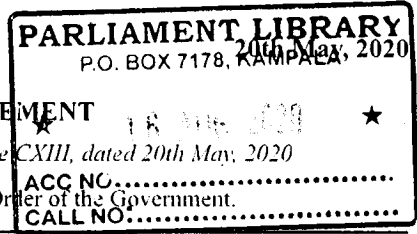


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**Bill No. 13** *Uganda National Examinations Board Bill* **2020**

**THE UGANDA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD  
BILL, 2020**

**MEMORANDUM**

**1. Object**

The object of this Bill is to reform the law to provide for the Uganda National Examinations Board to regulate, and oversee the national examinations; and to harmonise the Uganda National Examinations Board Act with other existing government laws and policies, to define the powers and functions of the Uganda National Examinations Board with regard to preparation, organisation and administration of national examinations; to improve the standards and quality of national examinations conducted by the Examinations Board and to address new and emerging challenges affecting the administration and management of national examinations.

The Bill seeks to repeal and replace the Uganda National Examinations Board Act, Cap 137 which was enacted in 1983. Since 1983, Uganda's education system has undergone a number of reforms ranging from legal, institutional and policy framework coupled with the socio- economic changes which have affected the operations of the Examinations Board and implementation of the Act.

In addition, since the enactment of the Uganda National Examinations Board Act, Cap 137 in 1983 there are new emerging issues due to

the changing educational and technological revolution that require review and additional provisions to address them. Some of the issues include matters dealing with systematic measuring and monitoring the performance of individual pupils, students, schools. The national education system needs to be strengthened and made consistent with other legal provisions. It is therefore imperative to reform the law as it does not meet current needs and the long-term goals of Government in the education sector.

## **2. Defects in the existing law**

The penalties in the Act are weak and therefore need enhancement to make them more meaningful and deterrent to match the objectives of the regulatory framework.

The current Board of UNEB is bloated which contravenes the principles of good governance and puts a huge financial burden on the budget of the Examinations Board. The powers and functions of the Board under the current UNEB Act are narrow and fall short of providing the comprehensive regime that allows the Board to properly conduct credible and quality examinations.

The current Act is not in tandem with the developments in the Country for instance several Acts have been passed which have established examination boards, for example Uganda Nurses and Midwives Examinations Board (UNMEB) and the Uganda Business and Technical Examination Board (UBTEB) which are currently responsible for preparing and administering national examinations for Business, Technical, Vocational Education and Training (BTVET) institutions and medical examinations. As a result, the UNEB Act needed to be revised to separate the functions of UNEB from those of the newly established examinations boards.

## **3. Remedies.**

The Bill therefore seeks to address the gaps that have been identified in the current law by—

- reforming the law relating to the administration and management of primary and secondary national examinations and any other examinations the Board may consider necessary;
- the continuation of the Uganda National Examinations Board as a body corporate;
- downsizing the Board from its current size of thirty members to match the principles of good governance by removing non-existent positions that were affected partly by the restructuring of Government ministries, Departments and Agencies in 1998;
- widening the functions and powers of the Board and making them consistent with other laws; and
- expanding of offences and enhanced deterrent penalties to deter examination malpractice and to match with the current times.

#### **4. Provisions of the Bill**

The Bill consists of six parts and two schedules.

##### **PART I—PRELIMINARY**

This Part deals with the commencement of the Act and interpretation of key words and phrases used within the context of the Bill.

##### **PART II—THE UGANDA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD**

Part II of the Bill provides for the institutional arrangement of the Examinations Board. Continuation in existence of the Examinations Board and outlines its powers and functions. Clauses 7 to 15 provides for the Board while clause 16 and 17 provides for the Executive Director and his or her functions.

**PART III—FUNDS OF EXAMINATIONS BOARD**

This Part deals with all matters relating to funds of the Examinations Board. And compliance with the Public Finance Management Act.

**PART IV—OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

Part IV of the Bill provides for offences and penalties while Part V deals with other powers of the Examinations Board.

