff of 60 for her course.

She was not admitted. A candidate with 271 JAMB but 78% Post-UTME scored an aggregate of 63.5 and got in.

Post-UTME is not a formality. It is the second exam that can either confirm or cancel your JAMB result.

CHAPTER 13

Post-UTME Preparation Blueprint

Post-UTME preparation is more focused than UTME preparation — which actually makes it more achievable.

Most schools test only 3–4 subjects. The questions are often closer to O'Level standard than JAMB standard. And most schools have years of past Post-UTME questions available.

If you treat Post-UTME with the same strategic discipline as UTME, you can significantly lift your aggregate — even if your JAMB score was not exceptional.

Know What Your School Tests

Before preparing anything, find out exactly what your school's Post-UTME covers:

- Which subjects are tested?
- How many questions per subject?
- Is it CBT or paper-based?
- What is the time allocation?
- Are there subject-specific past questions from this school available?

Post-UTME formats vary significantly between schools.
University of Lagos Post-UTME is not the same as ABU Zaria's or UNIPORT's.
Using generic preparation materials without checking your school's specific format is a common preparation error.

The Post-UTME Preparation System

TECHMED POST-UTME PREPARATION ORDER:

- Step 1 — Get your school's past Post-UTME questions (last 3–5 years minimum)
- Step 2 — Identify the most frequently tested topics
- Step 3 — Drill those topics with past questions daily
- Step 4 — Practice under timed, exam conditions from Week 2 onwards
- Step 5 — Simulate the exact exam (same timing, same question style)

Subject Attack Strategy

Subject	Post-UTME Focus Areas (Commonly Tested)	Priority Level
Chemistry	Mole concept, organic chemistry, bonding, equilibrium, periodic table	Very High

Subject	Post-UTME Focus Areas (Commonly Tested)	Priority Level
Physics	Mechanics, electricity, waves, heat, nuclear physics	Very High
Biology	Genetics, ecology, cell biology, classification, reproduction	High
Mathematics	Algebra, logarithms, sequences, trigonometry, probability	High
English	Comprehension, lexis and structure, oral English, antonyms	Medium-High

Post-UTME subject priorities listed here are based on historical frequency. Your specific school's past questions are the most reliable source of what will be tested.

Score Maximisation Strategy

These are the specific tactics that consistently push Post-UTME scores from average to high:

- **Drill past questions before studying content.** Identify gaps, then fill them. Not the other way around.
- **Focus on speed and accuracy together.** Most Post-UTME exams are short. 40–50 questions in 30–45 minutes is common. Speed is not optional.
- **Never skip the English paper.** Many science students neglect English in Post-UTME preparation. It consistently has the highest questions per mark ratio.
- **Practice the exact question format.** If your school uses MCQ only, practice MCQ only. If they use theory, include theory in your preparation.

Revision Plan — 2-Week Sprint

Day	Focus
Day 1–2	Past question analysis. Identify top topics for each subject.
Day 3–4	High-yield Chemistry + Biology topic review + past Q drilling
Day 5–6	High-yield Physics + Mathematics + past Q drilling
Day 7	English + full past paper (timed) — all subjects
Day 8–9	Weak area deep-dive (based on Day 7 performance)
Day 10–11	Full timed simulations — past paper in exam conditions
Day 12	Light review of formulas and key facts only
Day 13	Rest + logistics prep (venue, route, documents, sleep early)

Day	Focus
Day 14	EXAM DAY

REAL EXAMPLE — The 2-Week Post-UTME Turnaround

Ibrahim scored 249 in JAMB — below what he needed for his course at his chosen school.

He was told he could still make it if his Post-UTME score was strong enough.

With 14 days to the exam, he drilled 4 years of his school's specific Post-UTME past questions,

identified the 10 highest-frequency topics per subject, and ran timed simulations from Day 8.

He scored 81% in Post-UTME.

His aggregate came out to 63.4 — just above the departmental cutoff of 62.

He was admitted.

Two focused weeks reversed what looked like a near-miss.

CHAPTER 14

Screening Registration & Portal Survival

Post-UTME registration is where many students lose opportunities they have already earned.

Schools announce Post-UTME windows — sometimes lasting only 7–14 days. Students who miss the window cannot enter the exam or screening, regardless of their JAMB score.

This chapter gives you the tools to navigate portals without losing your place.

Registration Walkthrough

4. Monitor your school's official website from the day JAMB results are released. Do not wait for WhatsApp announcements.
5. When Post-UTME registration opens, visit the school's **official** admissions portal — not a third-party site.
6. Log in with your JAMB registration number and relevant credentials.
7. Confirm your personal details, course, and subject combination are correctly displayed.
8. Upload required documents (list in checklist below).
9. Pay Post-UTME registration fee through the portal's official gateway. Screenshot payment confirmation.

10. Download and print your Post-UTME examination slip or screening appointment letter.

Required Documents — Standard Checklist

- ✓ JAMB result slip (printed)
- ✓ JAMB examination notification slip
- ✓ O'Level result(s) — WAEC/NECO/NABTEB
- ✓ Birth certificate or declaration of age
- ✓ Local Government Area (LGA) identification certificate
- ✓ Passport photographs (4–6 copies, white or red background)
- ✓ Valid national ID (National ID card, NIN slip, or voter's card)
- ✓ School leaving certificate (if available)
- ✓ Payment receipt for Post-UTME registration fee

Document requirements vary by school and course.
Some schools — particularly for health science courses — add medical requirements or additional certificates.
Always confirm the exact requirements on your school's admissions portal or official announcement.

[IMAGE PLACEHOLDER]

University admissions portal — Post-UTME registration form with document upload section

Common Portal Problems — and How to Handle Them

Problem	What It Usually Means	How to Handle It
'JAMB number not found'	Your JAMB record may not have been transmitted yet, or there's a data mismatch	Wait 24–48 hrs and retry. If persistent, visit school's ICT/admissions office in person.
Payment not reflecting	Network failure during payment processing	Check your bank for debit confirmation. Do NOT pay again until you confirm. Visit school's bursary or ICT unit if issue persists.
Document upload failing	File size too large or wrong format	Compress images to under 200KB. Use JPEG for photos. Use PDF for certificates.

Problem	What It Usually Means	How to Handle It
Portal showing wrong course	JAMB records not yet synced, or you changed course after registration	Log in to JAMB portal first and confirm your details there especially after change of course on JAMB CAPS. Contact JAMB office or school admissions if mismatch persists.
Registration deadline passed	You genuinely missed the window	Visit the admissions office and request late processing. Not always possible — but some schools make exceptions. Act immediately.

 **DANGEROUS MISTAKE:** Using a third-party website to register for Post-UTME because the official portal was slow or the link was shared on WhatsApp. Fake school portals collect your data and your money and deliver nothing. Always verify the URL against your school's official website. Check the appendix for detailed official website links.

Deadline Management

- **Set a phone alarm for 3 days before the registration deadline.** This gives you time to fix portal problems without missing the window.
- **Register in the first 48 hours if possible.** Early registration avoids server congestion and last-minute failures.
- **Keep a copy of every confirmation.** Screenshot your registration confirmation, payment receipt, and exam slip. Store in cloud storage and as physical prints.

REAL EXAMPLE — Portal Problem, Missed Deadline — No Second Chance

Ngozi's school, UI, announced Post-UTME registration on a Monday. She intended to register on Friday.

On Wednesday, a friend sent a WhatsApp message saying 'the portal has been extended — register next week.'

That message was false. The deadline was not extended.

Ngozi missed the registration window entirely.

She had a 274 JAMB score and strong O'Level grades.

She did not sit Post-UTME. She was not admitted.

Never rely on unofficial deadline extension announcements.

Always check the school's official portal or admissions notice board.

CHAPTER 15

Aggregate Scores Explained

The aggregate score is the single number that determines whether you get admitted — or not. Yet most students have no idea how it is calculated until after they miss admission. At that point, knowing the formula doesn't help.

Know it before. Use it to set a realistic target. Then go and hit that target.

How Schools Calculate Aggregates

Each school has its own weighting formula. But most federal university formulas follow one of two common structures:

Formula Type	Weighting	Used Commonly By
50-25-25	JAMB = 50%, Post-UTME = 25%, O'Level = 25%	UNILAG, UI, ABU, OAU, and several federal universities
60-40	JAMB = 60%, Post-UTME = 40%	Some federal universities that do not formally include O'Level in aggregate formula
JAMB + O'Level Only (Screening)	JAMB = 50–70%, O'Level = 30–50%	Schools using document screening without exam e.g UNIUYO
School-specific formula	Varies	Some universities have their own unique weighting — always verify

Aggregate formulas change. Some schools have updated their weighting systems in recent years. This table reflects historically common patterns. Confirm your school's current formula from their official admissions guidelines. See Appendix B for school-specific aggregate tables.

O'Level Influence — How Grades Become Points

In schools that include O'Level grades in the aggregate, each subject grade is typically converted to a point value:

Grade	Points Assigned (Common Scale)
A1	6 points
B2	5 points

Grade	Points Assigned (Common Scale)
B3	4 points
C4	3 points
C5	2 points
C6	1 point
D7, E8, F9	0 points (not counted)

Schools typically take the best 5 or 6 O'Level subjects relevant to your course. The total points are then scaled into the aggregate formula.

Sample Aggregate Calculations

EXAMPLE 1 — 50/25/25 Formula (Common Federal University)

JAMB Score: 280 → scaled to 50% = $(280/400) \times 50 = 35.0$
 Post-UTME Score: 68% → scaled to 25% = $0.68 \times 25 = 17.0$
 O'Level Points: 26/30 → scaled to 25% = $(26/30) \times 25 = 21.7$

AGGREGATE = $35.0 + 17.0 + 21.7 = 73.7$

Verdict: Above 70 threshold — competitive for most courses at this school.

EXAMPLE 2 — Same Formula, Weaker Post-UTME

JAMB Score: 298 → scaled to 50% = $(298/400) \times 50 = 37.25$
 Post-UTME Score: 42% → scaled to 25% = $0.42 \times 25 = 10.5$
 O'Level Points: 28/30 → scaled to 25% = $(28/30) \times 25 = 23.3$

AGGREGATE = $37.25 + 10.5 + 23.3 = 71.05$

Note: Higher JAMB score than Example 1, but weaker Post-UTME dragged the aggregate lower.

This is why Post-UTME preparation is non-negotiable.

Strategic Interpretation — Set Your Target First

Before writing Post-UTME, you can calculate the score you need to reach your target aggregate. This is strategic preparation.

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR POST-UTME TARGET:

1. Look up the historical aggregate cutoff for your course at your school.
Example: Course requires 65 aggregate minimum.
2. Calculate how much your JAMB contributes.
Example: JAMB = 265 $\rightarrow (265/400) \times 50 = 33.125$
3. Calculate how much your O'Level contributes.
Example: O'Level points = 24/30 $\rightarrow (24/30) \times 25 = 20.0$
4. Subtract from your target to find the Post-UTME score you need.
65 - 33.125 - 20.0 = 11.875 needed from Post-UTME
Post-UTME target: $11.875/25 \times 100 =$ at least 47.5% in Post-UTME
5. Now you have a specific target to aim at — not just 'do well.'



DANGEROUS MISTAKE: Sitting Post-UTME without calculating your target score first.

If you need only 45% to hit your aggregate threshold and you know that — you can prepare precisely.

If you need 80% and don't know it — you will underprepare and miss by a margin you could have closed.

**REAL EXAMPLE — Knowing the Number — The Admission That Almost Wasn't**

Adaeze had a 261 JAMB score and wanted Nursing at a federal university that historically required around 62 aggregate.

Using the formula, she calculated she needed approximately 70% in Post-UTME to get there.

She knew the target. She prepared with the target.

On exam day, she scored 73% in Post-UTME.

Her aggregate: 62.8 — just above the threshold.

She did not stumble into admission.

She calculated her way into it.

See Appendix B — School Aggregate Calculation Table (with formulas for specific schools).

See Appendix E — Admission Probability Framework.

See Appendix F — Post-UTME Battle Plan Template.

APPENDIX S4-A

Post-UTME Preparation Checklist

Use this checklist once your JAMB results are out and Post-UTME registration is open.

- ✓ Confirmed my school's Post-UTME format (exam / screening / hybrid)
- ✓ Located my school's official Post-UTME past questions (minimum 3 years)
- ✓ Calculated my target Post-UTME score needed to reach my aggregate threshold
- ✓ Identified the highest-frequency topics from past question analysis
- ✓ Started 2-week preparation sprint with daily drilling plan
- ✓ Practised under timed conditions at least twice before exam day
- ✓ All required documents ready, printed, and packed
- ✓ Post-UTME registration completed on the official portal
- ✓ Exam slip printed and stored safely
- ✓ Exam venue confirmed — know the route, arrive 30 minutes early

APPENDIX S4-B

Aggregate Calculator Reference Guide

Use these formulas to calculate your aggregate before and after Post-UTME.

Formula 1 — 50/25/25 (Most Common for Federal Universities)

JAMB Component: $(\text{Your JAMB Score} \div 400) \times 50$

Post-UTME Component: $(\text{Your Post-UTME \%} \div 100) \times 25$

O'Level Component: $(\text{Your O'Level Points} \div \text{Maximum Points}) \times 25$

AGGREGATE = JAMB Component + Post-UTME Component + O'Level Component

O'Level Points Reference

Grade	Points
A1	6
B2	5
B3	4
C4	3
C5	2
C6	1
D7/E8/F9	0

Confirm your specific school's formula from their official admissions guidelines. Some schools use a 60/40 formula (JAMB/Post-UTME only) or include different O'Level point scales.
See the full school-specific breakdown in Appendix B at the back of this guide.

APPENDIX S4-C Post-UTME Portal Troubleshooting Quick Reference

Problem	First Action	If Problem Persists
JAMB number not recognised	Wait 24 hrs, retry. Check your JAMB portal for any issues.	Visit school's ICT unit in person with your JAMB slip.
Payment debited but not confirmed	Do NOT repay. Screenshot your bank debit.	Visit school bursary with bank statement showing debit.
Document upload error	Compress file. Use JPEG (photos) or PDF (documents) under 200KB.	Use a different browser or device. Contact ICT support.
Wrong course showing	Check JAMB portal first — confirm your data there.	Contact school admissions directly with your JAMB printout.
Registration deadline concern	Act same day. Don't wait.	Visit admissions office in person immediately.

***The exam is not the obstacle. Confusion is.
Now you know the system. Prepare with precision.***

SECTION 5

JAMB CAPS & THE ADMISSION PROCESS

Chapters 16 – 18

CHAPTER 16

JAMB CAPS Explained Simply

CAPS — the Central Admissions Processing System — is the official platform through which every university admission in Nigeria is confirmed.

It is not optional. It is not a formality. If your admission is not showing on CAPS, it is not real.

Yet every year, thousands of students misread their CAPS status, take the wrong action at the wrong time, and either lose an admission they were legitimately offered or fall for scams that promise to 'fix' a CAPS status that was never broken.

This chapter removes all the confusion — permanently.

What CAPS Is

CAPS is JAMB's centralised system that:

- Receives admission offers from universities and polytechnics
- Displays your current admission status to you in real time
- Allows you to formally accept or reject an admission offer
- Tracks O'Level result uploads and verification
- Serves as the single official record of your admission status in Nigeria

Access CAPS at: **caps.jamb.gov.ng**

Log in using your JAMB registration number and password.

Always use this URL directly — do not click links from WhatsApp or unknown sources.

[IMAGE PLACEHOLDER]

JAMB CAPS dashboard — showing a candidate's current admission status and available actions

CAPS Status Decoder — Every Status Explained

This is the most misunderstood part of the entire admission process. Read each status carefully.

ADMITTED	Your admission has been formally offered by the institution and confirmed on CAPS. This is what you are working toward.
PROPOSED ADMISSION	The university has recommended you for admission. JAMB has not yet given final approval. You cannot accept yet — wait for it to change to ADMITTED or take action if instructed.
ADMISSION IN PROGRESS	The institution has submitted your details for processing. The status is moving. No action required — monitor daily.
NOT ADMITTED	You have not been offered admission in this cycle. This could be the first list — supplementary lists often follow. Do not panic yet.
AWAITING	Your O'Level results have not been uploaded or verified yet. Admission cannot be finalised until this is resolved. Act immediately.
ACCEPTED	You have formally accepted the admission offer on CAPS. The next step is paying your acceptance fee at the institution.
REJECTED	You or the system has rejected the admission offer. If this is unintentional, contact JAMB immediately. Do not delay.

 **DANGEROUS MISTAKE:** Confusing 'Proposed Admission' with 'Admitted.' These are different statuses. 'Proposed Admission' means the university has put your name forward — not that you have been admitted. Students have paid acceptance fees and reported to schools before their CAPS status changed to ADMITTED. This creates serious problems. Wait for the correct status before acting on acceptance fee payment.

How to Accept or Reject Admission on CAPS

Once your CAPS shows **ADMITTED**, here is exactly what to do:

1**Log in to CAPS**

Visit caps.jamb.gov.ng and log in with your JAMB registration number and password.

2**Confirm the admission details**

Verify that the school, course, and your personal details are all correct. Screenshot everything.

3**Click 'Accept Admission'**

If the details are correct and you wish to proceed, click the Accept button. Read any confirmation text before submitting.

4**Print your CAPS admission letter**

Download and print your CAPS admission letter immediately after accepting. This is a required document for school clearance.

5**Proceed to the institution**

Take your CAPS letter to the school and begin acceptance fee payment through the school's official channels.

What If You Want to Reject an Offer?

There are legitimate reasons to reject an admission — you received a better offer at another school, or the course is wrong. But rejection must be handled carefully.

- **Only reject if you are certain.** Once rejected on CAPS, restoring the same offer is extremely difficult.
- **If you are rejecting to accept a different school,** ensure the other school's CAPS offer is confirmed first — not just rumoured.
- **Contact JAMB directly** if a rejection happened accidentally or was done by a third party without your knowledge.



DANGEROUS MISTAKE: Allowing a cybercafe operator, agent, or 'helper' to log into your CAPS account and take any action on your behalf. Your CAPS account is your legal record. Unauthorised actions on it — including false rejections or fraudulent acceptances — have derailed admissions permanently. Guard your login credentials.

How Often to Check CAPS

During the peak admission period (typically July to November), check your CAPS status:

- **Every day** when you are expecting a status change

- **Immediately after your school releases an admission list** — your status on CAPS should update within 24–72 hours
- **Within minutes of being notified** — CAPS acceptance windows can be tight, and offers can be re-allocated

Set a daily alarm to check CAPS during July–November.
CAPS does not notify you by SMS when your status changes.
You must check it yourself. Missing an acceptance window is entirely avoidable — if you are checking. Remember: JAMB announced 4 weeks deadline for you to act once your CAPS change.

REAL EXAMPLE — The Rejection That Was Never Intended

Tunde's CAPS showed 'Admitted' for Pharmacy at a federal university. He was ecstatic. He gave his login details to an uncle who offered to 'help process everything.' The uncle — trying to navigate the portal — accidentally clicked 'Reject.'

By the time the error was discovered three days later, the space had been reallocated to the next candidate on the list.

JAMB's reversal process took 6 weeks.

The admission window had closed. Tunde was not reinstated.

One login shared. One click. One year lost.

Nobody touches your CAPS account except you.

See Appendix C — CAPS Status Decoder (Quick Reference Card)

See Appendix I — Official JAMB Portal Links

CHAPTER 17

O'Level Upload & Verification

Your O'Level results need to reach JAMB's database. They do not get there automatically.

Even if your school and WAEC have your results, JAMB's system requires you to actively upload and verify them through CAPS. Until this is done, your admission cannot be fully processed — regardless of how strong your other scores are.

This step trips up thousands of students every year. Many of them don't even know it exists until their admission is held.

Why O'Level Upload Matters

- JAMB uses your O'Level results to verify your eligibility for your chosen course
- Universities need JAMB's verification before finalising your admission
- If your results are not on CAPS, your status may show 'AWAITING' even after you have been offered admission
- JAMB sets upload windows and deadlines — missing them delays your admission and can cause it to lapse

Step-by-Step Upload Guide

1 Log in to CAPS

Visit caps.jamb.gov.ng with your registration number and password.

2 Navigate to O'Level upload section

Find the 'Upload O'Level Results' or 'Results Upload' option in your profile menu.

3 Select your examination body

Choose WAEC, NECO, or NABTEB as appropriate. If you have results from two sittings, you will upload both.

4 Enter your examination details

Input your exam year, exam number, and any other required credentials exactly as they appear on your result slip.

5 Submit and wait for verification

JAMB cross-checks your entry against the examination body's database. This verification can take hours to days.

6 Confirm verification status

Return to CAPS and check that your results now show as 'Verified.' A status of 'Pending' means verification is still in progress.

[IMAGE PLACEHOLDER]

CAPS O'Level upload screen — showing the examination body selection and result entry fields

Common Upload Issues and How to Fix Them

Issue	Likely Cause	Action to Take
Results showing 'Pending' for days	Verification delay between JAMB and exam body	Wait 48–72 hrs. If still pending, visit a JAMB office with your original result slip.
'Result Not Found' error	Wrong exam number, year, or exam body selected	Recheck your result slip carefully. Common errors: transposed digits, wrong year selected.
Wrong subjects showing after upload	Exam body data entry error on their end	Raise a formal complaint with WAEC/NECO before the JAMB deadline. Bring your result slip as evidence.
System not accepting your NECO results	Some JAMB cycles have had NECO sync delays	Contact JAMB helpdesk. Bring physical result to a JAMB office if close to deadline.
'Already Uploaded' message for a first attempt	Another person uploaded results with your exam number (rare fraud case)	Report to JAMB immediately with your original result slip and a sworn affidavit.

 **DANGEROUS MISTAKE:** Uploading your O'Level results using the wrong examination body or the wrong exam year. These are the two most common data-entry errors. A WAEC result uploaded as NECO will fail verification. A 2023 result entered as 2022 will not be found. Take your actual result slip to the JAMB office or accredited JAMB CBT center and make sure the operator copies it exactly.

Two-Sitting Upload

If your required credits come from two separate exam sittings, you will need to upload both sets of results. JAMB allows this — but not all courses at all schools accept two-sitting results.

- Upload your first sitting results completely before adding the second
- Ensure both sittings together cover all the required subjects for your course
- Confirm in advance that your school and course accept two-sitting results — DO NOT ASSUME

Awaiting Result — What Happens Next

If you registered as 'awaiting result,' your admission cannot be finalised until your results are released and uploaded. Here is what to do the moment your results come out:

- Check your results on the WAEC, NECO, or NABTEB portal immediately
- If results are satisfactory, go to CAPS and upload within 24 hours
- Do not wait for a 'convenient' time — JAMB upload windows have hard deadlines

- If your results are not what you expected, review Section 7 for alternative pathways before making any rushed decisions

REAL EXAMPLE — Verified Too Late — Admission Lapsed

Blessing was offered admission to Nursing. Her university's portal clearly showed "Admitted." She celebrated, assuming the school would handle the rest. However, she failed to check her JAMB CAPS, which was stuck at "Not Admitted" because her WAEC results had never been uploaded to the JAMB system.

Three weeks later, the university withdrew her admission. Because she didn't upload her O'Level to CAPS, JAMB blocked the admission, and the school gave her space to the next candidate. Her JAMB score was strong.

Her admission was real. A single missed upload step cost her a whole year.

See Appendix C — CAPS Status Decoder

See Appendix D — Clearance Master Checklist (includes O'Level verification as a checkpoint)

CHAPTER 18

Admission Lists & What To Do Next

Getting your name on a school's admission list is a milestone — but it is not the finish line.

Many students celebrate an admission list appearance and then miss the steps that actually secure the admission.

This chapter tells you exactly what to do at every stage after an admission list drops.

How Admission Lists Work

Universities typically release admission in batches:

List Type	What It Means	Typical Timing
First (Merit) List	Highest-scoring candidates for each course. The primary admission batch.	Commonly July–September
Second List	Candidates who scored just below first list threshold, or whose spaces opened up after first-list candidates declined.	Commonly September–October

List Type	What It Means	Typical Timing
Supplementary (Supp) List	Additional candidates admitted to fill remaining spaces after previous lists.	Commonly October–November
Direct Entry List	Candidates admitted via Direct Entry (ND/HND holders) — separate from UTME lists.	Varies by school
Change of Course List	Candidates who did not make their first course but were offered an alternative.	Varies by school

Not all schools release all list types.
Some schools fill all spaces in the first list. Others release three or four batches.
Monitor your school's official admissions portal after every list release — not just the first.

CAPS vs School Portal — Understanding Both

This is a common source of confusion. There are two places your admission can appear:

- **The school's admissions portal** — shows your name on the school's own published list. This is an early indicator but not the final confirmation.
- **JAMB CAPS** — shows the official, government-recognised status of your admission. This is the one that counts legally and for clearance.

Appearing on a school's list does not automatically mean your CAPS has updated. Likewise, a CAPS 'Admitted' status may appear before the school publishes your name on their portal.
Check both. Act based on CAPS status for acceptance — not just the school portal.

What To Do When Your Name Appears

1 Verify on the school portal
Confirm your name, course, and details are correct on the institution's published admission list.

2 Check CAPS immediately
Log into caps.jamb.gov.ng and confirm your status has moved to 'Admitted.'

3 Confirm O'Level verification

While on CAPS, verify that your O'Level results are showing as verified — not pending. If pending, resolve this immediately (see Chapter 17).

4

Accept admission on CAPS

Follow the acceptance procedure outlined in Chapter 16. Do not delay beyond 48 hours.

5

Print your CAPS admission letter

This is a required clearance document. Print multiple copies.

6

Proceed to acceptance fee payment at the school

See Chapter 19 for the full acceptance fee guide.

Change of Course Situations

Sometimes a university will offer you admission into a related course instead of your original choice — typically if your aggregate was just below the cutoff for your chosen course but sufficient for an alternative.

- **You are not obligated to accept a changed course.** Carefully consider whether the alternative still serves your goals.
- **Check whether the changed course is accredited** and leads to the career path you want before accepting.
- **If you accept**, understand that switching back to your original course after matriculation is very difficult and rarely granted.
- **If you decline**, consider supplementary lists, alternative schools, or the pathways in Section 7.

 **DANGEROUS MISTAKE:** Accepting a course change out of panic or pressure without investigating what the course involves, whether it is accredited, and whether it leads where you want to go. A wrong course accepted under pressure can mean 4–6 years studying something that does not serve you — which is a different kind of wasted year.

Waiting Strategy — What To Do If Your Name Is Not Yet Out

Not appearing on the first admission list does not mean you have been rejected. Here is the strategic response:

- **Do not make desperate decisions.** Second and supplementary lists exist for a reason — and they regularly contain hundreds or thousands of names.
- **Monitor the portal every day.** New lists can drop without prior announcement.

- **Do not pay anyone for list placement.** Second-list spaces are filled by the school's own algorithm — not by agents.
- **Keep your O'Level results uploaded and verified** so you are ready immediately when a list drops.
- **Have a backup plan activated.** If by November there is no admission, Section 7 gives you every viable alternative.

REAL EXAMPLE — Second List, Full Admission — No Panic Required

Chisom did not appear on the first admission list for Computer Science at a federal university.

Everyone around her told her to 'find someone' who could 'help' her get on the list. She declined. She kept monitoring the portal.

Three weeks later, the second admission list dropped.

Her name was there — she had been just below the first-list cutoff.

She accepted on CAPS within the day, paid her acceptance fee the following morning, and proceeded to clearance without any agent involvement or extra payment.

Patience and daily monitoring. That was the entire strategy.

See Appendix C — CAPS Status Decoder

See Appendix E — Admission Probability Framework

See Appendix H — Master Admission Timeline Calendar (tracks list release windows)

APPENDIX S5-A CAPS Status Quick Reference Card

Cut out or screenshot this card. Keep it accessible during the admission period.

CAPS Status	What It Means	What To Do
ADMITTED	Formal admission confirmed by JAMB	Accept on CAPS within 48 hours. Print CAPS letter.
PROPOSED ADMISSION	University has recommended you; awaiting JAMB final approval	Wait. Monitor daily. Do NOT pay acceptance fee yet.

CAPS Status	What It Means	What To Do
ADMISSION IN PROGRESS	Actively being processed	No action needed. Monitor daily.
AWAITING	O'Level results not verified	Upload results immediately. Check Chapter 17.
NOT ADMITTED	No offer in current list	Wait for subsequent lists. Do not panic yet.
ACCEPTED	You accepted the offer	Proceed to school for acceptance fee and clearance.
REJECTED	Offer was rejected	If unintentional, contact JAMB immediately.

APPENDIX S5-B O'Level Upload Checklist

- ✓ I have my original result slip beside me (not a photocopy)
- ✓ I have confirmed the exact exam body: WAEC / NECO / NABTEB
- ✓ I have confirmed the exact year my results were released
- ✓ I have my exam number ready — copied exactly from my slip
- ✓ I am logged into my personal CAPS account — not someone else's device or account
- ✓ After uploading, I checked the verification status and confirmed it is not 'Pending'
- ✓ If I have two sittings, I uploaded both and confirmed both are verified
- ✓ I have taken a screenshot of the verified result confirmation on CAPS

APPENDIX S5-C Admission List Action Plan

Use this sequence every time a new admission list drops.

1. Check the school's official portal or admissions page. Check Appendix A for school's official portal link.
2. Search for your name, course, and department — confirm details are correct
3. Log into CAPS immediately and check your status
4. If CAPS shows ADMITTED: accept within 48 hours
5. Verify O'Level status is 'Verified' — not 'Pending'
6. Print CAPS admission letter — minimum 3 copies
7. Contact the school's admissions or Student Affairs office to confirm next steps
8. Do not pay any money to any individual — all payments go through official school platforms

SECTION 6

AFTER ADMISSION

Chapters 19 – 21

CHAPTER 19

Acceptance Fee & School Fee Survival

You have your admission. You have accepted on CAPS. Now comes the first financial step — and the first financial trap.

The acceptance fee stage is one of the most active fraud zones in the entire admission process. Every year, students lose money to fake payment platforms, fraudulent school portal lookalikes, and individuals who claim to be school staff.

This chapter tells you exactly how to pay correctly, safely, and on time.

What Is the Acceptance Fee?

The acceptance fee is the payment you make to the institution to formally claim your space. Until this payment is made and confirmed, your admission space can be offered to another candidate — even if you have accepted on CAPS.

- Acceptance fees commonly range from **₦20,000 to ₦80,000** depending on the institution (federal, state, or private)
- The fee is separate from school fees and is typically non-refundable
- It must be paid through the school's official payment gateway on their portal— not to any individual

- Payment proof must be submitted to the school's admissions or bursary office

Acceptance fee amounts change from year to year and vary by school. Always confirm the exact amount from the school's official portal or admissions notice board.
Do not rely on amounts quoted in WhatsApp groups — they are often outdated or fabricated.

How to Pay the Acceptance Fee Safely

- 1 Log in to the school's official portal**
Use only the URL from the school's official website. Verify it carefully — fake portal URLs differ by one or two characters.
- 2 Navigate to the acceptance fee payment section**
Find the 'New Students' or 'Admitted Students' payment portal. Do not use any external link.
- 3 Confirm the payment details on screen**
Verify the fee amount, your name, course, and session before initiating payment.
- 4 Pay through the official gateway — usually Remita**
Remita is the most common payment platform used by federal institutions. Confirm the Remita Reference Number (RRR) matches the amount quoted on the portal.
- 5 Print or save your payment receipt immediately**
This receipt is a critical document. Print at least 3 copies. Store a digital copy in cloud storage.
- 6 Return to the portal and confirm payment reflection**
Wait up to 24 hours for payment to reflect. If it does not, take your bank debit evidence to the school's bursary — do not repay.

[IMAGE PLACEHOLDER]

Remita payment interface — showing RRR number, fee description, and amount confirmation screen

Remita — What You Need to Know

Remita is the Nigerian government-linked payment platform used by most federal universities and agencies. It is safe when used correctly.

- **Always generate the Remita invoice from the school's portal first.** Do not type a Remita RRR from a WhatsApp message or a third party.
- **Verify the beneficiary name matches your school** before confirming payment on Remita.
- **Keep your Remita RRR and transaction ID.** These are proof of payment if your receipt does not generate immediately.
- **Never pay cash** to any individual claiming to be processing your Remita payment. The process is entirely self-service.

 **DANGEROUS MISTAKE:** Paying acceptance fees to a 'school representative' or 'portal agent' via bank transfer or cash. No legitimate Nigerian university collects acceptance fees through individual bank accounts. If someone sends you their personal account number for school fee payment — that is a scam. Full stop.

Acceptance Fee Deadlines

Acceptance fee deadlines are real and enforced. Schools commonly give admitted candidates a window of 1–3 weeks to pay after the list is released.

- **Do not wait until the last day.** Portal congestion on deadline day causes payment failures.
- **Pay within the first 3 days** of your admission list appearing — before deadline anxiety sets in.
- **If you genuinely cannot pay within the window**, contact the school's admissions office directly and formally. Some schools grant short extensions for documented hardship — but only if you ask before the deadline, not after.

School Fees — What Comes Next

After acceptance fee payment, you will be required to pay session school fees before or during clearance. School fees vary significantly:

Institution Type	Typical Annual School Fee Range	Notes
Federal Universities	₦30,000 – ₦200,000+	Varies by course. Medicine/Engineering commonly higher. Subject to government adjustments.
State Universities	₦50,000 – ₦400,000+	Varies widely by state. Some states have significantly higher fees than federal schools.

Institution Type	Typical Annual School Fee Range	Notes
Private Universities	₦500,000 – ₦3,000,000+	Varies enormously by school and course. Confirm before accepting admission.

School fee figures change annually and vary by faculty and course. These are indicative ranges based on historically observed figures. Always confirm the exact current school fee from the institution's official fees schedule before making any payment.

Common Fee Fraud Traps

- **Fake school portal links** shared on WhatsApp that look identical to the real portal — verify the URL character by character
- **'Portal activation fees'** — legitimate school portals do not require activation fees from students
- **Individuals claiming to 'process' your school fee** for a service charge — this is not a real service
- **Fake bursary email addresses** asking you to confirm payment details — always use contact information from the school's official website ONLY

REAL EXAMPLE — Paid the Right Amount to the Wrong Account

Jide received a WhatsApp message from a number he did not recognise, claiming to be from his school's admissions office.

The message included a 'portal link' and instructed him to make his acceptance fee payment to a provided account number due to 'a temporary portal outage.'

The fee amount quoted was exactly correct — ₦42,500.

Jide transferred the money. The account received the funds.

The school had no record of his payment.

The portal had never been down.

He paid the real acceptance fee again through the correct portal.

He lost ₦42,500 and spent three weeks trying to recover it.

The amount being correct made it convincing. That is exactly what makes this scam work.

See Appendix D — Clearance Master Checklist (includes acceptance fee receipt as a required document)

See Appendix I — Official school portal URLs and payment verification contacts

CHAPTER 20

Clearance & Physical Verification

Physical clearance is the stage where the university confirms, in person, that everything about you and your admission is legitimate.

It is the final gate before you are officially a student. Get it right and you proceed. Make document errors and you could be sent home — or deferred — even after months of work.

This chapter tells you exactly what to bring, what to expect, and how to avoid the mistakes that stop students at the gate.

What Happens During Clearance

During clearance, the school verifies:

- Your identity — that you are who your documents say you are
- Your O'Level results — that the originals match what was uploaded to CAPS
- Your JAMB records — that your registration, exam, and admission are authentic
- Your personal information — name, date of birth, state of origin, LGA
- Your medical fitness — some schools require a medical examination as part of clearance
- Your acceptance fee payment — that it is confirmed and receipted

Universal Clearance Document Checklist

This is the standard checklist. Always confirm your specific school's requirements from their official admissions portal or student handbook.

Some courses — especially Medicine, Nursing, and Law — have additional requirements.

- ✓ **JAMB result slip** (printed from JAMB portal) — minimum 2 copies
- ✓ **CAPS admission letter** (printed after acceptance on CAPS) — minimum 3 copies
- ✓ **JAMB examination notification slip** — the slip from your exam day
- ✓ **O'Level result(s)** — original certificate(s) AND photocopies (WAEC/NECO/NABTEB)
- ✓ **Birth certificate** — original AND photocopy
- ✓ **LGA certificate of origin** — from your local government headquarters, signed and stamped

- ✓ **State of origin certificate** — from your state government secretariat (some schools require this separately)
- ✓ **School leaving certificate** — from your secondary school, signed by the principal
- ✓ **Acceptance fee receipt** — original Remita or school-generated receipt
- ✓ **School fee payment receipt** — proof of session school fee payment
- ✓ **Passport photographs** — 6–10 copies, white background, formal, recent
- ✓ **Valid national ID** — National ID card, international passport, or voter's card
- ✓ **Medical certificate of fitness** — from a government hospital or approved clinic (if required)

[IMAGE PLACEHOLDER]

University clearance desk — student presenting documents to a clearance officer for verification

The LGA and State of Origin Certificates

These two documents cause more clearance delays than any others — because students often underestimate how long they take to obtain.

- **LGA certificate:** Issued by your Local Government Area headquarters. Some LGAs process this in 1–2 days. Others take 2–3 weeks. Apply early.
- **State of origin certificate:** Issued by your state's secretariat or liaison office. Processing time varies by state. Apply at least 3–4 weeks before clearance.
- **Both documents must be signed and stamped** by authorised officials. Unstamped documents are commonly rejected.

⚠ DANGEROUS MISTAKE: Arriving at clearance without your LGA or state of origin certificate because you assumed you could get it 'whenever.' These documents are not available on demand. Some students have been deferred by entire semesters because of this. Apply the moment you accept your admission on CAPS.

Passport Photograph Specifications

This seems minor. Schools take it seriously.

- **White background only.** Coloured backgrounds — including light blue — are commonly rejected.
- **Formal clothing.** No caps, no hoodies, no casual shirts.
- **Recent photograph.** Some schools specify within the last 3 months.
- **Correct size.** Most schools require passport size (35mm x 45mm). Some specify 2" x 2" for certain forms.

- **No filter or editing.** The photo should be a direct, unedited image.

Medical Examination

Most universities — particularly those with medical or health science faculties — require a medical certificate of fitness from a government or approved hospital.

- Do not use private clinic certificates unless the school explicitly approves them
- Book your medical appointment early — government hospitals can have long waiting times
- The examination typically includes: blood pressure, vision, hearing, general physical examination, and sometimes blood tests
- Keep a copy of your medical report separately from the clearance documents

Common Clearance Mistakes

Mistake	Consequence	Prevention
Wrong name on documents	Clearance rejected — mismatch between JAMB, O'Level, and ID documents	Ensure all documents use exactly the same name from registration onwards
Expired national ID	Rejected as invalid identification	Check expiry date. Renew or use passport/voter's card instead.
Missing LGA or state certificate	Deferred until documents are produced	Apply for both the moment you accept admission on CAPS
Unofficial payment receipt	Clearance officers reject non-Remita or unverified payment proofs	Pay only through official channels and keep the official receipt
Damaged or torn original O'Level certificate	School may require a replacement from WAEC/NECO	Keep originals in a sealed protective folder at all times
Wrong passport photo specification	Asked to retake photos — delays the process	Follow specs exactly. Bring extra copies of different backgrounds if unsure.

REAL EXAMPLE — Turned Away at the Gate

Oluwaseun arrived at his school for clearance after two weeks of preparation. His CAPS letter, JAMB slip, O'Level certificate, acceptance fee receipt, and passport photos were all ready.

The clearance officer asked for his LGA certificate.

He had not obtained one. He did not know it was required until that moment.

He was told to return when he had all documents.

His LGA processing took 11 days. By the time he returned, course registration had partially closed and he missed the first week of lectures.

The document wasn't a big deal. It just required planning.

See Appendix D — Clearance Master Checklist (full version with course-specific additions)

See Appendix J — Emergency Admission Checklist

CHAPTER 21

Course Registration & Matriculation

You have cleared. You are officially a student. But your academic career does not start until you have registered your courses for the semester — and that process has its own rules, deadlines, and pitfalls.

This chapter walks you through everything that happens after clearance, from course registration to your matriculation oath.

Course Registration — What It Is

Course registration is the process by which you formally enrol in the specific courses (units) you will study during each semester. In Nigerian universities, this is done on the school's student portal.

- You cannot attend lectures, write exams, or receive grades for any course you have not formally registered
- Some schools void your exam results entirely if your course registration is incomplete or late
- Most departments have a faculty officer or HOD sign-off requirement in addition to portal registration

The Course Registration Process

1 Access the student portal

Use the login credentials issued during clearance. Your student ID and a temporary password are typically given at the clearance desk.

2**Complete your personal profile**

Verify and update your information on the portal — name, department, faculty, course of study.

3**Select your first-semester courses**

Your department will provide a course list for 100-level first semester. Register exactly the courses on this list — do not add or remove without HOD approval.