**PART VI—MISCELLANEOUS**

This Part deals with the general matters relating to the Examinations Board including protection from liability and prosecution, oath of secrecy, power to make Regulations, and transition and savings (Clauses 42 to 49 of the Bill).

JANET K. MUSEVENI,

*First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports*

THE UGANDA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD,  
BILL, 2020

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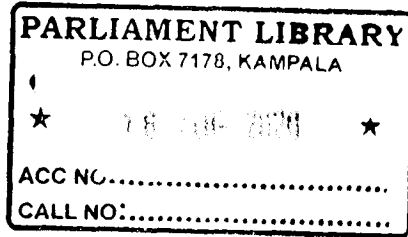
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A Bill for an Act

ENTITLED

**THE UGANDA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD,  
BILL, 2020**

AN ACT to continue in existence the Uganda National Examinations Board; to provide for its functions, the Board and Secretariat, management, finances and offences and penalties; to repeal the Uganda National Examinations Board Act, Cap 137 and for related matters.

BE IT ENACTED by Parliament as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

**1. Interpretation**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Board” means the Board of Directors of the Uganda National Examinations Board;

“candidate” means a person duly registered to take an examination conducted by the Examinations Board;

- “currency point” has the value assigned to it in Schedule 1 to this Act;
- “Examinations Board” means the Uganda National Examinations Board continued in existence under section 2 of this Act;
- “examination centre” means a place registered by the Examinations Board for the conduct of examinations under this Act;
- “examination malpractice” means an act of wrongdoing carried out by a candidate, a group of candidates or any other person with the intention to cheat or gain an unfair advantage in an examination or to place a candidate at a disadvantage;
- “examination material” means a question paper or any other material which is used in an examination;
- “examination paper” means a question paper, examination instructions or braille or in respect of an examination which has not been taken, the draft or copy of a question paper, examination instructions or braille, and includes the electronic form of a question paper, examination instructions or braille;
- “external assistance” includes dictation of an answer to a candidate, writing an answer to a question where a candidate copies the answer, writing an answer to a question or part of a question, in a candidates answer script;
- “Minister” means the Minister responsible for education;
- “storage station” means a place designated by the Examinations Board as a place where examinations materials are kept.



PART II—THE UGANDA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD

**2. The Uganda National Examinations Board**

(1) The Uganda National Examinations Board in existence immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall continue in existence, subject to the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Examinations Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and may, for the discharge of its functions under this Act—

- (a) sue or be sued in its corporate name;
- (b) purchase, hold, manage and dispose of any property; and
- (c) enter into such contracts or other transactions, as may be necessary or expedient.

**3. Seal and documents of Examinations Board**

(1) The seal of the Examinations Board shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairperson and the Executive Director and shall be in the custody of the Executive Director.

(2) Every document purporting to be an instrument by the Examinations Board which is sealed with the seal of the Examinations Board authenticated in the manner provided under this section, shall be received and deemed to be such an instrument without further proof, unless the contrary is shown.

**4. Functions of Examinations Board**

(1) The functions of the Examinations Board are—

- (a) to register candidates for Primary Leaving Examinations, Uganda Certificate of Education examinations and Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education examinations and any other examinations the Board may consider necessary;

- (b) to prepare, conduct and supervise primary and secondary school national examinations and any other examinations the Board may consider necessary;
- (c) to award certificates to the successful candidates who sit for the examinations conducted by the Examinations Board;
- (d) to issue certificates of confirmation where certificates awarded in paragraph (c) are lost or destroyed or on request by any other person;
- (e) on request by any person, to determine the equivalency of a qualification awarded by another examining body with a corresponding qualification awarded by the Examinations Board;
- (f) to prepare, conduct and supervise examinations as may be required under any other law;
- (g) on request, to prepare, conduct and supervise examinations on behalf of another examining body;
- (h) to register a school or any other place as an examination centre;
- (i) to offer consultancy services, undertake research on educational assessment and prepare and carry out other forms of educational assessment including aptitude testing, national assessment and international assessment; and
- (j) to publish research reports, past examinations papers and any other similar documents.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), the Examinations Board shall display the register of the students registered for the examinations in a conspicuous place at the district headquarters and at the school notice board, at which the candidates are registered, sixty days before the date for commencement of the national examinations.