4**Confirm unit load**

Most Nigerian universities prescribe a minimum and maximum credit unit load per semester. Confirm you are within the allowed range.

5**Submit registration form for departmental sign-off**

Print your course registration form and take it to your department for the HOD's or course adviser's signature and stamp.

6**Submit to faculty and records office**

Some schools require a final submission at the faculty level. Confirm the procedure with your departmental office.



DANGEROUS MISTAKE: Attending lectures and assuming you are registered. Many freshers attend their first few weeks of lectures without completing portal registration — then discover at exam time that their name is not on any course list. Portal registration is mandatory. Attending class does not substitute for it.

Departmental Onboarding

After clearance and before or alongside course registration, most departments hold a formal departmental orientation for new students. This is not optional in spirit even when attendance is not tracked.

- You will meet your Head of Department, course advisers, and senior students
- You will receive the department's student handbook or course guide — keep this
- You will learn the department's specific rules around attendance, assessments, and academic conduct

Staying Academically Safe in Your First Semester

Many students survive admission only to encounter academic probation in their first year because they did not understand university rules. Here is what to protect yourself from:

- **Know your minimum GPA/CGPA requirement.** Most departments have a minimum CGPA that must be maintained to continue. Find out what it is on Day 1.
- **Attend every lecture, especially early weeks.** First-semester lecturers commonly use attendance for coursework marks. Missing early weeks can cost you marks you cannot recover.
- **Understand carry-over rules.** Failed courses often carry over and affect your cumulative GPA. One bad semester can follow you for years. Take the first semester seriously.
- **Do not over-socialise at the expense of early coursework deadlines.** Freshers' weeks and orientation events are exciting — but first assessments come faster than most new students expect.

Matriculation

Matriculation is the formal ceremony at which you are officially inducted as a student of the institution. It is a significant academic event — not a social occasion.

- **Attendance is mandatory** at most Nigerian universities — absence may require formal written justification
- You will take the matriculation oath, pledging to uphold the university's academic and ethical standards
- Your matriculation number is officially assigned — this becomes your permanent academic identifier
- Dress code is strictly enforced — confirm the school's dress requirements well in advance
- Bring your student ID and at least 2 passport photographs to the ceremony

Matriculation typically takes place within the first 4–8 weeks of the academic session. The exact date is published by the school's Student Affairs Division. Monitor the school's official notice boards and portal for the announcement.

Section 6 Summary — After Admission Checklist

- ✓ Accepted admission on CAPS within 48 hours of ADMITTED status
- ✓ Printed CAPS admission letter — minimum 3 copies
- ✓ Paid acceptance fee through the school's official portal/Remita only
- ✓ Saved and printed payment receipt — both digital and physical copies
- ✓ Applied for LGA certificate and state of origin certificate immediately

- ✓ Medical examination booked and completed if required
- ✓ All clearance documents gathered, originals and photocopies
- ✓ Attended clearance in person with complete documents
- ✓ Completed portal course registration within the deadline
- ✓ Obtained departmental sign-off on course registration form
- ✓ Attended departmental orientation and received course guide
- ✓ Confirmed matriculation date and requirements

APPENDIX S6-A

Clearance Master Checklist — Universal + Course-Specific

This checklist covers the documents required by most Nigerian universities. Tick each item after physically confirming you have it — not just after ordering it.

Universal Documents (Required by All Schools)

- ✓ JAMB result slip — printed from official JAMB portal
- ✓ CAPS admission letter — printed after accepting on CAPS
- ✓ JAMB examination notification slip
- ✓ O'Level result(s) — original certificate(s) + photocopies
- ✓ Birth certificate — original + photocopy
- ✓ LGA certificate of origin — signed and stamped by LGA headquarters
- ✓ State of origin certificate — from state secretariat
- ✓ School leaving certificate — from secondary school principal
- ✓ Acceptance fee receipt — official Remita or school payment receipt
- ✓ School fee receipt — current session
- ✓ Passport photographs — minimum 6, white background, formal
- ✓ Valid national ID — National ID card, international passport, or voter's card

Additional Documents — Health Science & Medical Courses

- ✓ Medical certificate of fitness — from government or approved hospital
- ✓ Blood group and genotype report
- ✓ Hepatitis B screening result (required by some faculties)
- ✓ Yellow fever vaccination card (required at some institutions)

Additional Documents — Some Schools May Also Require

- ✓ Sworn affidavit of good conduct from a Magistrate's court
- ✓ Reference letter from secondary school principal

This checklist covers commonly required documents.
Always confirm the exact list from your school's official admissions portal or officials.
Requirements differ by school, faculty, and course.

APPENDIX S6-B

Acceptance Fee & Payment Safety Guide

How to Pay Safely — Quick Rules

- ✓ I accessed the payment portal from my school's official website URL only
- ✓ I verified the Remita RRR was generated from the school's portal — not from a third party
- ✓ I confirmed the beneficiary name on Remita matches my school's official name
- ✓ I saved or printed my Remita transaction receipt immediately
- ✓ I returned to the school portal within 24 hours to confirm payment reflection
- ✓ I have NOT transferred money to any individual's personal bank account

If Your Payment Is Not Reflecting After 24 Hours

9. Do not repay. Take your bank debit alert or statement to the school's bursary office.
10. Bring your Remita RRR and transaction ID as proof of payment.
11. Request the bursary to manually confirm your payment against the Remita records.
12. If the payment genuinely failed and was reversed, repay only through the official portal.

APPENDIX S6-C

Course Registration Survival Guide

Use this as a reference for your first course registration at any Nigerian university.

Before You Register

- ✓ I have my student ID and portal login credentials from clearance
- ✓ I have collected the official 100-level course list from my department
- ✓ I understand the minimum and maximum credit unit load for my faculty

During Registration

- ✓ I selected only the courses on my department's official list
- ✓ I confirmed my credit unit total is within the allowed range
- ✓ I have printed my course registration form

After Registration

- ✓ I submitted my form to my HOD or course adviser for signature and stamp
- ✓ I confirmed my name appears on each lecturer's course list
- ✓ I have noted all first-assignment and test deadlines from the course outlines

***Admission secured. Documents cleared. Courses registered.
Now go and perform at the level you prepared for.***

SECTION 7

ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS (NO WASTED YEAR)

Chapters 22 – 26

Not every admission cycle ends the way you planned. But the end of a cycle is not the end of your future.

This section is for every student who is facing a gap — by choice, by circumstance, or by result. It exists to replace fear with a map.

CHAPTER 22

What If Admission Doesn't Work This Year?

This is one of the most important chapters in this guide — and not because of the information in it. It is because of the person reading it.

If you are reading this chapter, it means this cycle did not go as planned. Maybe you missed a cutoff by a few marks. Maybe your Post-UTME pulled your aggregate down. Maybe the system gave you no clear explanation at all.

Whatever happened — you are not the first. You will not be the last. And this is not the end.

The Three Emotional Traps to Avoid

When admission fails, most students fall into one of three emotional states that lead to poor decisions:

Emotional Trap	What It Looks Like	Why It's Dangerous
Panic	Rushing into any available option without thinking — random institutions, questionable programmes	You trade one problem for a bigger, longer one
Paralysis	Doing nothing for months while waiting for a miracle or a 'second chance' that does not come	You waste the most productive planning window you have
Desperation	Paying unverified agents, accepting fake admission offers, or entering clearly wrong courses just to say you are in school	You lose money, time, and sometimes more

Emotional Clarity First

Before making any decision after a missed admission cycle, give yourself 72 hours.

Do not call agents. Do not respond to 'I can get you in' offers. Do not accept anything you cannot verify.

Sit with the situation. Then make a plan.

Strategic Redirection — The Five Options

Every student who does not gain admission this cycle has five legitimate paths forward. None of them require wasting a year.

Option	What It Is	Best For
1. Resit UTME	Write JAMB again next cycle with improved preparation and strategy	Students who scored just below target and know what to fix
2. IJMB / JUPEB	A-Level equivalent programme that earns direct entry into 200 level	Students who want to enter university at a higher level next cycle
3. Polytechnic (ND)	National Diploma — professional, practical programme with direct entry upgrade path	Students open to a technical or professional route
4. Foundation Programmes	Pre-degree year at a university leading to direct entry	Students who prefer a university environment while rebuilding
5. Skill Acquisition	Use the gap productively to build certified, income-generating skills	All students — works alongside any of the above

TECHMED TIP: The Gap Is Not the Problem

Tutor TechMed spent about three years navigating the admission system before getting into Medicine.

What separated that time from a 'wasted year' was not the calendar — it was the strategy.

A year with a plan is not a wasted year. A year without one is.

Honest Self-Assessment Before Choosing a Path

Before selecting your next move, answer these questions honestly:

- What was the actual reason I did not gain admission this cycle? (Score? School choice? Post-UTME? O'Level?)
- Is that reason fixable — and am I genuinely willing to fix it?
- Do I have the financial and family support to resit and wait another full cycle?
- Am I committed to this specific course at this specific type of institution — or am I open to alternatives?
- How will I use the months between now and the next cycle productively?

Your answers to these questions determine which of the five paths is right for you. There is no universal answer — only the honest one.

REAL EXAMPLE — Blessing Scored 241 — and Made the Right Call

Blessing applied for Pharmacy at a federal university. Her score was 241 and her Post-UTME result was average.

She did not make the list. Her first instinct was to repeat UTME — same school, same course.

But when she sat down to analyse what went wrong, she realised two things: her O'Level Chemistry grade was a C6, pulling her aggregate down, and her target school's aggregate historically required 68+.

A repeat with a better UTME score alone would not fix the O'Level problem.

She enrolled in JUPEB, retook WAEC as a private candidate to improve her Chemistry grade, and entered 200 level Pharmacy the following year — skipping the same Year 1 her peers were still competing for.

She did not waste a year. She compressed her path.

CHAPTER 23

IJMB, JUPEB & Foundation Programmes

These three programmes are the most underused tools in the Nigerian student's arsenal. Most students have heard the names. Very few understand what they actually offer.

If used correctly, any of these programmes can take a student who 'failed' admission this year and put them directly into 200 level at a federal university next year — bypassing Year 1 competition entirely.

IJMB — Interim Joint Matriculation Board

What It Is

IJMB is an advanced level programme (similar to A-Levels) run by Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. It was originally designed for students from the north but is now open to candidates from all states.

Successful IJMB candidates qualify for Direct Entry admission into 200 level at most Nigerian universities — without writing UTME.

How It Works

- Duration: Approximately 9–12 months
- You study three A-Level subjects relevant to your target course
- At the end, you sit IJMB examinations
- Your results, combined with your O'Level grades, are used to apply for Direct Entry on JAMB
- Universities set minimum grade requirements for acceptance — commonly grades D to A in the three subjects

Feature	Details
Duration	9–12 months full-time
Subjects	3 A-Level subjects (must match target course requirements)
Entry level on success	200 level (bypasses Year 1)
UTME required?	No — applies via JAMB Direct Entry
Accepted by	Most federal and state universities in Nigeria
Cost	Varies by centre — typically ₦150,000–₦350,000 per session

⚠ CAUTION: Not All IJMB Centres Are Equal

IJMB is offered by registered centres — but quality varies significantly.

Before enrolling, confirm the centre is registered with ABU Zaria and has a verifiable track record of students gaining 200 level admission.

Ask to speak with former students. Check their admission records. Do not pay based on promises alone.

JUPEB — Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board

What It Is

JUPEB is an A-Level equivalent programme directly run by universities. It is similar to IJMB but has different management and slightly different subject structures.

JUPEB qualifies successful students for Direct Entry admission into 200 level — specifically at the university running the programme or any partner institution.

JUPEB vs IJMB — Key Differences

JUPEB	IJMB
Run by individual universities	Run by ABU Zaria centrally
Directly affiliated to specific universities	Accepted broadly across Nigeria
Often gives advantage at the host university	Accepted at more institutions overall
Some universities accept their own JUPEB candidates preferentially	No host university preference — purely merit-based
Duration: typically 9 months	Duration: 9–12 months

💡 TECHMED TIP: JUPEB Strategy

If your target is a specific university (e.g. UNILAG, UNIPORT, UNIBEN), enroll in that university's own JUPEB programme.

Host university candidates often have a natural advantage in the Direct Entry admission process for that school.

Confirm this with the university's admissions office before enrolling.

Foundation Programmes

What They Are

Foundation programmes are pre-degree years offered by universities themselves. They are not A-Level equivalents — they are introductory university programmes that prepare students for full degree entry.

On completion, successful students transition directly into Year 1 or sometimes 200 level of their target course at that institution.

Who Should Consider Foundation Programmes

- Students whose UTME score was not competitive enough for direct entry
- Students who want a university environment immediately while working toward full degree entry
- Students targeting private universities that offer structured foundation pathways
- Students who are not yet ready for A-Level level independent study

Programme	Entry Level After Completion	Cost Range	Best For
IJMB	200 Level (Direct Entry)	₦150k–₦350k	Students targeting federal/state universities broadly
JUPEB	200 Level (Direct Entry)	₦150k–₦400k	Students targeting a specific university
Foundation	Year 1 or 200 Level	₦200k–₦600k+	Students wanting a structured, university-based pathway

DANGEROUS MISTAKE: Fake IJMB and JUPEB Centres

Fraudulent centres collect fees and enroll students in programmes that produce worthless certificates.

Before paying any fee, verify the centre on the official IJMB portal (ijmb.gov.ng) or directly through the university running JUPEB.

A legitimate centre will never guarantee admission — they guarantee preparation.

REAL EXAMPLE — Tunde Used JUPEB to Enter 200 Level Medicine at UNIPORT

Tunde applied for Medicine at the University of Port Harcourt. His UTME score was 278 — not quite competitive enough.

Instead of repeating and hoping for a better score the next cycle, he enrolled in UNIPORT's own JUPEB programme.

He studied Biology, Chemistry, and Physics at A-Level intensity for 9 months.

He passed with strong grades, applied for Direct Entry through JAMB, and was offered a 200 Level Medicine spot at the same university.

His peers who chose to resit UTME sat the same Year 1 that Tunde was already past.

JUPEB did not just save him a year — it gave him a strategic edge.

CHAPTER 24

Polytechnic & Direct Entry Strategy

Polytechnic admission is one of the most undervalued options in Nigerian education — and one of the most misunderstood.

The stigma around polytechnics is real. But it is not always rational. For the right student with the right plan, the polytechnic route can be a fast, practical, and financially sensible path to a career.

Understanding the ND Pathway

The National Diploma (ND) is a two-year professional qualification offered by polytechnics and colleges of technology. It is a real qualification — not a consolation prize.

- ND programmes require JAMB registration (a separate JAMB exam is written for polytechnics)
- Cut-off scores are commonly lower than for universities — making admission more accessible
- The programme focuses on practical, hands-on skills in your chosen field
- After ND, students can either enter the workforce or proceed to Higher National Diploma (HND)

ND Programme Area	Examples	Career Outcome
Engineering Technology	Civil Tech, Electrical Tech, Mechanical Tech	Technical engineering roles, site management
Business & Management	Accountancy, Business Admin, Marketing	Finance, admin, sales, entrepreneurship
ICT	Computer Science, Cyber Security, Software Dev	Tech industry, freelancing, direct employability
Health Technology	Medical Lab Tech, Radiography, Nutrition	Hospital technical roles
Mass Communication	Broadcasting, Journalism, PRO	Media industry, PR, content creation

HND Realities — What Students Must Know

After completing ND, students can proceed to HND — a two-year advanced diploma that is the polytechnic equivalent of a degree. But there are critical facts to understand:

- HND is NOT the same as a Bachelor's degree in government employment classifications — there is currently a wage and grade level gap in the Nigerian civil service
- HND holders can top-up to a PGD (Postgraduate Diploma) at universities to bridge the gap
- In the private sector and entrepreneurship, HND holders are judged by skill and performance — not certificate type
- The HND stigma is more relevant in government employment than in tech, media, business, or self-employment

⚠ CAUTION: Entering Polytechnic Without a Clear Goal

Polytechnic is not a waiting room. Students who enter without a clear career or progression plan often drift.

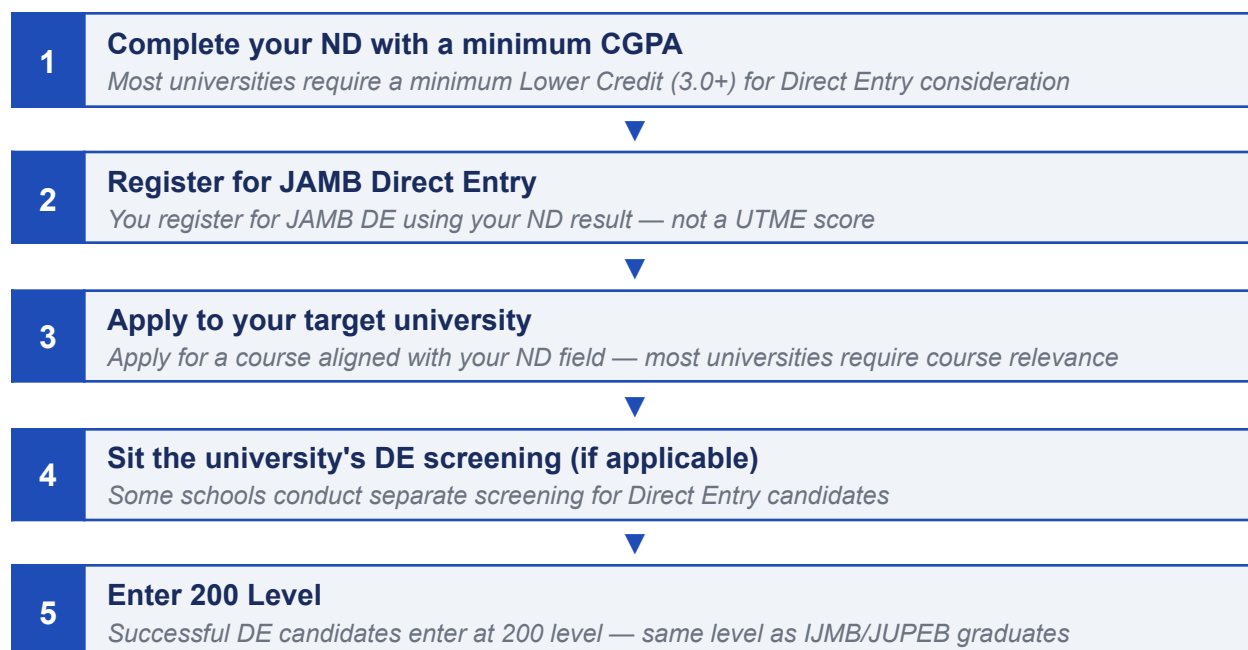
Before choosing this route, define: are you using it as a final destination (skilled professional career), or as a stepping stone (ND to Direct Entry into university)?

Both are valid. But they require different plans.

Direct Entry Strategy — ND to University

One of the most overlooked pathways in Nigerian education: using an ND to gain Direct Entry into 200 level at a university.

This is how it works:



**TECHMED TIP: ND Direct Entry Works Best When...**

Your ND field is directly related to your target university course (e.g., ND Accountancy → B.Sc. Accounting).

You maintain a strong CGPA throughout your ND — Lower Credit minimum, Upper Credit to be competitive.

You research your target university's Direct Entry policy before completing ND — requirements vary by school.

Smart Progression Planning

The smartest polytechnic students plan from Day 1 — not after they finish. Here is what a strategic plan looks like:

Year	Focus	Action
ND Year 1	Foundations + GPA protection	Study hard, understand the grading system, avoid carryovers
ND Year 1–2	Decide: career or DE?	Research target universities' DE requirements. Visit admissions offices. Confirm CGPA benchmark.
ND Year 2	CGPA maximisation + portfolio	Build skills, take on projects, prepare for DE registration or job market
After ND	Either: Apply for DE or Enter HND	Both paths require a plan. Neither should be reactive.



REAL EXAMPLE — Chukwuemeka Entered 200 Level Engineering at UNIBEN via ND

Emeka did not get into Civil Engineering at the University of Benin on his first attempt. His score was borderline.

Rather than repeat, he enrolled in the ND Civil Engineering Technology programme at a polytechnic in his state.

He treated his ND seriously — finishing with an Upper Credit CGPA of 3.6.

He registered for JAMB Direct Entry, applied to UNIBEN, passed their screening, and entered 200 level Civil Engineering.

He lost roughly 2 years to the ND — but entered university with practical skills his Year 1 peers did not have, and graduated the same time as students who spent those 2 years rewriting UTME.

The route was longer on paper. But it was not wasted.

CHAPTER 25

Resitting UTME Properly

Resitting UTME is the most common choice for students who miss admission. It is also the most commonly mismanaged.