(3) The certificates awarded under subsection (1)(c) shall be in a form approved by the Examinations Board and shall bear the signatures of the Chairperson and the Executive Director.

## **5. Powers of Examinations Board**

(1) In the performance of its functions, the Examinations Board shall have powers to do all things and to act in all ways necessary for, or incidental to the purpose for which it is established.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the Examinations Board has powers to—

- (a) demand for any information, document or record in respect of any examination where an examination malpractice is alleged, reported or proven against any school, examination centre or person;
- (b) conduct such investigations as it may consider necessary, and during the investigations, withhold the examination results of any candidate until the investigations are concluded;
- (c) call for any information or the production of any documents the Examinations Board may require, within such period, in such place and from such person as the Examinations Board may determine, to assist in the investigations;
- (d) institute or commission an inquiry or investigation into a case of alleged examination malpractice;
- (e) conduct hearings in case of examination malpractice;
- (f) summon any person the Examinations Board considers fit to assist as a witness in any inquiry or investigation into a case of examination malpractice and where necessary, examine the witness on oath;
- (g) cancel or suspend the registration of an examination centre which is proven to have engaged in examination malpractice;

- (h) recall the results of a candidate that are released in error;
- (i) appoint supervisors, invigilators, scouts, monitors and special needs education support personnel to assist in the conduct and supervision of examinations;
- (j) invite any person, as may be necessary, to conduct, jointly with the Examinations Board, examinations and to award certificates to the successful candidates, jointly with the invited person;
- (k) with the approval of the Minister and the Minister responsible for finance, charge examination registration fees;
- (l) charge fees for the publications and for the services offered by the Examinations Board on a commercial basis; and
- (m) request the Uganda Communications Commission to control the use of any type of electronic communication for a specified duration where it is suspected or proved that a malpractice is being committed using electronic communication.

(3) The Examinations Board may, cancel an examination paper where it is proved that there is an examination malpractice of a wide or national magnitude, with respect to that examination paper.

(4) The Examinations Board may, for a reasonable cause delay, withhold or cancel any examinations results.

(5) The Examinations Board shall cancel a certificate awarded to a candidate under subsection 4(1)(c) where it is proved—

- (a) that the certificate was acquired fraudulently;
- (b) that the certificate was awarded in error; or
- (c) after the certificate is awarded, that the person to whom it is awarded committed an act of examination malpractice.

**6. Board of Directors**

(1) The Examinations Board shall have a Board of Directors which shall be the governing body of the Examinations Board.

(2) The Board shall consist of—

- (a) a chairperson appointed by the President;
- (b) a representative of the Directorate for Basic and Secondary Education who shall be at the rank of Commissioner or above;
- (c) a representative of the Directorate for Education Standards who shall be at the rank of Commissioner or above;
- (d) a representative of the Directorate of the National Curriculum Development Centre who shall be at the rank of Commissioner or above;
- (e) a representative of the Attorney General who shall be at the rank of Commissioner or above;
- (f) a head teacher of a secondary school, nominated by the Secondary School Head Teachers' Association;
- (g) a principal of a primary teachers training institution nominated by the Principals' Association;
- (h) a head teacher of a primary school, nominated by the Primary School Head Teachers' Association;
- (i) a representative of the Public Service Commission, who shall be at the rank of Commissioner or above;
- (j) a representative of the Education Service Commission, who shall be at the rank of Commissioner or above;
- (k) a vice chancellor of a public or private university, elected by the Vice Chancellors' forum;

- (l) a person representing the interests of persons with disabilities nominated by the National Council for Disability;
- (m) a person representing the proprietors of private primary and secondary schools; and
- (n) the Executive Director, who shall be an *ex officio* member.