The mistake most students make is resitting without changing anything. Same preparation style. Same school choice. Same subject weaknesses. Then surprise — same result.

Resitting only works when you resit differently. This chapter is about how to do that.

Why Some Students Improve Dramatically on a Resit

Students who improve significantly between UTME attempts share common patterns:

- They identified the specific topics and question types that cost them marks — not just 'I need to read more'
- They changed their study system, not just their effort level
- They practised CBT conditions — timed, on a screen, with past questions — not just theory revision
- They fixed their school and course selection strategy, not just their score
- They used the gap period productively, building focus and momentum rather than drifting

Fixing Past Mistakes — A Diagnostic Framework

Before writing UTME again, run an honest diagnosis on your previous attempt. Answer each question in writing:

Diagnostic Question	What It Reveals
Which subject had my lowest score?	Where your preparation was weakest — or your subject combination was wrong
Which topics did I lose most marks on?	Specific gaps to close — not just broad 'improve this subject'
Did I run out of time in any subject?	A CBT speed and strategy problem, not just a content problem
Was my school choice realistic for my score?	Whether a better score OR a different school choice is the solution
Did my O'Level grades pull my aggregate down?	Whether improving UTME alone is enough, or if O'Level work is also needed
Was my preparation structured or random?	Whether your study system itself needs rebuilding

🔴 DANGEROUS MISTAKE: Resitting Without a Different Strategy

If you scored 230 last year reading the same way you studied in SS3, reading the same way again will likely produce a similar result.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting a different outcome.

Identify what specifically went wrong. Fix that specific thing. Everything else follows.

Gap Year Strategy — A Productive Resit Timeline

A structured gap year looks like this — not a year of waiting, but a year of building:



iod
) **TECHMED TIP: Use Your Score Range to Set Your School**

When your mock exam scores stabilise (they will fluctuate less after month 6), use that realistic range to select your school.

Do not select a school based on the score you hope to get. Select based on the score you are consistently achieving.

Optimism is good. Strategic optimism is better.

Resit or Redirect — Making the Right Call

Resitting is not always the right answer. Here is a framework to help you decide:

Resit Is Likely Right If...	Consider Redirecting If...
Your previous score was close to the target cutoff	Your score was significantly below target and the gap is large
Your preparation was clearly poor — you know you underperformed	You prepared thoroughly and still fell short — the course may not be the best fit
Your school choice was wrong, not your score	Multiple resit attempts have not produced meaningful improvement
You have the support and resources for another full cycle	Financial or family circumstances make another full year difficult
You have a concrete, different strategy for the next attempt	You plan to 'try harder' without a specific changed approach

REAL EXAMPLE — Ngozi Scored 331 on Her Second Attempt — Here Is What Changed

Ngozi's first UTME score was 214. She wanted Medicine. She was devastated.

Instead of immediately resitting, she spent three weeks doing a full diagnostic review of her result breakdown.

She discovered she lost 40 marks in Chemistry alone — specifically on organic chemistry and electrochemistry topics she had barely revised.

She also realised she had been reading from textbooks without ever practising on a computer screen — and the CBT format had cost her time she did not know she was losing.

Her second preparation was completely different: JAMB past questions on a tablet, daily timed mocks, and two focused months on her Chemistry weak zones.

Second attempt: 331. She secured admission to Medicine.

The score did not improve because she worked harder. It improved because she worked differently.

CHAPTER 26

Building Skills While Waiting

No matter which path you choose after a missed admission cycle — resit, IJMB, polytechnic, or anything else — the months between now and your next academic milestone belong to you.

How you use them is a choice. This chapter is about making that choice deliberately.

Why the Gap Year Is an Asset, Not a Loss

The students who look back on their gap year positively share one thing in common: they treated the time like a resource, not a waiting room.

- Skills learned during a gap year are real — they do not disappear when university starts
- Income earned during a gap year can fund your next cycle's preparation
- Discipline built during a gap year is carried into university — students with structured gap years often outperform those who went straight through
- Confidence built through skill achievement makes the next academic attempt feel different

High-Value Productive Gap Year Activities

1. Digital Skill Acquisition

Digital skills are in high demand, learnable online for free or at low cost, and generate real income during the gap year and after.

Skill	Learning Platform	Income Potential
Graphic Design (Canva, Adobe)	YouTube, Coursera, Udemy	Freelance clients, social media design
Video Editing	YouTube, CapCut tutorials	Content creators, businesses, events
Copywriting & Content Writing	Hubspot Academy (free), Udemy	Blogs, businesses, social media agencies
Web Development (HTML/CSS/JS)	freeCodeCamp, The Odin Project (free)	Freelance websites, tech companies
Data Analysis (Excel, Python basics)	Google Data Analytics (Coursera), YouTube	Entry-level analyst roles, freelance
Social Media Management	Meta Blueprint (free), YouTube	Small businesses, influencers, brands

2. Academic Preparation (UTME or A-Level)

If you are planning to resit UTME or enroll in IJMB/JUPEB, the gap year is preparation time — not wait time.

- Structure your week around subject study blocks — treat it like a school timetable
- Find a study group or accountability partner to maintain consistency
- Join TECHMED's preparation resources and communities for structured guidance
- Take at least one full mock exam per month to track progress objectively

3. Income Generation

The gap year does not have to be financially dead. Students who earn during the gap year:

- Reduce the financial burden on their families
- Build entrepreneurial experience that universities and employers value
- Gain confidence that does not come from a certificate — it comes from delivering real value

Entry-level income options during a gap year:

- Tutoring secondary school students in your strong subjects
- Freelancing digital skills (graphic design, writing, video editing) on platforms like Fiverr or locally
- Reselling — finding products with demand and connecting buyers to sellers
- Social media content creation for local businesses

4. Personal Development

Skills that universities do not teach but employers and life reward:

- Public speaking — join a Toastmasters club or a local debate/speech community
- Leadership — volunteer with a youth organisation, NGO, or community group
- Financial literacy — learn how money works before you are independent
- Mental health habits — build exercise, sleep, and journaling routines that will sustain you through university



TECHMED TIP: Track Your Gap Year Outputs

Keep a simple monthly log: what you learned, what you earned, what you built.

When university interviews or scholarship applications ask 'what did you do in your gap period?' — you want a real answer.

A documented gap year is evidence of character. An undocumented one is just time.

Building Confidence and Direction During the Gap

The biggest invisible damage of a failed admission cycle is not academic — it is psychological.

Students begin to doubt their intelligence, their future, and their worth. That is normal. But it cannot be allowed to become permanent.

- Read accounts of people who took non-linear paths to success in your field of interest
- Connect with communities of students navigating similar situations — isolation makes the gap feel larger
- Set one concrete, achievable goal per month — not related to admission — and hit it
- Limit comparison to peers who gained admission this cycle — their timeline is not your timeline

You Are Not Behind

The Nigerian education system measures everyone by the same calendar. But careers and lives do not run on that calendar.

Doctors who entered medical school at 22 instead of 18 still retire at the same age.

Engineers who took an ND route still build the same structures.

The path matters. The arrival matters more.

REAL EXAMPLE — Samuel Used His Gap Year to Build a ₦400k Freelance Business

Samuel missed admission to Computer Science twice. His UTME scores were decent but not quite competitive enough for his target school.

After his second miss, he made a decision: he would treat the next year as a productive investment, not a punishment.

He spent four months learning web development using freeCodeCamp — free, online, structured. He built three sample websites as a portfolio.

By month five, he had his first paid client — a local business owner who needed a website. By month eight, he had four regular clients and monthly income of over ₦400,000.

He enrolled in IJMB, scored strong grades, applied for Direct Entry to 200 level Computer Science, and was admitted.

He arrived at university with technical skills, financial independence, and two years of real work experience.

That gap year was the most valuable academic period of his life.

Section 7 Summary — Alternative Pathways

- ✓ Missing admission is not the end — it is a redirection point that requires strategy, not panic
- ✓ The five paths forward are: resit UTME, IJMB, JUPEB, Foundation, or Polytechnic — each valid for the right student
- ✓ IJMB and JUPEB lead to 200 level Direct Entry — they bypass Year 1 competition entirely
- ✓ Polytechnic ND can lead to Direct Entry into universities — with the right CGPA and a clear plan
- ✓ Resitting only works when you identify and fix what went wrong — same approach = same result
- ✓ The gap year is a resource. Skill acquisition, income generation, and preparation all belong here
- ✓ Confidence and mental health are not soft concerns — they are the foundation of the next attempt

APPENDIX E

Admission Probability Framework — Self-Assessment Tool

Use this framework to estimate your realistic admission chance and choose your next path. Be honest. The system does not grade your honesty — it responds to it.

Factor	Strong Position	Average Position	Weak Position
UTME Score	280 and above	230–279	Below 230
O'Level Grades	5+ credits, all in one sitting, strong in core subjects	5 credits, some from two sittings	Missing credits or D7 in core subject
Post-UTME Performance	Scored above departmental historical average	Average or slightly below	Significantly below historical average
School/Course Choice	Within catchment, UTME competitive for department historically	Borderline competitive, non-catchment	Score significantly below historical departmental cutoff
Aggregate Calculation	Combined aggregate at or above historical cutoff	Within 3–5 points of historical cutoff	More than 5 points below historical cutoff

If you have 3 or more 'Weak Position' ratings, a redirect (IJMB, JUPEB, Polytechnic) is worth serious consideration alongside resitting.

APPENDIX F

Post-UTME Battle Plan Template

Use this template to build your Post-UTME preparation plan. Fill in each section before your first study session.

Section	Fill In Before You Begin
My target school and course	
Historical Post-UTME subjects for my school	
My weakest subject (honest assessment)	
Weeks available before exam	
Daily study hours I can commit to	
Past question source I will use	
Weekly mock exam day	
Score target per subject	

SECTION 8

PROTECTION & SURVIVAL

Chapters 27 – 28

The Nigerian admission system is full of people trying to help you — and some trying to exploit you.

This section teaches you to tell the difference. It also teaches you to protect your mind through one of the most psychologically demanding experiences a young Nigerian will face.

CHAPTER 27

Admission Scams & Fraud Exposed

Every year, Nigerian students lose millions of naira to admission fraudsters. These are not random crimes — they are targeted, sophisticated operations that prey on desperation, hope, and information gaps.

The best protection is knowledge. If you can recognise a scam before it starts, you cannot be victimised by it.

Why Admission Fraud Is So Effective

Admission fraudsters succeed because they understand exactly what students and parents are feeling:

- Fear of wasting another year
- Desperate hope for a solution that bypasses the difficulty of the process
- Trust in anyone who sounds confident and informed about the system
- Willingness to do 'whatever it takes' when conventional paths feel closed

Every scam exploits one of these emotions. Understanding that is your first defence.

The Major Scam Types — Fully Exposed

1. Fake Admission Agents

The most common scam. An individual — sometimes known to the family — claims to have 'connections' inside a university or JAMB that can secure admission for a fee.

How They Operate	Warning Signs
Collect large upfront fees (₦100k– ₦500k+)	Asks for cash before any confirmation
Show fake 'screenshots' of admission lists or CAPS statuses	Evidence is a photo — not a live portal visit
Claim to 'know someone' at the school or JAMB	No legitimate agent has secret JAMB access
Disappear after payment or create delay after delay	Every request for proof is met with an excuse
Promise results within days or weeks	Real admission follows real timelines — not shortcuts

DANGEROUS MISTAKE: Paying Any Agent Who Promises to 'Sort' Your Admission

JAMB CAPS is a centralised digital system. No individual can insert names or manipulate statuses through 'connections.'

Any offer of admission that does not reflect on your official CAPS account is either fake or illegal.

If it is not on CAPS — it is not real. No exceptions.

2. Fake School Portals and Payment Sites

Fraudsters build websites that look identical to university portals. Students visit these sites and make payments — which go directly into fraud accounts.

- The URL looks similar but not identical to the real school website (e.g., 'unilag-portal.com' vs the official 'unilag.edu.ng')
- The payment gateway accepts money but generates no real receipt that the school recognises
- Students only discover the fraud during clearance — sometimes months later

TECHMED TIP: How to Verify a School Website

Official Nigerian university websites end in '.edu.ng' — e.g., unilag.edu.ng, ui.edu.ng, uniben.edu.ng

Always search the university name on Google and click the result that ends in .edu.ng

Never use a link sent via WhatsApp, SMS, or by a third party to access a school portal for payments

If in doubt, call the school's official admissions office directly

3. CAPS Manipulation Claims

A particularly cruel scam: someone claims to be able to change your CAPS status from 'Not Admitted' to 'Admitted' — for a fee.

This is technically impossible through any unofficial channel. CAPS statuses are controlled by JAMB servers and are only changed through official school submissions and JAMB processes.

DANGEROUS MISTAKE: Giving Anyone Your JAMB Login Credentials

Your JAMB registration number and password are your academic identity.

Anyone who accesses your account can reject your admission, modify your details, or expose your data.

No legitimate JAMB official will ever ask for your password. Share it with nobody.

4. Post-Admission 'Upgrade' Scams

After genuine admission, fraudsters offer to 'upgrade' you to a better course or a more prestigious school — for a fee.

- 'Course change' after admission is controlled strictly by university academic boards — not by individuals
- 'Transfer' to a different university requires formal internal processes that take semesters — not days
- Anyone claiming to offer these services for cash is either lying or operating illegally

5. Cybercafe Exploitation

Cybercafe operators — who students rely on for JAMB registration and CAPS access — are sometimes themselves part of the problem.

- Overcharging for basic tasks (registration, CAPS checks, O'Level upload)
- Entering wrong information deliberately to create return visits
- Recording student login credentials and selling them or using them later
- Claiming a service 'requires payment' that is actually free on the JAMB portal

CAUTION: Cybercafe Safety Rules

Never let a cybercafe operator enter your password for you — enter it yourself.

Log out of ALL accounts before leaving the cybercafe — check the browser is not saving passwords.

Change your JAMB password after every cybercafe visit.

Learn basic portal navigation yourself — dependency on cybercafes creates vulnerability.

How to Verify Real Admission

The only legitimate ways to confirm your admission status are:

- Logging into caps.jamb.gov.ng with your own credentials and seeing 'Admitted' status
- Checking your name on your school's official admission list, published on their .edu.ng website
- Visiting the school's admissions office in person with your JAMB printout

Red Flags Checklist

Anyone asking for cash before showing proof on CAPS

Any admission 'evidence' shown only as a photo or screenshot — not a live portal

Any agent who asks for your JAMB password

Any school website URL that does not end in .edu.ng

Any promise of admission faster than the school's published timeline

Any request for payment via personal bank account numbers

What To Do If You Have Been Scammed

If you have already been defrauded, here are your immediate steps:

1

Document Everything

Collect all evidence: messages, payment receipts, phone numbers, social media profiles



2

Report to EFCC or the Police

File a formal report with your state's Economic and Financial Crimes Commission office or police station



3

Report to JAMB

Contact JAMB's fraud reporting channel — they investigate admission-related fraud directly



4

Warn Your Network

Share the scammer's details (without making defamatory claims) so others in your community are protected



5

Return to the Legitimate Process

Reconnect with official JAMB and school channels and restart from where the scam interrupted you

REAL EXAMPLE — Amaka Paid ₦350,000 for Admission That Never Existed

Amaka's mother heard through a church member about a man who 'worked at JAMB' and could secure admission to a federal university for ₦350,000.

The man showed a screenshot of what appeared to be Amaka's name on a CAPS admission page.

The family paid. For six weeks, he gave excuses — 'the system is updating,' 'one more person needs to sign,' 'just another few days.'

When Amaka's family visited JAMB's state office, there was no record of any admission — and no name matching the agent in their system.

The money was gone. The admission was fabricated. A screenshot had fooled an entire family.

The lesson: screenshots prove nothing. Live CAPS access proves everything.

CHAPTER 28

Mental Health & Admission Pressure

This chapter exists because no guide about Nigerian university admission is complete without addressing what happens inside the student while all of this is happening outside.

Admission pressure in Nigeria is not mild background stress. It is a sustained, high-stakes experience that affects sleep, self-esteem, family relationships, and mental health — sometimes for years.

This is not weakness. This is reality. And it deserves to be addressed directly.

What Admission Pressure Actually Feels Like

Most students experiencing admission-related psychological pressure do not call it that. They call it:

- 'I am just worried about my future'
- 'I feel like a burden to my parents'
- 'I cannot stop thinking about it'
- 'I do not want to go outside because everyone asks about school'
- 'I do not see the point anymore'

These are real experiences. They are not signs of being weak. They are signs of being under sustained pressure without adequate support.

Dealing With Disappointment

The moment results come back and admission is missed is one of the sharpest emotional moments in a young Nigerian's life. Here is what is actually happening — and what helps:

What You Might Feel	What It Actually Means	What Helps
Shame	You internalised the belief that your score defines your worth	Separate your identity from this result — one number cannot capture a person
Anger	At yourself, the system, or people around you	Anger is valid — the system IS flawed. Channel it into preparation, not self-destruction
Hopelessness	It feels like there is no way forward	Read accounts of people who took non-linear paths and still arrived. There are many.

What You Might Feel	What It Actually Means	What Helps
Isolation	You avoid people to avoid the conversation	Find one trusted person to talk to honestly. Isolation amplifies every fear.
Pressure from family	Parents who are afraid are often not expressing it well	Have an honest conversation about the plan — specifics reduce fear for everyone

Comparison Pressure

One of the most psychologically damaging experiences during admission period is watching peers gain admission while you are still waiting.

Social media makes this worse. WhatsApp groups show university gate photos, department plaques, matriculation gowns. Every post can feel like a reminder of what you do not yet have.

- What you see on social media is a highlight reel, not a full picture — students celebrate admission, not the years they also spent struggling
- Your timeline is not identical to anyone else's. It does not need to be.
- The goal is not to graduate at the same age as someone else. The goal is to build a career that you find meaningful.
- Reduce social media consumption during peak comparison periods — this is not avoidance, it is psychological hygiene



TECHMED TIP

Identify one peer, mentor, or role model who took a non-linear path and is now doing well. Their story is not an exception to prove to yourself — it is evidence of what is actually possible. Evidence beats assumption every time.

Staying Hopeful Strategically

There is a difference between blind hope and strategic hope. Blind hope waits for things to change. Strategic hope makes a plan and executes it.

- Write down, specifically, what you are doing differently this cycle — the concrete, actionable changes
- Set one small, achievable goal every two weeks that is entirely within your control
- Track progress in something that is not admission-dependent — a skill, a habit, a project
- Talk to students who went through similar experiences — their clarity is more useful than sympathy from people who never faced it

Avoiding Desperate Decisions

The most dangerous period for bad decisions is the weeks immediately after a failed admission cycle. This is when:

- Scammers approach with 'sure' alternatives
- Pressure to 'do something — anything' peaks
- Students accept courses or institutions they will regret for years
- Financial decisions are made out of shame rather than sense

The 72-Hour Rule

After receiving bad news — a missed cutoff, a lost list position, a rejected offer — do not make any major decision for at least 72 hours.

The emotional state you are in immediately after disappointment is not the state to make life decisions from.

72 hours is enough to stabilise. Then make the plan.

When to Seek Help

There is a line between normal stress and distress that requires support. These are signs that you should speak to someone — a counsellor, a trusted adult, or a mental health professional:

- You have been unable to sleep, eat, or function normally for more than two weeks
- You are having persistent thoughts of self-harm or that things would be better if you were not here
- You feel completely disconnected from your future — not just uncertain, but unable to imagine one
- You are using substances (alcohol, drugs) to cope with the pressure

DANGEROUS MISTAKE: Suffering in Silence

The Nigerian cultural instinct is to keep suffering private — especially around academic failure. This instinct kills people. It does not make you stronger.

There is no shame in speaking to someone. The shame is in what untreated mental health costs.

If you are in crisis, call the Nigerian Suicide Prevention helpline: 0800 800 2000 (free, 24/7).

A Final Word on This

The Nigerian admission system is genuinely difficult. It is not designed around student wellbeing. It creates pressure that is not proportional to intelligence, effort, or worth.

That system's failures are not your personal failures. You can know this intellectually and still feel it emotionally — and both things can be true at the same time.

The goal of this guide is not just to get you into university. It is to get you there intact. With a clear head. With a plan. With your self-worth still attached to who you are — not to a JAMB score.

✓ You Are Not Your Score

Your UTME score is a data point. It measures how well you answered a set of questions on a particular day.

It does not measure your potential. It does not measure your intelligence. It does not measure what you are capable of building.

Thousands of people who shaped this country never sat UTME. Thousands who did sat it more than once.

What you do with where you are — that is the real measure.

■ REAL EXAMPLE — Mercy Almost Gave Up — Then Chose Differently

Mercy had been trying to gain admission to study Law for three years. She was 21. Her friends were in their second year of university.

After her third miss, she stopped leaving the house. She stopped responding to messages. Her mother described her as 'just existing.'

A family friend who was a university lecturer came to visit and sat with her for three hours. Not to give advice — to listen.

After that conversation, Mercy shared something she had never said out loud: 'I do not know if I actually want Law. I am doing it because it is the only thing I told everyone I was going to do.'

That honesty changed everything. She enrolled in JUPEB, chose Mass Communication — her actual interest — scored strong grades, and entered 200 level.

She is now two years into a communications degree she loves. Her three years of 'failure' redirected her to her real path.

Sometimes the system is not blocking you. Sometimes it is redirecting you.

Section 8 Summary — Protection & Survival

- ✓ Admission fraud is targeted — it exploits desperation, hope, and information gaps
- ✓ Real admission can only be verified on CAPS (caps.jamb.gov.ng) — screenshots prove nothing
- ✓ No individual can manipulate JAMB CAPS — any such claim is a scam
- ✓ Official school websites end in .edu.ng — verify before making any payment
- ✓ Never share your JAMB login credentials with anyone, including cybercafe operators
- ✓ Admission disappointment produces real psychological pressure — name it and address it directly

- ✓ The 72-hour rule: make no major decision immediately after bad news
- ✓ Comparison to peers is the most damaging daily habit during a gap year — manage it deliberately
- ✓ If distress becomes crisis, seek professional support — the Nigerian Suicide Prevention line is 0800 800 2000

APPENDIX G**Common Admission Mistakes Database — Quick Reference**

A fast-reference list of the most common, most costly admission mistakes — and how to avoid each one.

Stage	Mistake	How to Avoid It
Course Selection	Choosing based on prestige, not profile	Assess your realistic aggregate against historical cutoffs before deciding
JAMB Registration	Wrong subject combination	Verify on jamb.gov.ng before completing registration — no exceptions
O'Level	D7 in Maths assumed to be a credit	C6 minimum for all required subjects — check your actual grades
School Choice	Ignoring catchment area	Check your state against the school's catchment zone before applying
Post-UTME	Treating it like UTME revision only	Research school-specific format and past questions — every school is different
O'Level Upload	Selecting wrong exam body on CAPS	Triple-check WAEC vs NECO vs NABTEB before submitting
CAPS Acceptance	Waiting too long to accept an offer	Accept within 24–48 hours of seeing 'Admitted' status
Acceptance Fee	Paying via a WhatsApp-shared link	Access school portal only via official .edu.ng website — never via forwarded links
Clearance	Using a general internet checklist	Download your specific school's official clearance requirements from their website
Scam Avoidance	Paying an agent for 'admission connection'	If it's not on CAPS, it's not real. Period.
Mental Health	Suffering in silence after a miss	Talk to someone. Seek support early. Admission pressure is real and treatable.

Protect your money. Protect your mind. Protect your year.

#NoWastedYear

SECTION 9

TECHMED RESOURCES

Chapters 29 – 31

You now hold the complete picture. This final section puts the full power of TECHMED in your hands — tools, proof, and the mindset to carry it all forward.

CHAPTER 29

TECHMED Tools & Resources

TECHMED exists as more than a guide. It is a living ecosystem of tools, communities, and resources designed to support every stage of your admission and academic journey.

Everything in this chapter is real, accessible, and built specifically for Nigerian students navigating the system you have been learning about in this guide.

The TECHMED Ecosystem

TECHMED currently offers six core resource types, each designed for a specific stage of the student journey:



TECHMED Admission Intelligence Guide 2026

The document you are reading. A complete, annually updated roadmap for every stage of the Nigerian university admission process.

techmedng.com



Admission Probability Calculator

A free tool that helps students estimate their realistic admission chances based on UTME score, O'Level grades, and target school. Removes guesswork from school selection.

techmedng.com/predictor



Score Booster Systems

Structured subject revision packages for Chemistry, Physics, and Biology. Each system is built around high-yield topics, past question breakdowns, formula banks, and examiner traps — not generic reading plans.

techmedng.com/materials



WhatsApp Community

A live, daily guidance community where students receive admission updates, strategy tips, and peer support. Join via the link below or send 'TECHMED' to the number on the back cover.

wa.me/2347044255045



WhatsApp Channel

TECHMED's broadcast channel for one-way updates: admission deadline alerts, list release announcements, CAPS status changes, and strategic reminders. Follow to stay ahead.

whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb7tQsfD38CSNxWtHN3i



Scholarship Saturdays

A weekly programme sharing verified scholarship opportunities, grants, competitions, and international programmes available to Nigerian students — including those still in their gap year.

techmedng.com | [WhatsApp Channel](#)

Free Downloads Available at techmedng.com

The following resources are available for free download on the TECHMED website. They are designed to complement this guide and support active use during your admission process.

Resource	What It Contains	Best Used At
Admission Calculator	Aggregate formula for major universities. Input your scores and get your estimated aggregate.	Before school selection and after UTME results
CAPS Status Decoder Card	Printable one-page reference of all CAPS statuses and required actions	During admission monitoring period (July–November)
Clearance Master Checklist	Fully editable document checklist with school-specific notes section	One week before clearance travel
Post-UTME Battle Plan Template	Structured 8-week preparation planner with subject attack grids	Immediately after UTME results
Subject Combination Table	Complete course-by-course JAMB subject requirements	Before JAMB registration
Admission Timeline Calendar	Year-round calendar with all key admission deadlines marked	At the start of every admission cycle



TECHMED TIP: Get Future Updates Automatically

This guide is updated annually to reflect changes in JAMB policy, university cutoffs, and admission processes.

Follow the TECHMED WhatsApp Channel to receive update alerts and new resource releases directly on your phone.

Free updates for guide owners are announced on the channel before general release.

TECHMED Community — What You Get Inside

The TECHMED WhatsApp Community is not a passive broadcast channel. It is an active, moderated environment built for students who are actively working through the admission process.

- Daily admission strategy tips from Tutor TechMed and the TECHMED team
- Real-time alerts when major universities release admission lists or CAPS updates
- A space to ask questions and receive answers from people who have navigated the same system
- Weekly live sessions during peak admission periods — Post-UTME preparation, CAPS monitoring, and more
- Access to a community of students who understand exactly what you are going through

How to Join

Send the word TECHMED to 07044255045 on WhatsApp.

You will receive a welcome message, group link, and onboarding instructions immediately.

The community is free. There are no hidden charges to join.

Post-UTME Support — What TECHMED Offers

Post-UTME is where many students lose the advantage their JAMB score gave them. TECHMED provides direct, structured support at this stage:

- School-specific Post-UTME past questions with detailed answer breakdowns
- Subject attack strategy guides tailored to the most competitive departments
- Live preparation sessions conducted via the TECHMED community during registration windows
- Score maximisation tactics — time management, question selection, CBT navigation

All Post-UTME resources are announced through the WhatsApp Channel and Community when schools open their registration windows. Join early so you do not miss the window.

TECHMED Score Booster Systems — Detailed Overview

The Booster Systems are the flagship academic preparation products in the TECHMED ecosystem. Each is built around one principle: maximum marks from minimum reading time.

Booster System	What Is Included	Best For
Chemistry Booster	High-yield topic list, organic chemistry reaction maps, calculation shortcuts, past question breakdowns, examiner trap analysis	All science students; especially Medicine,

Booster System	What Is Included	Best For
		Pharmacy, Engineering applicants
Physics Booster	Formula bank, speed-solving techniques, CBT time distribution guide, topic-by-topic past question analysis	Engineering, Physics, and mixed-science applicants
Biology Booster	Diagram-to-text summaries, classification tables, genetics problem frameworks, ecology and ecology-based question strategies	Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Agric applicants

Each Booster System is available at techmedng.com. Bundle discounts apply when purchasing more than one system.

CHAPTER 30

Success Stories & Testimonials

Strategy without proof is theory. What follows is proof.

These are real students — real situations, real mistakes, real turnarounds. Names and some details have been adjusted for privacy, but the experiences are genuine. Read them not just as inspiration, but as evidence of what the right information and the right approach can do.

From the TECHMED Community

Chidinma O. *Medicine & Surgery — University of Uyo*

I had a 298 UTME score and was certain I would not make it into Medicine. Everyone around me said my score was too low for UNIUYO. I joined the TECHMED community two weeks before Post-UTME and learned that the aggregate system meant my strong O'Level grades could compensate — but only if I performed above a specific threshold in Post-UTME. I prepared using the TECHMED Post-UTME strategy guide for 12 days. I scored 73 in Post-UTME. My aggregate came to 68.4. I was admitted in the first list.

Outcome: Admitted — Medicine & Surgery, First List

Tobi A. *Computer Science — Federal University (South-West)*

I failed my first UTME with a 211. I was embarrassed and avoided telling anyone. I found TECHMED through a repost on a friend's status. The diagnostic framework in the guide showed me that my problem was not reading — it was CBT speed. I was solving questions correctly but too slowly. I spent three months on timed past question practice, nothing else. Second attempt: 284. I chose a school within my catchment with a realistic cutoff. I am now in 200 level.

Outcome: Went from 211 to 284 — Admitted 200 Level via Direct Entry after one gap year

Adaeze N. *Nursing Science — State Federal University*

My O'Level result had a D7 in Physics. I did not know this would disqualify me from Nursing until I read Chapter 6 of this guide. I registered as a private WAEC candidate, retook Physics and got a B3. I also used JUPEB during that period. By the time I applied for Direct Entry the following year, I had both the correct O'Level and A-Level results. I entered 200 level Nursing. That one chapter saved me potentially years of confusion.

Outcome: Fixed O'Level, completed JUPEB, admitted 200 Level Nursing

Samuel K. *Electrical Engineering — Federal Polytechnic*

I applied for Engineering at a federal university three times. After the third miss I was ready to give up on education entirely. A counsellor shared the TECHMED guide with me. The

polytechnic chapter changed my thinking completely. I enrolled in ND Electrical Engineering. I finished with an Upper Credit. I am now in 300 level Engineering at university via Direct Entry. I tell everyone: the route is not the destination.

Outcome: ND with Upper Credit → Direct Entry → 300 Level Engineering

Zainab M. *Pharmacy — Northern Federal University*

My family was pressuring me to accept a change-of-course offer to Medical Lab Science after I missed Pharmacy. I almost accepted because I felt like a burden. Then I found the chapter on change-of-course decisions in this guide. The framework helped me see clearly: my aggregate was only 2.3 points below Pharmacy's historical cutoff, and my Post-UTME score showed I could do better. I rejected the offer, enrolled in IJMB, and applied again. I am now a Pharmacy student.

Outcome: Rejected change of course, completed IJMB, admitted into Pharmacy on second cycle

Emmanuel P. *Mass Communication — State University*

I used to think admission agents were just how the system worked — pay someone, get in. I lost ₦120,000 to a man who claimed to know someone at my target school. He disappeared after two months of excuses. I found TECHMED and read the scam chapter. Everything matched exactly what had happened to me. I reported to EFCC, restarted the process legitimately, and I am now in my second year. I tell every student I meet: check CAPS. If it is not on CAPS, it is not real.

Outcome: Scam victim → legitimate re-entry → admitted, currently in 200 Level

Lessons from Successful Candidates

Looking across hundreds of students who navigated the admission process successfully, a clear pattern emerges. It is not about genius. It is not about connections. It is about these things:

Pattern	What It Looks Like in Practice
They acted on information quickly	When they learned a deadline existed, they acted that day — not that week
They separated emotion from decisions	They gave themselves time after setbacks before making major choices
They fixed the specific problem, not the general one	Instead of 'reading more,' they targeted the exact topics and skills that cost them marks
They chose school and course strategically	They matched their realistic profile to what was achievable — not just what was desirable
They used the gap year as an investment	Skills built, income earned, confidence gained — not just time served

Pattern	What It Looks Like in Practice
They verified everything themselves	CAPS, school websites, receipts — they confirmed with their own eyes, not through agents

"I stopped asking 'why is this happening to me' and started asking 'what do I do next.' That was the turning point."

CHAPTER 31

Final Words — The #NoWastedYear Mindset

You have read the system. You understand the timelines. You know the cutoffs, the CAPS statuses, the fraud patterns, the alternative pathways, and the mental health traps.

That knowledge is real and it will protect you. But knowledge alone is not the #NoWastedYear mindset.

The mindset is something deeper. It is about how you relate to time, to setbacks, and to yourself.

Strategic Thinking — Not Just Hard Work

The Nigerian education culture glorifies effort. 'Read hard.' 'Pray hard.' 'Try harder.' These are not bad values — but they are incomplete ones.

Students who secure admission into competitive courses are not always the ones who worked hardest. They are the ones who worked most strategically. They chose the right school for their score. They prepared specifically for their school's Post-UTME format. They monitored CAPS at the right time. They had a plan for if it did not work.

Strategy does not replace effort. It makes effort count.

Long-Term Perspective

You are reading this guide likely between the ages of 14 and 22. Your career will span the next 40 to 50 years. The university you attend is one input into that career — it is not the entire equation.

- A student who enters university at 22 instead of 18 does not retire at 22 — they retire at the same age
- A student who takes an ND route and gains real skills often outperforms peers who took the 'direct' path
- A student who uses a gap year to build skills and discipline often handles university better than one who went straight through

The pressure to follow an exact timeline is a cultural construct. It is real pressure — do not dismiss it. But do not let it collapse your decision-making.

Execution Over Panic

Panic produces action without direction. Execution produces action with purpose.

When the list comes out and your name is not there — pause. Read Chapter 22 again. When an agent approaches with a promise that sounds too easy — stop. Read Chapter 27 again. When the gap feels like it is stretching into something permanent — breathe. Read Chapter 28 again.

This guide was written to be returned to. Not just read once and abandoned.



TECHMED TIP: How to Use This Guide as an Active Tool

Bookmark Chapter 16 (CAPS Explained) and return to it every time your status changes.

Keep the Clearance Checklist (Appendix D) accessible the week before you travel to school.

Share the Scam chapter (Chapter 27) with every student you know who is navigating admission.

Come back to Chapter 22 if this cycle does not go as planned — it was written for exactly that moment.

A Personal Note from Tutor TechMed

I spent about three years navigating the Nigerian admission system before I got into Medicine. Three years of confusion, disappointment, and moments where I questioned whether my future was real.

I built TECHMED because I do not believe those years were inevitable. Most of the pain I experienced came from not knowing things that were knowable — if only someone had explained them clearly.

This guide is my attempt to give every Nigerian student the information I wish I had.

You are more intelligent than the system has made you feel. You are more capable than one missed admission cycle can reveal. And you are far more likely to succeed than the voices of doubt — external or internal — are telling you.

"Do not move blindly. Do not move emotionally. Move strategically. And do not allow one difficult season to convince you that your future is over."

Final Encouragement

Every student who has ever secured admission into a competitive Nigerian university started exactly where you are right now — with a goal, incomplete information, and uncertainty about the path.

The difference was not talent. It was not luck. It was not connections.

It was the decision to understand the system, build a strategy, and execute it — even when the process felt unfair, even when the timeline felt wrong, and even when the outcome was uncertain.

That decision is yours to make. Right now. With this guide in your hands.

✓ You Have Everything You Need

The admission system has been demystified — you now understand how it actually works.

The timelines are mapped — you know every critical deadline before it arrives.

The mistakes are catalogued — you know what to avoid before you make them.

The alternative pathways are clear — no cycle ends without a forward direction.

The fraud patterns are exposed — you cannot be deceived by what you can recognise.

The mental health framework is real — you know how to protect yourself through the pressure.

TECHMED is here — the tools, the community, and the updates are accessible and ongoing.

Think Smart. Perform Elite. No Wasted Year.

#NoWastedYear

Section 9 Summary — TECHMED Resources

- ✓ The **TECHMED ecosystem** includes this guide, admission predictor and explorer tools, Booster Systems, WhatsApp community, and channel
- ✓ Free tools available at techmedng.com: calculator, checklists, templates, past question resources
- ✓ Join the WhatsApp Community by sending TECHMED to **07044255045** — it is free
- ✓ Booster Systems (Chemistry, Physics, Biology) provide high-yield subject preparation
- ✓ Success stories confirm the pattern: strategy + information + execution = admission
- ✓ The **#NoWastedYear** mindset is strategic, long-term, execution-focused, and resilient
- ✓ This guide is designed to be returned to — not just read once

TECHMED ADMISSION INTELLIGENCE GUIDE 2026

APPENDICES A – J

Complete Reference Materials — Print & Keep

These appendices are designed to be used actively — not just read once. Print the checklists. Fill in the templates. Refer to the tables every time you face a decision in the admission process.

Every appendix is cross-referenced in the main guide. If a chapter sent you here, you are in the right place.

APPENDIX A

Course Subject Combination Table

This table lists the correct JAMB subject combinations for the most commonly applied-for courses in Nigeria. English Language is compulsory for all candidates and is not listed separately in the 'Compulsory Subjects' column.

Always Verify on jamb.gov.ng

JAMB updates subject combination requirements periodically.

This table reflects historically standard combinations. Confirm on the official JAMB portal before completing your registration.

Selecting the wrong combination — even by one subject — means automatic ineligibility regardless of your score.

Science & Health Courses

Course	Required Subjects (+ English)	Notes
Medicine & Surgery	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	One sitting O'Level required at most federal universities
Dentistry	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Same combination as Medicine
Pharmacy	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	All three sciences compulsory — no substitution
Nursing Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Some schools accept Maths in place of Physics — verify per school
Physiotherapy	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	
Medical Lab Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	
Radiography	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	
Nutrition & Dietetics	Biology, Chemistry, Physics/Maths	Check school-specific requirement
Biochemistry	Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths	Either Physics or Maths accepted as third subject at most schools
Microbiology	Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths	
Anatomy	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	
Physiology	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	

Course	Required Subjects (+ English)	Notes
Veterinary Medicine	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	
Agricultural Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths	Some schools accept Agric Science instead of Physics

Engineering & Technology

Course	Required Subjects (+ English)	Notes
Civil Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry	All three compulsory
Electrical/Electronics Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry	
Mechanical Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry	
Chemical Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry	
Computer Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry	
Petroleum Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry	
Agricultural Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry or Biology	Verify per school
Architecture	Maths, Physics, one of (Chemistry/Geography/Fine Art)	Fine Art is commonly accepted
Estate Management	Maths, Physics or Economics, one other	School-specific — verify
Surveying & Geoinformatics	Maths, Physics, one of (Chemistry/Geography)	

Computing & ICT

Course	Required Subjects (+ English)	Notes
Computer Science	Maths, Physics, one of (Chemistry/Biology/Economics/Geography)	Third subject varies by school — verify
Information Technology	Maths, Physics, one of (Chemistry/Biology/Economics)	
Software Engineering	Maths, Physics, Chemistry or Economics	
Cyber Security	Maths, Physics, one of (Chemistry/Economics)	
Statistics	Maths, Physics or Economics, one other	School-specific

Social Sciences & Management

Course	Required Subjects (+ English)	Notes
Economics	Maths, Economics, one of (Government/Geography/Commerce)	
Accounting	Maths, Economics, one of (Commerce/Government/Geography)	Maths is always compulsory
Business Administration	Maths, Economics, one of (Commerce/Government/Geography)	
Banking & Finance	Maths, Economics, one other social science	
Public Administration	Government or History, one social science, one other	School-specific
Political Science	Government, one social science, one other	
Sociology	Government or CRS, one social science, one other	Varies widely by school
Psychology	Biology or Government, two other sciences or social sciences	Very school-specific — verify directly
Mass Communication	Literature-in-English or Government, two arts/social science subjects	
Law	Literature-in-English or Government, CRS/IRK or History, one other	Some schools require Literature specifically

Arts & Humanities

Course	Required Subjects (+ English)	Notes
Literature-in-English	Literature-in-English, one arts subject, one other	
History & International Studies	Government or History, two arts/social science subjects	
Linguistics	Government or Literature, two arts/social science subjects	
Religious Studies	CRS/IRK, Government or History, one other	
Philosophy	Literature or Government, two arts/social science subjects	
French / Foreign Languages	Literature or relevant language subject, two arts subjects	Verify per school
Fine & Applied Arts	Fine Art, Government or Literature, one other	

 Missing Your Course?

This table covers the most commonly applied-for courses. For courses not listed, visit jamb.gov.ng and search the official Brochure section.

The JAMB Brochure is the definitive source — use it as the final word on any combination.