(3) The members of the Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Minister.

(4) At least one third of the members of the Board shall be women.

(5) The Minister shall, in appointing the members of the Board under subsection (2), invite nominations from the respective institutions or organisations from which the appointments are to be made.

(6) The members appointed under subsection (2)(l) and (m) shall be persons who qualify, by virtue of their knowledge and experience in examination management.

(7) A person shall be qualified to be appointed as the Chairperson of the Board where he or she—

- (a) holds a master's degree from a recognised University; and
- (b) has held a senior management level position in the public service for at least ten years or has experience as an educationalist, of at least ten years.

(8) The Executive Director shall be the secretary to the Board and shall not have the right to vote in any matter coming before the Board for decision.

**7. Disqualification from appointment to Board**

A person shall not be appointed to the Board where the person—

- (a) has been convicted of an offence under this Act or of an offence involving dishonesty or fraud by a competent court;
- (b) has been convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment for six months or more by a competent court without the option of a fine;
- (c) is determined to be a person suffering from mental illness after confirmation by a medical officer; or
- (d) has been declared insolvent.

**8. Tenure of office of Board members**

The Chairperson and the members of the Board specified in section 6(2) (f), (g), (h), (k), (l) and (m) shall hold office for three years and are eligible for re-appointment for one more term.

**9. Resignation from office**

(1) The Chairperson of the Board may, at any time, resign from his or her office, by giving notice of thirty days, in writing, to the Minister.

(2) A member of the Board may, at any time, resign from his or her office, by giving notice of thirty days, in writing, through the Chairperson, to the Minister.

**10. Removal from office**

(1) The Minister may remove from office a member of the Board—

- (a) where information relating to the conduct of the member, which could have precluded his or her appointment, is brought to the attention of the Minister after his or her appointment;

- (b) for incompetence;
- (c) for misbehavior or misconduct;
- (d) for failure to disclose, at a Board meeting, a matter in which he or she has a personal interest;
- (e) for inability to perform the functions of his or her office arising from infirmity of body or mind on confirmation of a medical officer;
- (f) who is convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment for six months or more by a competent court without the option of a fine; or
- (g) for absence, without prior notice to the Chairperson from more than three consecutive scheduled meetings of the Board, without reasonable excuse, or for absence from Uganda for more than twelve months.

(2) Where it appears to the Minister that there is cause to remove from office a member of the Board under subsection (1), the Minister shall notify the member concerned, in writing, and shall give the member an opportunity to submit his or her explanation to the Minister.

#### **11. Filling vacancies on Board**

(1) A vacancy on the Board occurs where, a member of the Board dies, resigns, ceases to hold the office under which he or she was appointed to the Board, is removed from office or for any other reason, is unable to act as a member of the Board.

(2) The Chairperson shall notify the Minister of the vacancy within one month after the occurrence of the vacancy.

(3) The Minister shall, after being notified of the vacancy under this section, appoint, another person to the Board in accordance with section 6.



(4) Where the member of the Board referred to in subsection (1) is the Chairperson, the Minister shall notify the President of the vacancy and the President shall appoint another person to be the Chairperson of the Board in accordance with section 6.

## **12. Remuneration of members of Board**

The Chairperson and members of the Board shall be paid such remuneration as the Minister may, in consultation with the Minister responsible for finance and the Minister responsible for public service, specify in the instruments of appointment.

## **13. Meetings of Board**

The meetings of the Board and related matters shall be conducted in accordance with Schedule 2 to this Act.

## **14. Committees of Board**

(1) The Board shall have the following committees—

- (a) the Examinations Committee;
- (b) the Finance and General Purposes Committee;
- (c) the Appointments and Disciplinary Committee; and
- (d) the Examinations Security Committee.

(2) The Board may, on the advice of the Executive Director, appoint other committees as it considers necessary to perform functions of the Board.