APPENDIX B

School Aggregate Calculation Table

Different universities calculate aggregates differently. This table shows how major Nigerian universities commonly weight UTME, O'Level, and Post-UTME scores when computing the aggregate used for admission decisions.

These Are Historical Patterns — Not Fixed Rules

Universities do not always publish their aggregate formulas publicly, and formulas sometimes change.

Use these calculations as a planning tool, not as a guarantee.

Always verify the current formula on your school's official admissions page or by contacting their admissions office directly.

How Aggregate Scores Are Typically Calculated

Most Nigerian universities use a weighted combination of three inputs. The formula varies but commonly follows this structure:

Input	Typical Weight Range	How It's Converted
UTME Score (out of 400)	40% – 60% of aggregate	Divide raw score by 8 (gives score out of 50), then weight
O'Level Grades	10% – 20% of aggregate	Grade points assigned per subject; usually top 5–6 subjects counted
Post-UTME Score (out of 100)	30% – 50% of aggregate	Multiply by weighting factor; varies by school

University-Specific Aggregate Formulas

University	UTME Weight	O'Level Weight	Post-UTME Weight	Sample Formula
University of Lagos (UNILAG)	~50%	~10%	~40%	$(UTME \div 8 \times 0.5) + (O'Level \text{ pts} \times \text{factor}) + (PUTME \div 2 \times 0.4)$
University of Ibadan (UI)	~50%	~10%	~40%	Similar to UNILAG — verify annually on ui.edu.ng
University of Benin (UNIBEN)	~50%	~10%	~40%	$JAMB/8 \times 50\% + PUTME \times 40\% + O'Level \times 10\%$

University	UTME Weight	O'Level Weight	Post-UTME Weight	Sample Formula
University of Nigeria (UNN)	~50%	~10%	~40%	Verify on unn.edu.ng — formula published each cycle
Obafemi Awolowo Univ (OAU)	~50%	~10%	~40%	Very competitive — check official OAU announcements
Ahmadu Bello Univ (ABU)	~50%	~10%	~40%	ABU uses screening for most courses — no Post-UTME exam
University of Uyo (UNIUYO)	~50%	~10%	~40%	Screening-based — aggregate from JAMB + O'Level only
Nnamdi Azikiwe Univ (UNIZIK)	~50%	~10%	~40%	Verify current formula at unizik.edu.ng
University of Port Harcourt	~50%	~10%	~40%	Check uniport.edu.ng for current cycle formula
Lagos State Univ (LASU)	~50%	~10%	~40%	State university — formula on lasu.edu.ng

O'Level Grade Points — Standard Conversion

Most universities use a grade point system to convert O'Level grades into a numerical score for aggregate calculation. Common conversion tables:

WAEC/NECO Grade	Grade Name	Typical Points Assigned
A1	Excellent	6 points
B2	Very Good	5 points
B3	Good	4 points
C4	Credit	3 points
C5	Credit	2 points
C6	Credit	1 point
D7	Pass	0 points (does NOT count as a credit)
E8	Pass	0 points
F9	Fail	0 points

Sample Aggregate Calculation

UTME Score: 280. Converted: $280 \div 8 = 35$. Weighted at 50%: $35 \times 0.5 = 17.5$

Post-UTME Score: 65. Weighted at 40%: $65 \times 0.4 = 26.0$

O'Level Points (e.g. 12 points from 6 subjects). Weighted at 10%: $12 \times \text{factor} = \sim 4.0$

Estimated Aggregate: $17.5 + 26.0 + 4.0 = 47.5$ (out of ~ 100)

This is an illustrative calculation only. Verify your school's actual formula.

APPENDIX C

CAPS Status Decoder — Complete Reference

Every status you will encounter on the JAMB CAPS portal — explained clearly, with the exact action required for each.

Check CAPS Daily During Admission Season

Log into caps.jamb.gov.ng daily between July and November.

Status changes can happen overnight. Missing a 48-hour window can mean losing your offer.

Screenshot your status every time it changes — date and time stamp included.

CAPS Status	What It Means	Urgency	Action Required
Admission in Progress	School submitted your name to JAMB — decision pending	Low — wait	Monitor daily. Do not panic. This is a normal processing stage.
Admitted	JAMB has formally approved your offer — you have been officially offered admission	CRITICAL — act within 4 weeks	Log into CAPS immediately. Click 'Accept Admission'. Print confirmation letter.
Admitted and Accepted	You have accepted the offer — it is now secured at JAMB level	Next step	Log into your school portal. Complete school-level acceptance. Pay acceptance fee.
Rejected by Candidate	You (or someone on your account) rejected the offer	Urgent if accidental	If accidental, contact JAMB immediately and visit a JAMB office with your documents.
Not Admitted	You were not offered admission in this batch	Continue monitoring	Check subsequent lists. Verify O'Level is uploaded and verified. Consider backup plans.
Awaiting O'Level Results	Your O'Level results have not been uploaded or verified on CAPS	Urgent	Upload immediately at jamb.gov.ng. Do not wait — unverified results block admission finalisation.
Change of Course	You have been offered a different course from what you applied for	Review carefully	Research the offered course before accepting or rejecting. Do not act on emotion.
Change of Institution	You have been offered admission at a different school	Review carefully	Confirm whether the new school suits your

CAPS Status	What It Means	Urgency	Action Required
			goals. Check catchment and course quality.
Admission in Progress (Proposed)	This status sometimes appears before full 'Admitted' — school has proposed, JAMB reviewing	Low — wait	Do not confuse with 'Admitted'. Wait for status to change to 'Admitted' before acting.
DE Admission in Progress	For Direct Entry candidates — same as 'Admission in Progress' but for DE applicants	Wait	Monitor daily. Same process applies as for UTME candidates once 'Admitted' status appears.

Access CAPS at: caps.jamb.gov.ng — Always use your own device and log out after every session. Don't allow others to save your login info especially at cyber cafés.

APPENDIX D

Clearance Master Checklist — Print Before You Travel

Print this page and physically tick each item before leaving for your school's clearance. This is a universal checklist — download your school's own list to confirm any additional institution-specific requirements.

Use Your School's Official Checklist Too

This document reflects common clearance requirements across Nigerian universities.

Individual schools often add specific items — a countersigned LGA certificate, a guarantor form, a school-specific medical form.

Find and download your school's official clearance requirements from their .edu.ng website before traveling. Check Appendix I below for your school's official website.

Section A — Identity & Status Documents

✓	Document	Originals	Photocopies
☐	JAMB Admission Letter (printed from CAPS)	1	2
☐	JAMB UTME Result Slip	1	2
☐	Birth Certificate OR Sworn Age Declaration Affidavit	1 original	2
☐	National ID Card, Voter's Card, or International Passport (at least one)	1	1

Section B — Academic Documents

✓	Document	Originals	Photocopies
☐	O'Level Result (WAEC/NECO/NABTEB) — the ones uploaded to CAPS	1 original	4
☐	Secondary School Leaving Certificate / School Testimonial	1 original	2
☐	Post-UTME / Screening Registration Slip	1	2
☐	JAMB Change of Institution / Course letter (if applicable)	1	2

Section C — State & LGA Documents

✓	Document	Originals	Photocopies
☐	Certificate of State of Origin (signed and stamped by LGA Chairman or Secretary)	1 original	2

✓	Document	Originals	Photocopies
☐	Local Government Certificate (if required separately by your school)	1 original	2
☐	Indigene Letter (some schools, particularly for catchment applicants)	1	1

Section D — Financial Documents

✓	Document	Originals	Photocopies
☐	Acceptance Fee Payment Receipt (printed from school portal)	1	2 or more
☐	Any other school-required payment receipt (medical fee, ID card fee, etc.)	1	1 or more

Section E — Medical & Physical Documents

✓	Document	Notes
☐	Medical Fitness Certificate	Must be from a government or teaching hospital for most federal universities. Book appointment 2 weeks before clearance.
☐	Blood Group Certificate (included in medical)	Usually part of the medical fitness report
☐	Genotype Certificate (included in medical)	Usually part of the medical fitness report
☐	Chest X-Ray Report (required by some health science programmes)	Confirm with your department beforehand

Section F — Photographs

✓	Requirement	Specification
☐	Passport Photographs	Minimum 8 copies. White/red background. Neutral expression. No glasses. Printed on photo paper — NOT plain A4. Size: 2 x 2 inches unless school specifies otherwise.

Final Pre-Travel Check

- All documents sorted into a labelled file or folder — not scattered in a bag
- Digital backup: photograph of every document saved on your phone and in cloud storage like Google Drive so that you can access it if your phone gets missing.
- School's official clearance schedule confirmed: date, time, location, and required dress code

- Accommodation arranged for the travel period — clearance often takes multiple days
- Emergency contact number for the school's admissions office saved on your phone

APPENDIX E

Admission Probability Framework — Self-Assessment Tool

Use this tool to honestly assess your admission chances and decide your next action. Respond based on what is actually true — not what you hope to be true.

Factor	Strong (3 pts)	Average (2 pts)	Weak (1 pt)	Your Score
UTME Score	280 and above	230–279	Below 230	
O'Level Grades	5+ credits, all in one sitting, strong grades in all required subjects	5 credits minimum met, some in two sittings	Missing required credits or D7 in a required subject	
Post-UTME Preparation	Structured preparation using school-specific past questions — scores above historical departmental average	Some preparation, average practice, borderline scores	No structured preparation; scores consistently below departmental average	
School Selection	Target school is within catchment; UTME score competitive for department historically	Borderline competitive; non-catchment applicant	Score significantly below school's historical departmental cutoff	
O'Level Upload Status	Uploaded, verified, and confirmed on CAPS before Post-UTME	Uploaded but not yet verified	Not yet uploaded or showing error on CAPS	
Aggregate Estimate	Aggregate at or above historical departmental cutoff	Within 3 points below historical cutoff	More than 5 points below historical cutoff	

Total your score out of 18.

Total Score	Probability Assessment	Recommended Action
15–18	Strong position — competitive across most factors	Proceed confidently. Monitor CAPS daily. Focus on Post-UTME execution.
11–14	Average position — competitive but with identifiable weak points	Identify which factors scored 1–2 and address them specifically before the cycle closes.
7–10	Weak position — multiple critical gaps present	Serious consideration of backup options. Prepare both for this cycle and a redirect if needed.

Total Score	Probability Assessment	Recommended Action
6 and below	Very weak position — majority of admission factors are not competitive	Redirect is strongly advisable. Begin IJMB, JUPEB, or polytechnic research immediately or wait for next cycle while being productive.

APPENDIX F

Post-UTME Battle Plan Template — Fill In and Execute

Complete this template the moment your UTME results are released. Do not leave any field blank. Vague plans produce vague results.

Step 1 — Know Your Target

Question	Your Answer
My target school:	
My target course:	
Does this school conduct a Post-UTME exam or screening only?	
If Post-UTME exam: which subjects are tested?	
Historical Post-UTME format (MCQ? Essay? Both?):	
Historical aggregate cutoff for my course at this school:	
My UTME score:	
My estimated O'Level contribution to aggregate:	
Post-UTME score I need to hit my aggregate target:	

Step 2 — Know Your Timeline

Milestone	Date
Post-UTME registration opens:	
Post-UTME registration closes:	
Post-UTME exam date:	
Weeks available for preparation:	
My daily available study hours:	

Step 3 — Subject Attack Plan

Subject	My Weakest Topics	Daily Study Hours	Past Question Source	Mock Score Target
Subject 1:				

Subject	My Weakest Topics	Daily Study Hours	Past Question Source	Mock Score Target
Subject 2:				
Subject 3:				
Subject 4 (if tested):				

Step 4 — Weekly Mock Schedule

Week	Mock Date	Subjects Covered	Score Achieved	Areas to Fix
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
Week 7				
Week 8 (Final)				

One Non-Negotiable Rule

Complete at least one full timed mock exam per week — same conditions as the real exam.
 No pausing. No checking answers mid-exam. No phone. Time yourself strictly.
 Your mock score in week 7 is a reliable predictor of your actual performance.

CHECK THE RESOURCES PAGE ON techmedng.com to download and print your FREE COPY.

APPENDIX G

Common Admission Mistakes Database

Every mistake in this database has been made by real students. Every consequence listed is real. Use this as a preventive reference — not a post-mortem.

Stage	Mistake	Real Consequence	Prevention
Pre-JAMB	Choosing a course based on family pressure rather than academic profile	Student spends 3+ cycles failing to enter a course they are not competitive for	Honest self-assessment: score range required vs. personal capabilities before deciding
JAMB Registration	Selecting the wrong subject combination	Automatic ineligibility — no Post-UTME or screening will correct it	Verify on jamb.gov.ng before submitting registration. No exceptions.
JAMB Registration	NIN not linked before registration deadline	Cannot complete JAMB registration; misses the entire cycle	Sort NIN linkage in January — before registration opens
O'Level	Assuming a D7 in Mathematics counts as a credit	Disqualified from admission despite meeting all other requirements	C6 minimum in all required subjects — check actual grades on result slip
O'Level	Combining three exam bodies (WAEC + NECO + NABTEB) without verifying acceptance	School rejects result combination; clearance blocked	Verify per-school policy on multi-body results before applying
School Selection	Applying to a school far outside catchment with a borderline score	Score is not competitive enough; misses admission despite adequate preparation	Account for catchment in school selection. Apply within catchment when score is borderline.
Post-UTME	Treating Post-UTME as a general exam without school-specific preparation	Average Post-UTME score collapses a strong JAMB aggregate	Source school-specific past questions. Research format. Prepare targeted, not general.
O'Level Upload	Selecting the wrong exam body during CAPS upload	Verification fails; O'Level shows unverified; admission withheld	Triple-check WAEC vs NECO vs NABTEB before submitting upload form
CAPS	Not checking CAPS after appearing on admission list	Offer expires unaccepted; slot goes to next candidate	Check CAPS daily July–November. Accept within 48 hours of 'Admitted' status.
CAPS	Rejecting admission offer by mistake	Offer withdrawn; difficult to reverse	Read all details before clicking anything. Have a second person present for confirmation.
Acceptance Fee	Paying via a forwarded WhatsApp link	Money enters fraud account; school has no record of payment	Only use school's official .edu.ng portal for payments. Never use links from third parties.

Stage	Mistake	Real Consequence	Prevention
Clearance	Traveling without all required documents	Sent home; loses accommodation costs, travel expenses, and clearance window	Use your school's specific checklist. Pack and verify 48 hours before travel.
Clearance	Wrong passport photo specifications	Rejected at clearance desk; must reprint and re-queue	Print at a proper photo studio. 8+ copies. White background. Photo paper only.
Fraud	Paying an agent to 'sort' admission	Loses money; receives fake confirmation; may lose legitimate options while waiting	If it is not on CAPS, it is not real. Report to EFCC.
Mental Health	Making major decisions immediately after a failed cycle	Accepts wrong course, enters wrong institution, or falls for scam out of desperation	Apply the 72-hour rule: no major decisions for 72 hours after bad news.

APPENDIX H

Master Admission Timeline Calendar

This calendar maps the full Nigerian university admission cycle from start to finish. Specific dates shift each year — but the sequence is consistent. Use this to anticipate every stage before it arrives.

Fill In Actual Dates Each Year

Download the current year's JAMB schedule from jamb.gov.ng when it is published (usually December–January).

Add your school's specific Post-UTME date, clearance window, and acceptance fee deadline to the blanks in this calendar.

Set phone reminders for every critical deadline at least one week in advance.

Phase	Typical Period	What Happens	Your Action	Your Date
Pre-Registration Planning	October – December	Course selection, school research, O'Level assessment	Finalise course and school choice. Confirm subject combination. Assess O'Level gaps.	
NIN Linkage	December – January	National Identity Number must be linked to JAMB profile	Sort NIN at an NIMC office. Do not leave until January — queues are long.	
JAMB Registration Opens	January – February	CBT centre selection, profile creation, subject entry	Register as early as possible. Preferred CBT slots fill quickly.	
UTME Examination	April – May	All candidates sit their 4-subject UTME at CBT centres	Execute two-pass strategy. Manage time. Do not leave any question unanswered.	
UTME Results Released	April – May	Scores published on JAMB portal (jamb.gov.ng)	Check your score. Run aggregate estimate. Decide on school strategy.	
Post-UTME Registration	May – September	Schools announce and open Post-UTME registration windows	Monitor your school's website daily. Register immediately. Do not wait for reminders.	
Post-UTME / Screening	June – September	Schools conduct exams or document screening	Execute your 8-week Battle Plan. Arrive early. Bring all required documents.	
O'Level Upload Window	Ongoing — critical before September	Upload O'Level results to CAPS for verification	Upload immediately on release of results.	

Phase	Typical Period	What Happens	Your Action	Your Date
			Verify the confirmation shows 'Verified'.	
First Admission List	July – September	Schools release first batch of admitted candidates	Check school website AND CAPS daily. Accept within 48 hours if your name appears.	
CAPS Admission Period	July – November	JAMB proposes and tracks admission status	Check CAPS daily. Know your status. Respond immediately to any change.	
Second Admission List	September – October	Remaining competitive candidates offered places	Continue monitoring if not on first list. Do not assume the cycle is over.	
Supplementary List	October – November	Final batch of candidates; often includes clearing	Last opportunity for this cycle. Accept immediately if offered.	
Acceptance Fee Deadline	Varies by school — usually 2–4 weeks after list	Schools require formal acceptance payment	Pay only via official school portal. Print receipt immediately.	
Clearance & Verification	September – December	Physical document verification at the school	Gather all documents. Use official school checklist. Travel prepared.	
Course Registration	First 2–3 weeks of resumption	Academic course selection for first semester	Register all courses before deadline. Attend departmental orientation.	
Matriculation	Within first semester	Formal induction as a university student	Attend — it is compulsory. Check dress code and required documents in advance.	

APPENDIX I

Useful Official Links & Platforms

Only use official platforms for admission-related actions. Unofficial sites — however professional they look — are potential fraud vectors.

Verify Every URL Before Paying or Logging In

Nigerian university websites end in .edu.ng — always confirm this before entering login details or making payments.

Bookmark official links the first time you find them. Do not rely on links sent via WhatsApp or SMS.

JAMB Official Platforms

Platform	URL	Use It For
JAMB Main Portal	jamb.gov.ng	Registration, profile creation, brochure, official announcements
JAMB CAPS Portal	caps.jamb.gov.ng	Checking admission status, accepting/rejecting offers
JAMB CAPS (O'Level Upload)	jamb.gov.ng (profile section)	Uploading WAEC/NECO/NABTEB results for verification
JAMB UTME Results	jamb.gov.ng (profile section)	Checking your UTME score after results are released
JAMB e-Facility	efacility.jamb.gov.ng	Change of institution, change of course, data correction
JAMB Fraud Reporting	jamb.gov.ng/contact	Reporting admission fraud or impersonation

Examination Bodies

Body	URL	Use It For
WAEC Nigeria	waecdirect.org	Checking WAEC results online for upload verification
NECO	neco.gov.ng	Checking NECO results and scratch card verification
NABTEB	nabteb.gov.ng	NABTEB result verification

Tertiary Institutions' Official Portals

NIGERIAN TERTIARY INSTITUTION ADMISSION INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORY (2026 EDITION)

This directory covers all major accredited Nigerian tertiary institutions recognised by NUC, NBTE, and NCCE as at 2026. Use it to research your target institution's admission method, catchment area, competition level, and official website before applying. All admission methods reflect patterns from the 2025 admission cycle. Always verify current details on the institution's official portal.

⚠ IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

Admission methods, competition levels, and institutional details can change between cycles.

Catchment areas are meant to be an advantage to indigenes of the host state of federal universities and states in the same geopolitical zones as the host state. If your state isn't there, DON'T WORRY, non-catchment candidates with strong aggregates are regularly admitted.

This directory reflects historical patterns and publicly available information as at 2025/2026.

Always verify current admission requirements directly on each institution's official .edu.ng website and on the JAMB portal at jamb.gov.ng before completing your application.

SECTION A — FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU), Bauchi	University	Federal	Bauchi	Bauchi, Gombe, Plateau, Adamawa, Taraba	UTME + O'Level	High	atbu.edu.ng
Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria	University	Federal	Kaduna	All 19 Northern States (Kaduna,, Kebbi, Niger, etc.)	UTME + CBT Post-UTME + O'Level Aggregate	Very High	abu.edu.ng
Alex Ekwueme Federal University, Ndufu-Alike Ikwo (AE-FUNAI)	University	Federal	Ebonyi	Ebonyi, Enugu, Benue, Cross River	UTME + O'Level	High	funai.edu.ng
Bayero University Kano (BUK)	University	Federal	Kano	Kano, Katsina, Jigawa, Zamfara	UTME + O'Level	Very High	buk.edu.ng
Federal University Birnin Kebbi	University	Federal	Kebbi	Kebbi, Sokoto, Zamfara	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fubk.edu.ng
Federal University Dutse	University	Federal	Jigawa	Jigawa, Kano, Katsina	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fud.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Federal University Dutsin-Ma	University	Federal	Katsina	Katsina, Kano, Jigawa, Zamfara	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fudutsinma.edu.ng
Federal University Gusau	University	Federal	Zamfara	Zamfara, Kebbi, Sokoto, Katsina	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fugushua.edu.ng
Federal University Kashere	University	Federal	Gombe	Gombe, Bauchi, Borno, Adamawa	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fukashere.edu.ng
Federal University Lafia	University	Federal	Nasarawa	Nasarawa, Plateau, Benue, Kogi	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fulafia.edu.ng
Federal University Lokoja	University	Federal	Kogi	Kogi, Benue, Nasarawa, Niger, Kwara	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fulokoja.edu.ng
Federal University Otuoke	University	Federal	Bayelsa	Bayelsa, Rivers, Delta, Edo	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fuotuoike.edu.ng
Federal University Oye-Ekiti (FUOYE)	University	Federal	Ekiti	Ekiti, Ondo, Osun, Kwara	UTME + O'Level	High	fuoye.edu.ng
Federal University Wukari	University	Federal	Taraba	Taraba, Benue, Adamawa, Plateau	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fuwukari.edu.ng
Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta (FUNAAB)	University	Federal	Ogun	Ogun, Lagos, Oyo, Ondo, Osun	UTME + O'Level	High	funaab.edu.ng
Joseph Sarwan Tarka University, Makurdi (JOSTUM)	University	Federal	Benue	Benue, Nasarawa, Plateau, Kogi	UTME + O'Level	High	uam.edu.ng
Federal University of Agriculture Zuru	University	Federal	Kebbi	Kebbi, Sokoto, Niger, Zamfara	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fuaz.edu.ng
Federal University of Health Sciences Ila Orangun	University	Federal	Osun	Osun, Oyo, Ogun, Ekiti, Ondo	UTME + O'Level	High	Information Not Publicly Available
Federal University of Health Sciences Otuipo	University	Federal	Benue	Benue, Nasarawa, Kogi, Plateau	UTME + O'Level	High	fuhso.edu.ng
Federal University of Petroleum Resources Effurun (FUPRE)	University	Federal	Delta	Delta, Edo, Rivers, Bayelsa	UTME + O'Level	Very High	fupre.edu.ng
Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA)	University	Federal	Ondo	Ondo, Ekiti, Osun, Oyo, Delta	UTME + O'Level	Very High	futa.edu.ng
Federal University of Technology Minna (FUT Minna)	University	Federal	Niger	Niger, Kebbi, Kwara, Kogi, Kaduna	UTME + O'Level	High	futminna.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Federal University of Technology Owerri (FUTO)	University	Federal	Imo	Imo, Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu	UTME + O'Level	Very High	futo.edu.ng
Michael Okpara University of Agriculture Umudike (MOUUAU)	University	Federal	Abia	Abia, Imo, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu	UTME + O'Level	High	mouau.edu.ng
Modibbo Adama University Yola (MAU)	University	Federal	Adamawa	Adamawa, Taraba, Gombe, Borno	UTME + O'Level	High	mautech.edu.ng
National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN)	University	Federal	FCT / Nationwide	All States (distance learning)	O'Level+ Interview	Low	noun.edu.ng
Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA)	University	Federal	Kaduna	All States (military selection)	UTME + Aptitude Test + Interview + Medical	Extremely High	nda.edu.ng
Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka (UNIZIK)	University	Federal	Anambra	Anambra, Enugu, Imo, Ebonyi, Abia	UTME + O'Level	Very High	unizik.edu.ng
Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife (OAU)	University	Federal	Osun	Osun, Oyo, Ogun, Lagos, Ondo, Ekiti	UTME + O'Level	Extremely High	oauife.edu.ng
University of Abuja (UNIABUJA)	University	Federal	FCT	FCT, Nasarawa, Niger, Kogi	UTME + O'Level	High	uniabuja.edu.ng
University of Benin (UNIBEN)	University	Federal	Edo	Edo, Delta, Bayelsa, Rivers, Ondo	UTME + O'Level	Very High	uniben.edu.ng
University of Calabar (UNICAL)	University	Federal	Cross River	Cross River, Akwa Ibom, Ebonyi	UTME + O'Level	High	unical.edu.ng
University of Ibadan (UI)	University	Federal	Oyo	Oyo, Ogun, Lagos, Osun, Kwara, Ondo	UTME + O'Level	Extremely High	ui.edu.ng
University of Ilorin (UNILORIN)	University	Federal	Kwara	Kwara, Kogi, Ekiti, Niger, Oyo	UTME + O'Level	Extremely High	unilorin.edu.ng
University of Jos (UNIJOS)	University	Federal	Plateau	Plateau, Nasarawa, Benue, Bauchi	UTME + O'Level	High	unijos.edu.ng
University of Lagos (UNILAG)	University	Federal	Lagos	Lagos, Ogun, Oyo, Osun, Ondo, Ekiti	UTME + O'Level	Extremely High	unilag.edu.ng
University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID)	University	Federal	Borno	Borno, Yobe, Adamawa, Gombe, Bauchi	UTME + O'Level	High	unimaid.edu.ng
University of Nigeria Nsukka (UNN)	University	Federal	Enugu	Enugu, Anambra,	UTME + O'Level	Very High	unn.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
				Imo, Ebonyi, Abia			
University of Port Harcourt (UNIPORT)	University	Federal	Rivers	Rivers, Bayelsa, Imo, Delta, Abia	UTME + O'Level	Very High	uniport.edu.ng
University of Uyo (UNIUYO)	University	Federal	Akwa Ibom	Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Rivers	UTME + O'Level	High	uniuyo.edu.ng
Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto (UDUS)	University	Federal	Sokoto	Sokoto, Kebbi, Zamfara, Niger	UTME + O'Level	High	udusok.edu.ng

SECTION B — STATE UNIVERSITIES

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Abia State University Uturu (ABSU)	University	State	Abia	Primarily Abia State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	abiastateuniversity.edu.ng
Adamawa State University Mubi	University	State	Adamawa	Primarily Adamawa State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	adsu.edu.ng
Adekunle Ajasin University Akungba-Akoko (AAUA)	University	State	Ondo	Primarily Ondo State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	aaua.edu.ng
Akwa Ibom State University (AKSU)	University	State	Akwa Ibom	Primarily Akwa Ibom State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	aksu.edu.ng
Ambrose Alli University Ekpoma (AAU)	University	State	Edo	Primarily Edo State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	aauekpoma.edu.ng
Anambra State University (ANSU)	University	State	Anambra	Primarily Anambra State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	ansu.edu.ng
Bauchi State University Gadau	University	State	Bauchi	Primarily Bauchi State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	basug.edu.ng
Benue State University Makurdi (BSU)	University	State	Benue	Primarily Benue State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	bsum.edu.ng
Bukar Abba Ibrahim University Damaturu (BAIU)	University	State	Yobe	Primarily Yobe State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	baiu.edu.ng
Cross River University of Technology (CRUTECH)	University	State	Cross River	Primarily Cross River State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	crutech.edu.ng
Delta State University Abraka (DELSU)	University	State	Delta	Primarily Delta State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	delsu.edu.ng
Ebonyi State University Abakaliki (EBSU)	University	State	Ebonyi	Primarily Ebonyi State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	ebsu.edu.ng
Ekiti State University Ado-Ekiti (EKSU)	University	State	Ekiti	Primarily Ekiti State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	eksu.edu.ng
Enugu State University of Science and Technology (ESUT)	University	State	Enugu	Primarily Enugu State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	esut.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Gombe State University (GSU)	University	State	Gombe	Primarily Gombe State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	gsu.edu.ng
Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida University Lapai (IBBU)	University	State	Niger	Primarily Niger State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ibbu.edu.ng
Ignatius Ajuru University of Education (IAUE)	University	State	Rivers	Primarily Rivers State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	iaue.edu.ng
Imo State University Owerri (IMSU)	University	State	Imo	Primarily Imo State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	imsu.edu.ng
Jigawa State University Kafin Hausa	University	State	Jigawa	Primarily Jigawa State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	jsu.edu.ng
Kaduna State University (KASU)	University	State	Kaduna	Primarily Kaduna State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	kasu.edu.ng
Kano State University of Science and Technology Wudil	University	State	Kano	Primarily Kano State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kustwudil.edu.ng
Katsina State University (KSU)	University	State	Katsina	Primarily Katsina State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ksu.edu.ng
Kebbi State University of Science and Technology Aliero	University	State	Kebbi	Primarily Kebbi State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ksusta.edu.ng
Kogi State University Anyigba	University	State	Kogi	Primarily Kogi State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ksu.edu.ng
Kwara State University Malete (KWASU)	University	State	Kwara	Primarily Kwara State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	kwasu.edu.ng
Lagos State University (LASU)	University	State	Lagos	Primarily Lagos State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Very High	lasu.edu.ng
Nasarawa State University Keffi (NSUK)	University	State	Nasarawa	Primarily Nasarawa State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	nsuk.edu.ng
Niger Delta University Wilberforce Island (NDU)	University	State	Bayelsa	Primarily Bayelsa State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	ndu.edu.ng
Northwest University Kano	University	State	Kano	Primarily Kano State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	nwu.edu.ng
Nwafor Orizu College of Education Nsugbe (NOCEN)	College of Education	State	Anambra	Primarily Anambra State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	nocen.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Ogun State University (Olabisi Onabanjo University, OOU)	University	State	Ogun	Primarily Ogun State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	oouagoiwoye.edu.ng
Ondo State University of Medical Sciences (UNIMED)	University	State	Ondo	Primarily Ondo State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Very High	unimed.edu.ng
Osun State University Osogbo (UNIOSUN)	University	State	Osun	Primarily Osun State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	uniosun.edu.ng
Plateau State University Boko	University	State	Plateau	Primarily Plateau State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	plasu.edu.ng
Prince Abubakar Audu University Anyigba (PAU)	University	State	Kogi	Primarily Kogi State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ksu.edu.ng
Rivers State University Port Harcourt (RSU)	University	State	Rivers	Primarily Rivers State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	ust.edu.ng
Sokoto State University	University	State	Sokoto	Primarily Sokoto State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ssu.edu.ng
Taraba State University Jalingo	University	State	Taraba	Primarily Taraba State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	tsuniversity.edu.ng
Umar Musa Yar'Adua University Katsina (UMYU)	University	State	Katsina	Primarily Katsina State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	umyu.edu.ng
University of Medical Sciences Ondo (UNIMED)	University	State	Ondo	Primarily Ondo State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Very High	unimed.edu.ng
Yobe State University Damaturu	University	State	Yobe	Primarily Yobe State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ysu.edu.ng
Zamfara State University Talata Mafara	University	State	Zamfara	Primarily Zamfara State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	zamfarastateuniversity.edu.ng

SECTION C — PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Achievers University Owo	University	Private	Ondo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	achievers.edu.ng
Adeleke University Ede	University	Private	Osun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	adelekeuniversity.edu.ng
Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD)	University	Private	Ekiti	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	High	abuad.edu.ng
African University of Science and Technology (AUST)	University	Private	FCT	Not Applicable	UTME + Post-UTME + O'Level	High	aust.edu.ng
Ahmadu Bello University Business School (Non-degree)	Specialized	Private	Kaduna	Not Applicable	UTME + Interview	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Al-Hikmah University Ilorin	University	Private	Kwara	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	alhikmah.edu.ng
Al-Qalam University Katsina	University	Private	Katsina	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	alqalam.edu.ng
American University of Nigeria Yola (AUN)	University	Private	Adamawa	Not Applicable	UTME + Interview + O'Level	High	aun.edu.ng
Augustine University Ilara-Epe	University	Private	Lagos	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	augustineuniversity.edu.ng
Babcock University Ilishan-Remo	University	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	High	babcock.edu.ng
Bells University of Technology Ota	University	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	bellsuniversity.edu.ng
Benson Idahosa University Benin City (BIU)	University	Private	Edo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	biu.edu.ng
Bowen University Iwo	University	Private	Osun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	High	bowenuniversity.edu.ng
Calvin Foundation University Nibo	University	Private	Anambra	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Caleb University Lagos	University	Private	Lagos	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	calebuniversity.edu.ng
Caritas University Enugu	University	Private	Enugu	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	caritasuni.edu.ng
Chrisland University Owode	University	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	chrislanduniversity.edu.ng
Christopher University Mowe	University	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	christopheruniversity.edu.ng
Clifford University Owerri	University	Private	Abia	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	clifforduniversity.edu.ng
Coal City University Enugu	University	Private	Enugu	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	coalcityuniversity.edu.ng
Covenant University Ota (CU)	University	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Very High	covenantuniversity.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Crawford University Igbesa	University	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	crawforduniversity.edu.ng
Crescent University Abeokuta	University	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	crescentuniversity.edu.ng
Crown Hill University Eiyenkorin	University	Private	Kwara	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Dominican University Ibadan	University	Private	Oyo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	dominican.edu.ng
Edo University Iyamho	University	Private	Edo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	edouniversity.edu.ng
Edwin Clark University Kiagbodo	University	Private	Delta	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	edwinclark.edu.ng
Elizade University Ilara-Mokin	University	Private	Ondo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	elizadeuniversity.edu.ng
Evangel University Akaeze	University	Private	Ebonyi	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	evangel.edu.ng
Fountain University Osogbo	University	Private	Osun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fountainuniversity.edu.ng
Gerar University of Medical Science Imo	University	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	High	geraruni.edu.ng
Godfrey Okoye University Ugwuomu-Nike	University	Private	Enugu	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	gouni.edu.ng
Gregory University Uturu	University	Private	Abia	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	gregoryuniversity.edu.ng
Hallmark University Ijebu-Itele	University	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	hallmarkuniversity.edu.ng
Hezekiah University Umudi	University	Private	Imo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	hezekiahuniversity.edu.ng
Hillside University of Science and Technology Okemesi	University	Private	Ekiti	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Joseph Ayo Babalola University Ikeji-Arakeji (JABU)	University	Private	Osun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	jabu.edu.ng
Kings University Ode-Omu	University	Private	Osun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kingsuniversity.edu.ng
Kwararafa University Wukari	University	Private	Taraba	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kwararafauniversity.edu.ng
Landmark University Omu-Aran	University	Private	Kwara	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	High	lmu.edu.ng
Lead City University Ibadan	University	Private	Oyo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	lcu.edu.ng
Legacy University Okija	University	Private	Anambra	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	legacyuniversity.edu.ng
Lifefort University Ijigbo	University	Private	Kwara	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Madonna University Okija	University	Private	Anambra	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	madonnauniversity.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
McPherson University Seriki Sotayo	University	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	mcphersonuniversity.edu.ng
Mewar International University Masaka	University	Private	Nasarawa	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Michael and Cecilia Ibru University Agbarha-Otor	University	Private	Delta	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	mciu.edu.ng
Mountain Top University Ibafo	University	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	mtu.edu.ng
Nile University of Nigeria Abuja	University	Private	FCT	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	High	nileuniversity.edu.ng
Novena University Ogume	University	Private	Delta	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	novenauniversity.edu.ng
Oduduwa University Ipetumodu	University	Private	Osun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	oduduwauniversity.edu.ng
Osei Bonsu College of Education Kyebi (Overseas-based, not in Nigeria)	University	Private	Anambra	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Pan-Atlantic University Lagos (PAU)	University	Private	Lagos	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Very High	pau.edu.ng
Paul University Awka	University	Private	Anambra	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	pauluniversity.edu.ng
Philomath University Kuje	University	Private	FCT	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Precious Cornerstone University Ibadan	University	Private	Oyo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	pcu.edu.ng
Redeemer's University Ede (RUN)	University	Private	Osun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	High	run.edu.ng
Renaissance University Enugu	University	Private	Enugu	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	rnu.edu.ng
Robert Bowen University Iwo	University	Private	Osun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Rhema University Obeama-Asa	University	Private	Rivers	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	rhemauniversity.edu.ng
Ritman University Ikot Ekpene	University	Private	Akwa Ibom	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ritmanuniversity.edu.ng
Salem University Lokoja	University	Private	Kogi	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	salemuniversity.edu.ng
Samuel Adegboyega University Ogwa	University	Private	Edo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	sau.edu.ng
Spiritan University Nneochi	University	Private	Abia	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	spiritanuniversity.edu.ng
Summit University Offa	University	Private	Kwara	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	summituniversity.edu.ng
Tansian University Umunya	University	Private	Anambra	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	tansianuniversity.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
The Technical University Ibadan	University	Private	Oyo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	techu.edu.ng
Thomas Adewumi University Oko	University	Private	Kwara	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	tau.edu.ng
Trinity University Lagos	University	Private	Lagos	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	trinityuniversity.edu.ng
Unique University Ofe-Nkor (Ebonyi)	University	Private	Ebonyi	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
University of Mkar	University	Private	Benue	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	unimkar.edu.ng
Veritas University Abuja	University	Private	FCT	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	veritas.edu.ng
Wellspring University Benin City	University	Private	Edo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	wellspringuniversity.edu.ng
Wesley University Ondo	University	Private	Ondo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	wesleyuniversity.edu.ng
Western Delta University Oghara	University	Private	Delta	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	wdu.edu.ng
Wigwe University Isiokpo	University	Private	Rivers	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	High	wigweuniversity.edu.ng

SECTION D — FEDERAL POLYTECHNICS

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Auchi Polytechnic	Polytechnic	Federal	Edo	Edo, Delta, Bayelsa, Rivers	UTME + O'Level	High	auchipoly.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti	Polytechnic	Federal	Ekiti	Ekiti, Ondo, Osun, Kwara	UTME + O'Level	High	fedpolyado.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Bauchi	Polytechnic	Federal	Bauchi	Bauchi, Gombe, Plateau, Adamawa	UTME + O'Level	High	fpb.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Bali	Polytechnic	Federal	Taraba	Taraba, Benue, Adamawa, Plateau	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fedpolybali.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Bida	Polytechnic	Federal	Niger	Niger, Kebbi, Kwara, Kogi	UTME + O'Level	High	bidapoly.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Damaturu	Polytechnic	Federal	Yobe	Yobe, Borno, Gombe, Adamawa	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fedpoda.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Daura	Polytechnic	Federal	Katsina	Katsina, Kano, Jigawa, Zamfara	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fedpolydaura.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Ede	Polytechnic	Federal	Osun	Osun, Oyo, Ondo, Ekiti, Ogun	UTME + O'Level	High	fedpolyede.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Ekowe	Polytechnic	Federal	Bayelsa	Bayelsa, Rivers, Delta, Edo	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fedpolyekowe.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Idah	Polytechnic	Federal	Kogi	Kogi, Benue, Nasarawa, Niger	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fedpolyidah.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Ile-Oluji	Polytechnic	Federal	Ondo	Ondo, Ekiti, Osun, Oyo	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fedpolyilo.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Ilaro	Polytechnic	Federal	Ogun	Ogun, Lagos, Oyo, Osun, Ondo	UTME + O'Level	High	federalpolyilaro.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Kaura Namoda	Polytechnic	Federal	Zamfara	Zamfara, Kebbi, Sokoto, Katsina	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fedpolykaura.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Mubi	Polytechnic	Federal	Adamawa	Adamawa, Taraba, Gombe, Borno	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fedpolymubi.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Nasarawa	Polytechnic	Federal	Nasarawa	Nasarawa, Plateau, Benue, Niger	UTME + O'Level	High	fedpolyn.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Nekede	Polytechnic	Federal	Imo	Imo, Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi	UTME + O'Level	High	fpno.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Federal Polytechnic Offa	Polytechnic	Federal	Kwara	Kwara, Kogi, Niger, Oyo, Ekiti	UTME + O'Level	High	fedpolyoffa.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Oke	Polytechnic	Federal	Anambra	Anambra, Enugu, Imo, Ebonyi, Abia	UTME + O'Level	High	fedpolyoke.edu.ng
Federal Polytechnic Ukana	Polytechnic	Federal	Akwa Ibom	Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Rivers	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fedpolyukana.edu.ng
Hussaini Adamu Federal Polytechnic Kazaure	Polytechnic	Federal	Jigawa	Jigawa, Kano, Katsina	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	hafedpoly.edu.ng
Kaduna Polytechnic	Polytechnic	Federal	Kaduna	Kaduna, Niger, Kano, Zamfara, Sokoto	UTME + O'Level	High	kadpoly.edu.ng
National Institute of Construction Technology and Management Uromi	Polytechnic	Federal	Edo	Edo, Delta, Ondo, Anambra	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	nictm.edu.ng
Plateau State Polytechnic Barkin Ladi (now Federal)	Polytechnic	Federal	Plateau	Plateau, Nasarawa, Benue, Kaduna	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	pspl.edu.ng
The Polytechnic Ibadan	Polytechnic	Federal	Oyo	Oyo, Osun, Ogun, Lagos, Kwara	UTME + O'Level	High	polyibadan.edu.ng
Waziri Umaru Federal Polytechnic Birnin Kebbi	Polytechnic	Federal	Kebbi	Kebbi, Sokoto, Zamfara, Niger	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	wufpbk.edu.ng
Yaba College of Technology (YABATECH)	Polytechnic	Federal	Lagos	Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Oyo, Osun	UTME + O'Level	Very High	yabatech.edu.ng