(3) A committee appointed under this section shall adopt its own rules and procedure but shall, in any event, be guided by the procedure provided in Schedule 2 to this Act.

## **15. Executive Director**

(1) There shall be an Executive Director of the Examinations Board appointed by the Minister on recommendation of the Board on terms and conditions specified in the instrument of appointment.

(2) The Executive Director shall be a person of high moral character and proven integrity, with the relevant qualifications, skills and experience related to the functions of the Examinations Board.

(3) The Executive Director shall be appointed for a period of five years and is eligible for reappointment for one more term.

(4) The Executive Director shall be removed from office—

- (a) where information relating to the conduct of the Executive Director which could have precluded his or her appointment, is brought to the attention of the Minister;
- (b) for incompetence or misconduct;
- (c) for inability to perform the functions of his or her office arising from infirmity of body or mind after confirmation of the infirmity by a medical officer;
- (d) where he or she has been convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment for six months or more by a competent court in Uganda; or
- (h) where he or she has been declared insolvent.

#### **16. Functions of Executive Director**

The Executive Director is accountable to the Board and shall—

- (a) be the chief executive and accounting officer of the Examinations Board;
- (b) be responsible for the day to day administration and operations of the Examinations Board; and
- (c) report to the Board on the performance of the Examinations Board.

#### **17. Other staff of the Examinations Board**

(1) The Board may, on the advice of the Executive Director, appoint other staff of the Examinations Board.

(2) The other staff of the Examinations Board appointed under this section shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board as may be specified in the instruments of appointment.

(3) Subject to subsection (1), the Board shall in accordance with the Rules made under section 44, pay, pensions, gratuities and other like payments on retirement or termination of service whether by contributory or non-contributory arrangements, to the staff of the Examinations Board.

**PART III—FUNDS OF EXAMINATIONS BOARD.**

**18. Funds of Examinations Board**

The funds of the Examinations Board shall consist of—

- (a) money appropriated by Parliament for the purposes of the Examinations Board;
- (b) examination registration fees paid by the candidates;
- (c) loans, donations or grants received by the Examinations Board from sources within or outside Uganda, with the approval of the Minister responsible for finance; and
- (d) any other monies that may become payable to the Examinations Board in the discharge of its functions under this Act.

**19. Power to open and operate bank accounts**

(1) The Examinations Board shall, with the approval of the Accountant General, open and maintain such bank accounts as are necessary for the performance of the functions of the Examinations Board.

(2) The Executive Director shall ensure that all monies received by or on behalf of the Examinations Board are banked as soon as practicable in the bank accounts of the Examinations Board.

(3) The Executive Director shall ensure that no monies are withdrawn from or are paid out of any of the Examinations Board's bank accounts without his or her authorisation.

(4) The Executive Director shall notify the Board on the status of the accounts of the Examinations Board and advise on their operation or closure.

**20. Power to borrow.**

Subject to Article 159 of the Constitution and the Public Finance Management Act, 2015, the Examinations Board may borrow money from any source as may be required for meeting its obligations or for the discharge of its functions under this Act.

**21. Estimates.**

(1) The Executive Director shall, not later than three months before the end of each financial year, prepare and submit to the Board for its approval, estimates of income and expenditure of the Examinations Board for the next financial year.

(2) The Examinations Board shall, in accordance with the Public Finance Management Act, 2015, prepare and submit to the Minister, a budget containing the estimates of the income and expenditure of the Examinations Board for the next financial year.

**22. Audit.**

The Auditor General or an auditor appointed by the Auditor General shall, in each financial year, audit the accounts of the Examinations Board in accordance with the National Audit Act, 2008.

**23. Compliance with the Public Finance Management Act, 2015.**

The Examinations Board shall, at all times comply with the Public Finance Management Act, 2015.

PART IV—OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

**24. Application of Part**

In this Part reference to “examination paper, examination material, any other material and information” includes—

- (a) the electronic version of an examination paper, examination material or any other material or information; and
- (b) the electronic transmission of an examination paper, examination material or any other material and information.