SECTION E — STATE POLYTECHNICS

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Abia State Polytechnic Aba	Polytechnic	State	Abia	Primarily Abia State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	abiapoly.edu.ng
Abraham Adesanya Polytechnic Ijebu-Igbo	Polytechnic	State	Ogun	Primarily Ogun State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	aapoly.edu.ng
Adamawa State Polytechnic Yola	Polytechnic	State	Adamawa	Primarily Adamawa State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	adpoly.edu.ng
Akwa Ibom State Polytechnic Ikot Osurua	Polytechnic	State	Akwa Ibom	Primarily Akwa Ibom State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	akwapolytech.edu.ng
Benue State Polytechnic Ugbokolo	Polytechnic	State	Benue	Primarily Benue State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	benpoly.edu.ng
Cross River State Institute of Technology and Management Calabar	Polytechnic	State	Cross River	Primarily Cross River State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Delta State Polytechnic Ovwashi-Uku	Polytechnic	State	Delta	Primarily Delta State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	dspg.edu.ng
Delta State Polytechnic Otefe-Oghara	Polytechnic	State	Delta	Primarily Delta State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	dspotefe.edu.ng
Delta State Polytechnic Ozoro	Polytechnic	State	Delta	Primarily Delta State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	dspo.edu.ng
Gateway Polytechnic Saapade	Polytechnic	State	Ogun	Primarily Ogun State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	gatewaypolytechnic.edu.ng
Imo State Polytechnic Umuagwo	Polytechnic	State	Imo	Primarily Imo State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	imopoly.edu.ng
Institute of Management and Technology Enugu (IMT)	Polytechnic	State	Enugu	Primarily Enugu State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	imtugwuomu.edu.ng
Kano State Polytechnic	Polytechnic	State	Kano	Primarily Kano State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kanopoly.edu.ng
Kogi State Polytechnic Lokoja	Polytechnic	State	Kogi	Primarily Kogi State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kogistatepolytechnic.edu.ng
Kwara State Polytechnic Ilorin	Polytechnic	State	Kwara	Primarily Kwara State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kwarapoly.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Lagos State Polytechnic Ikorodu (now merged into LASU)	Polytechnic	State	Lagos	Primarily Lagos State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	laspotech.edu.ng
Moshood Abiola Polytechnic Ojere (MAPOLY)	Polytechnic	State	Ogun	Primarily Ogun State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	mapoly.edu.ng
Niger State Polytechnic Zungeru	Polytechnic	State	Niger	Primarily Niger State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	nigerstatepolytechnic.edu.ng
Nuhu Bamalli Polytechnic Zaria	Polytechnic	State	Kaduna	Primarily Kaduna State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	nubapoly.edu.ng
Osun State College of Technology Esa-Oke	Polytechnic	State	Osun	Primarily Osun State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	oscotech.edu.ng
Osun State Polytechnic Iree	Polytechnic	State	Osun	Primarily Osun State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ospoly.edu.ng
Oyo State College of Agriculture and Technology Igboora	Polytechnic	State	Oyo	Primarily Oyo State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	oyscotech.edu.ng
Rufus Giwa Polytechnic Owo	Polytechnic	State	Ondo	Primarily Ondo State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	rugipo.edu.ng
Sokoto State Polytechnic	Polytechnic	State	Sokoto	Primarily Sokoto State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
The Polytechnic Ile-Ife	Polytechnic	State	Osun	Primarily Osun State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	polyileife.edu.ng

SECTION F — PRIVATE POLYTECHNICS

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Covenant Polytechnic Aba	Polytechnic	Private	Abia	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	covenantpoly.edu.ng
Crown Polytechnic Ado-Ekiti	Polytechnic	Private	Ekiti	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	crownpoly.edu.ng
Dorben Polytechnic Bwari	Polytechnic	Private	FCT	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Grace Polytechnic Lagos	Polytechnic	Private	Lagos	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	gracepoly.edu.ng
Heritage Polytechnic Ikot Udo	Polytechnic	Private	Akwa Ibom	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	heritagepoly.edu.ng
Igbajo Polytechnic	Polytechnic	Private	Osun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	igbajopoly.edu.ng
Interlink Polytechnic Ijebu-Jesa	Polytechnic	Private	Osun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	interlinkpoly.edu.ng
Kalac Christal Polytechnic Sangotedo	Polytechnic	Private	Lagos	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Kings Polytechnic Ubiaja	Polytechnic	Private	Edo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kingspoly.edu.ng
Lens Polytechnic Offa	Polytechnic	Private	Kwara	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Our Saviour Institute of Science Agriculture and Technology Enugu	Polytechnic	Private	Enugu	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	osisat.edu.ng
Ronik Polytechnic Ejigbo	Polytechnic	Private	Lagos	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ronikpoly.edu.ng
Shaka Polytechnic Benin City	Polytechnic	Private	Edo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	shakapoly.edu.ng
Temple-Gate Polytechnic Aba	Polytechnic	Private	Abia	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Wolex Polytechnic Ijebu-Igbo	Polytechnic	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	wolexpoly.edu.ng

SECTION G — FEDERAL COLLEGES OF EDUCATION

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Adeyemi Federal University of Education Ondo (AFUED)	College of Education	Federal	Ondo	Ondo, Ekiti, Osun, Oyo, Delta	UTME + O'Level	High	aue.edu.ng
Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education Owerri	College of Education	Federal	Imo	Imo, Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu	UTME + O'Level	High	alvanikoku.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Abeokuta	College of Education	Federal	Ogun	Ogun, Lagos, Oyo, Ondo, Osun	UTME + O'Level	High	fceabeokuta.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Asaba	College of Education	Federal	Delta	Delta, Edo, Bayelsa, Rivers, Anambra	UTME + O'Level	High	fceasaba.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Eha-Amufu	College of Education	Federal	Enugu	Enugu, Anambra, Ebonyi, Imo, Abia	UTME + O'Level	High	fceeha.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Gombe	College of Education	Federal	Gombe	Gombe, Bauchi, Borno, Adamawa	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fcegombe.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Jama'are	College of Education	Federal	Bauchi	Bauchi, Gombe, Plateau, Jigawa	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fcejamare.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Kano	College of Education	Federal	Kano	Kano, Jigawa, Katsina, Zamfara	UTME + O'Level	High	fcekano.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Katsina	College of Education	Federal	Katsina	Katsina, Kano, Jigawa, Zamfara	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fcekatsina.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Kontagora	College of Education	Federal	Niger	Niger, Kebbi, Kwara, Kogi	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fcekontagora.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Obudu	College of Education	Federal	Cross River	Cross River, Akwa Ibom, Ebonyi, Benue	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fceobudu.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Okene	College of Education	Federal	Kogi	Kogi, Niger, Benue, Nasarawa, Kwara	UTME + O'Level	High	fceokene.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Omoku	College of Education	Federal	Rivers	Rivers, Bayelsa, Imo, Delta	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fceomoku.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Pankshin	College of Education	Federal	Plateau	Plateau, Nasarawa, Benue, Bauchi	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fcephankshin.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Federal College of Education (Technical) Akoka	College of Education	Federal	Lagos	Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Oyo, Osun	UTME + O'Level	High	fcetakoka.edu.ng
Federal College of Education (Technical) Asaba	College of Education	Federal	Delta	Delta, Edo, Anambra, Rivers, Bayelsa	UTME + O'Level	High	fcetasaba.edu.ng
Federal College of Education (Technical) Bichi	College of Education	Federal	Kano	Kano, Jigawa, Katsina	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fcetbichi.edu.ng
Federal College of Education (Technical) Gombe	College of Education	Federal	Gombe	Gombe, Bauchi, Borno, Adamawa	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fcetgombe.edu.ng
Federal College of Education (Technical) Omoku	College of Education	Federal	Rivers	Rivers, Bayelsa, Imo, Delta	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fcetomouk.edu.ng
Federal College of Education (Technical) Potiskum	College of Education	Federal	Yobe	Yobe, Borno, Gombe, Adamawa	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fcetpotiskum.edu.ng
Federal College of Education (Technical) Umuze	College of Education	Federal	Anambra	Anambra, Imo, Enugu, Abia, Ebonyi	UTME + O'Level	High	fcetumunze.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Yola	College of Education	Federal	Adamawa	Adamawa, Taraba, Borno, Gombe	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fceyola.edu.ng
Federal College of Education Zaria	College of Education	Federal	Kaduna	Kaduna, Kano, Zamfara, Niger, Sokoto	UTME + O'Level	High	fcezaria.edu.ng

SECTION H — STATE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Adeniran Ogunsanya College of Education Otto-Ijanikin	College of Education	State	Lagos	Primarily Lagos State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	aocoed.edu.ng
College of Education Akwanga	College of Education	State	Nasarawa	Primarily Nasarawa State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	coeakwanga.edu.ng
College of Education Azare	College of Education	State	Bauchi	Primarily Bauchi State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	coeazare.edu.ng
College of Education Fikpo	College of Education	State	Ebonyi	Primarily Ebonyi State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
College of Education Gindiri	College of Education	State	Plateau	Primarily Plateau State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	coegindiri.edu.ng
College of Education Hong	College of Education	State	Adamawa	Primarily Adamawa State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	coehong.edu.ng
College of Education Oju	College of Education	State	Benue	Primarily Benue State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	coejou.edu.ng
College of Education Warri	College of Education	State	Delta	Primarily Delta State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	coewarri.edu.ng
Emmanuel Alayande College of Education Oyo	College of Education	State	Oyo	Primarily Oyo State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	eacoed.edu.ng
Enugu State College of Education (Technical) Enugu	College of Education	State	Enugu	Primarily Enugu State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	escet.edu.ng
FCT College of Education Zuba	College of Education	State	FCT	FCT, Niger, Nasarawa, Kogi	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	fctcoe.edu.ng
Imo State College of Education IHITTE/UBOMA	College of Education	State	Imo	Primarily Imo State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	imocoe.edu.ng
Isaac Jasper Boro College of Education Sagbama	College of Education	State	Bayelsa	Primarily Bayelsa State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ijbcoe.edu.ng
Jigawa State College of Education Gumel	College of Education	State	Jigawa	Primarily Jigawa State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	jscoe.edu.ng
Kaduna State College of	College of Education	State	Kaduna	Primarily Kaduna State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kscoe.edu.ng

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Education Gidan Waya							
Katsina State College of Education Katsina	College of Education	State	Katsina	Primarily Katsina State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kscoe-katsina.edu.ng
Kebbi State College of Education Argungu	College of Education	State	Kebbi	Primarily Kebbi State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kscoe-argungu.edu.ng
Kogi State College of Education Ankpa	College of Education	State	Kogi	Primarily Kogi State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kscoe-ankpa.edu.ng
Kwara State College of Education Ilorin	College of Education	State	Kwara	Primarily Kwara State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	kwscoe.edu.ng
Nasarawa State College of Education Lafia	College of Education	State	Nasarawa	Primarily Nasarawa State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	nascoe.edu.ng
Niger State College of Education Minna	College of Education	State	Niger	Primarily Niger State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	nscoe.edu.ng
Nwafor Orizu College of Education Nsugbe	College of Education	State	Anambra	Primarily Anambra State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	nocen.edu.ng
Ogun State College of Education Ilaro	College of Education	State	Ogun	Primarily Ogun State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	oscilaro.edu.ng
Ondo State College of Education Ilaro	College of Education	State	Ondo	Primarily Ondo State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	ondocoe.edu.ng
Osun State College of Education Ila-Orangun	College of Education	State	Osun	Primarily Osun State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	osucoed.edu.ng
Rivers State College of Education Port Harcourt	College of Education	State	Rivers	Primarily Rivers State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	rscoe.edu.ng
Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education Kano	College of Education	State	Kano	Primarily Kano State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	srcoe.edu.ng
Sokoto State College of Education Sokoto	College of Education	State	Sokoto	Primarily Sokoto State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	sscoe.edu.ng
Tai Solarin College of Education Ijebu-Ode (TASCE)	College of Education	State	Ogun	Primarily Ogun State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	High	tasce.edu.ng
Zamfara State College of Education Maru	College of Education	State	Zamfara	Primarily Zamfara State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	zscoe.edu.ng

SECTION I — PRIVATE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Bauchi Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies	College of Education	Private	Bauchi	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
College of Education Nnewi (COEAG)	College of Education	Private	Anambra	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Demonstration Secondary School College of Education Lagos	College of Education	Private	Lagos	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Fountain College of Education Osogbo	College of Education	Private	Osun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Good Shepherd College of Education Akwanga	College of Education	Private	Nasarawa	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Greater Tomorrow College of Education Ibadan	College of Education	Private	Oyo	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Holy Trinity College of Education Ogun	College of Education	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Ignatius Ajuru University of Education (State upgraded)	College of Education	Private	Rivers	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	iaue.edu.ng
St. Augustine College of Education Akoka	College of Education	Private	Lagos	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
St. Francis College of Education Abeokuta	College of Education	Private	Ogun	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	Information Not Publicly Available
Shehu Shagari College of Education Sokoto	College of Education	Private	Sokoto	Not Applicable	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	sscoe.edu.ng

SECTION J — SPECIALIZED & OTHER ACCREDITED TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

Institution	Type	Ownership	State	Catchment Area	Admission Route	Competition Level	Official Website
Air Force Institute of Technology Kaduna (AFIT)	Specialized Institution	Federal	Kaduna	Military/Defence selection nationwide	Defence Recruitment + UTME + Interview	Extremely High	afit.edu.ng
Defence Academy (See NDA)	Specialized Institution	Federal	Kaduna	All States (military selection)	UTME + Aptitude Test + Interview	Extremely High	nda.edu.ng
Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Enugu	Specialized Institution	State	Enugu	Primarily Enugu State indigenes	UTME + CBT + O'Level	High	imtugwuomu.edu.ng
Lagos Business School (Pan-Atlantic University)	Specialized Institution	Private	Lagos	Not Applicable	UTME + Interview + O'Level	Very High	lbs.edu.ng
Maritime Academy of Nigeria Oron	Specialized Institution	Federal	Akwa Ibom	All States (maritime selection)	UTME + CBT + Physical Screening	High	man.edu.ng
National Mathematical Centre Abuja	Specialized Institution	Federal	FCT	All States (merit-based)	Merit Screening	High	nmc.edu.ng
Nigerian Army School of Military Engineering Kakuri	Specialized Institution	Federal	Kaduna	Military selection nationwide	Military Recruitment	Extremely High	Information Not Publicly Available
Nigerian Institute of Journalism Lagos (NIJ)	Specialized Institution	State	Lagos	Primarily Lagos State indigenes	UTME + O'Level	Moderate	nij.edu.ng
Nigerian Law School (NLS) Abuja	Specialized Institution	Federal	FCT	All States (law graduates only)	LL.B + Qualifying Bar Exam	Extremely High	nls.edu.ng
Petroleum Training Institute Effurun (PTI)	Specialized Institution	Federal	Delta	Delta, Edo, Bayelsa, Rivers, Ondo	UTME + O'Level	High	pti.edu.ng

HOW TO USE THIS DIRECTORY

1. Identify your target institution in the relevant category table.
2. Note the Admission Method and Screening Style — this determines your preparation strategy.
3. Note the Catchment Area — if you are not within catchment, your UTME score needs to be stronger.
4. Check Competition Level — this should inform your school selection strategy (see Chapter 7 of the guide).
5. Visit the Official Website to confirm current requirements before registering.

6. Always cross-reference with JAMB CAPS at caps.jamb.gov.ng for final admission status.

⚠ Please Note:

The list above reflects the consistent screening patterns of these universities over recent admission cycles. However, each school's policy is subject to change by the university authority. Before you skip preparing for a Post-UTME, confirm via the school's official admissions portal that the current session is screening-only. When in doubt, prepare anyway—it's better to be over-prepared than caught off guard.

#NoWastedYear

techmedng.com | 07044255045

TECHMED Official Platforms

Platform	Link	Use It For
TECHMED Website	techmedng.com	Guide updates, free tools, Booster Systems, calculator, about us.
WhatsApp Community	Send 'TECHMED' to 07044255045	Daily guidance, live sessions, peer support
WhatsApp Channel	whatsapp.com/channel/0029Vb7tQsfD38CSNxWtHN3i	Admission alerts, deadline reminders, announcements from TECHMED

Crisis & Support

Service	Contact	For
Nigerian Suicide Prevention Helpline	0800 800 2000 (free, 24/7)	Mental health crisis support
EFCC Fraud Reporting	efcc.gov.ng or 08093322644	Reporting admission fraud and scams
JAMB Fraud Reporting	jamb.gov.ng/contact	Admission-specific fraud, fake agents, CAPS manipulation

APPENDIX J

Emergency Admission Checklist — When Everything Is Moving Fast

Use this checklist when you are in the middle of a live admission situation — offer just appeared on CAPS, clearance tomorrow, acceptance fee deadline today. No reading. Just rapid, structured action.

Emergency A — You Just Appeared on the Admission List

☐ Action	Time Target
☐ Log into caps.jamb.gov.ng — confirm status shows 'Admitted'	Within 1 hour of hearing the news
☐ Read ALL details on CAPS — confirm course and school are correct	Before clicking anything
☐ Click 'Accept Admission' on CAPS	Within 24 hours of confirmation
☐ Screenshot/print the CAPS confirmation page	Immediately after accepting
☐ Log into school's official portal — complete school-level acceptance	Same day as CAPS acceptance
☐ Identify acceptance fee amount and deadline on school portal	Same day
☐ Pay acceptance fee via official school payment gateway ONLY	Before deadline — aim for same week
☐ Print acceptance fee receipt	Immediately after payment
☐ Begin gathering clearance documents	Within 48 hours of acceptance

Emergency B — Clearance Is Tomorrow

☐ Action
☐ Lay out every required document — physically count and verify each one
☐ Make 4 photocopies of each document — more is always better than fewer
☐ Photograph every document on your phone — backup in cloud storage
☐ Confirm school's clearance location, time, and dress code
☐ Count your passport photographs — bring at least 8, ideally 12
☐ Confirm your medical fitness certificate is sealed and from a government hospital
☐ Have your acceptance fee receipt printed and in your file
☐ Write down the school's admissions office number — save it on your phone
☐ Pack everything in a labelled file folder — not loose in a bag
☐ Arrange overnight accommodation near school if distance is more than 2 hours

Emergency C — You Think You Have Been Scammed

☐ Action	Contact
☐ Stop all further payments immediately	—
☐ Screenshot every message, receipt, and profile of the person involved	Save to cloud — not just phone
☐ Check your actual CAPS status at caps.jamb.gov.ng	Confirm the real situation yourself
☐ Report to EFCC	efcc.gov.ng or 08093322644
☐ Report to JAMB fraud unit	jamb.gov.ng/contact
☐ Warn your family and community with the person's details	Via WhatsApp — protect others
☐ Return to the legitimate process — contact your school's admissions office directly and do things right	Your school's official .edu.ng website

Emergency D — Admission Cycle Has Closed and You Were Not Admitted

☐ Action	Timeline
☐ Apply the 72-hour rule — make no major decision for 72 hours	This week
☐ Run the Admission Probability Framework (Appendix E) — identify what actually went wrong	This week
☐ Research IJMB centres and enrolment deadlines	Week 2
☐ Research JUPEB programmes at your target university	Week 2
☐ Research polytechnic ND admission — JAMB DE registration	Week 2–3
☐ Begin skill acquisition — digital skills, freelancing, etc	This month
☐ Build your resit preparation plan using Chapter 25 framework	If resitting
☐ Join TECHMED community for structured guidance and peer support	Immediately

These tools are only useful if you use them. Pick one. Start now.

#NoWastedYear

techmedng.com | 07044255045