**25. Unauthorised possession of examination paper, material or information**

(1) A person who willfully before or during an examination has in his or her possession or under his or her control or who attempts to gain possession of any examination paper or any part of an examination paper, examination material, any other material or information which purports to relate to the contents of any examination paper or material or information for that examination, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

(2) A person who willfully or negligently, assists or causes any candidate to obtain or gain unauthorised possession of any examination paper, examination material, any other material and information or any part of the examination paper, material or information, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

(3) Where the person convicted under subsection (2), is a registered teacher, he or she shall in addition be disciplined according to the relevant laws regulating the teaching profession.

(4) For the purposes of proving an offence under this section, it shall not be necessary for the prosecution to prove that the examination paper, examination material, any other material or information is genuine or not.

**26. Examination malpractice**

(1) A person who—

- (a) without lawful authority, before or during an examination, gives an examination paper, information or examination material or any other material to a candidate or to any other person;
- (b) with intent to fail or pass a candidate, alters the work, data, information, score or marks of a candidate;
- (c) without lawful authority, makes a change in the original answer script of a candidate;
- (d) substitutes the original answer script of a candidate;
- (e) alters the examination number, photograph or other identification of a candidate;
- (f) without lawful authority, alters the records of the Examinations Board with regard to an examination or examination results or a particular candidate; or
- (g) while engaged as a supervisor, invigilator, scout, monitor or special needs education support personnel negligently allows or fails to stop unauthorised assistance from being given to a candidate,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

**27. Loss or misuse of examination paper, material or information**

A person who having in his or her possession or under his or her control any examination paper, examination material, any other material or information relating to the examination, who willfully or negligently loses the examination paper, examination material, any other material or information, or who uses the examination paper, examination material, any other material or information in a manner which is prejudicial to the proper and fair conduct of any examination, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

**28. Damage or destruction of examination paper, examination material, any other material or information**

A person who willfully or maliciously damages an examination paper, examination material, any other material, or information, or any evidence that may lead to conviction under this Act, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

**29. Impersonation**

A person who—

- (a) is not registered to sit for an examination but who with intent to impersonate, presents or attempts to present himself or herself or another person, as a person registered as a candidate; or
- (b) registers for an examination using a false name or identity or sells, buys, borrows, lends or steals a certificate issued by the Examinations Board with intent to impersonate,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

**30. Possession of offensive materials and disturbances at examinations**

(1) A person who is at, in or near a place designated as an examination room or examination area, with the intent to disrupt the conduct of an examination or to harm, intimidate, assault or obstruct a candidate or any person involved in the conduct or supervision of the examination—

- (a) has in their possession offensive material; or
- (b) acts or incites any person to act in a disorderly manner,

commits an offence, and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

(2) Where the person convicted under this section is a candidate, the Examinations Board shall, in addition to the penalty prescribed in subsection (1), nullify the registration or cancel the results of the candidate.

**31. Trespass**

A person who trespasses in a place designated as an examinations room, examinations area or a marking center, during the course of an examination or during the course of marking examinations, respectively, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.

**32. Misappropriation of examination registration fees**

(1) A person who is authorised or who purports to be authorised by an examination center, to collect examination registration fees from students to be registered for an examination, who fails, or neglects to remit to the Examinations Board the examination registration fees, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

(2) In addition to the penalty in subsection (1), the person convicted shall pay back the money collected to the concerned students or the sponsors of the students, as the case may be, and the Examinations Board shall cancel the registration of the examination center.

(3) Where the person convicted is a registered teacher the person shall be disciplined under the relevant laws regulating the teaching profession.

**33. Charging fees not prescribed by Examinations Board**

(1) A person who is authorised or who purports to be authorised by an examination center, to collect examination registration fees



from students to be registered for examinations, who charges fees not prescribed by the Examinations Board, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

(2) In addition to the penalty in subsection (1), the person convicted shall pay back the amount that is not prescribed by the Examinations Board to the concerned students or the sponsors of the students, as the case may be, and the Examinations Board shall cancel the registration of the examination center.

(3) Where the person convicted is a registered teacher the person shall be disciplined under the relevant laws regulating the teaching profession.

**34. Disclosure of interest in examination**

(1) A person who is engaged in the conduct of an examination or in performing work connected with an examination shall, as soon as practicable before the commencement of his or her duties in respect of the examination, disclose to the Examinations Board, any interest he or she has in the examination.

(2) A person who discloses an interest under subsection (1) shall continue to be engaged in the duties referred to in subsection (1) unless the Examinations Board otherwise directs.

(3) For purposes of this section a person with an “interest” means direct or indirect involvement, in a private capacity, in the examination or in any other examination or information related to another examination and includes a spouse, child or parent, of that person being a candidate in the examination.

(4) A person who contravenes this section shall be subject to such action as the Board may prescribe.

**35. Improper disclosure of information**

(1) A staff of the Examinations Board or a person engaged in the business of the Examinations Board shall not disclose the information of the Examinations Board except where the disclosure is in the course of his or her duties and is with the written consent of the Executive Director.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

**36. Aiding, abetting, inducing or inciting**

A person who aids, abets, induces or incites another person to do or does an act in a manner that facilitates the commission of an offence under this Act, commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to the penalty prescribed under the respective section in relation to that offence.

**37. Request for information**

(1) The Examinations Board may at any time in writing, request any person or body to furnish the Examinations Board with information or to produce documents or records as the Examinations Board considers necessary and relevant for purposes of this Act.

(2) A person who without reasonable cause—

(a) withholds any information, document or record considered necessary and relevant, prejudicial or likely to be prejudicial to the proper functioning of the Examinations Board; or

(b) in furnishing information to the Examinations Board, makes a statement which he or she knows to be false, commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding five hundred currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.

PART V—OTHER POWERS OF EXAMINATIONS BOARD

**38. Cancellation of examinations**

(1) The Examinations Board may cancel an examination or any part of an examination where it is satisfied that there has been an irregularity in the course of preparation, conduct or supervision of that examination.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt the Examinations Board shall cancel the results of a candidate where the candidate—

- (a) copies from the script of another candidate;
- (b) allows another candidate to copy from his or her script;
- (c) communicates with another candidate with the intent to assist that other candidate to answer an examination question;
- (d) without lawful authority, is in possession of a textbook, electronic device or material in a place designated as an examination room or area;
- (e) without lawful authority copies from notes, a textbook or an electronic device; or
- (f) without lawful authority, receives external assistance.

**39. Cancellation of registration of candidate**

The Examinations Board shall cancel the registration of a candidate—

- (a) where it is satisfied that the candidate who is registered to sit for an examination has colluded with another person to register for the same examination with the intention of having the later person write the examination on his or her behalf; or
- (b) where a person registers as a candidate for examinations using forged results.

**40. Suspension of registration of examination centre**

The Examinations Board may stop a school or facility registered as an examination center from conducting examinations for a period determined by the Examinations Board where—

- (a) management of the school or facility acts contrary to the provisions of this Act or in a manner prejudicial to the conduct of examinations either before, during or after an examination; or
- (b) the facilities required for the conduct of examinations cease to satisfy the requirements prescribed by the Examinations Board.

PART VI—MISCELLANEOUS

**41. Protection from personal liability**

A member of staff of the Examinations Board or a person so authorised by the Examinations Board shall not be held personally liable for any act or omission done in good faith in the execution of the functions or powers of the Examinations Board, under this Act.

**42. Examinations Board to keep information confidential**

The Examinations Board shall keep information acquired under this Act confidential and shall only disclose the information to the extent the Examinations Board considers necessary for purposes of this Act.

**43. Oath of secrecy**

(1) The Examinations Board may require a person who is engaged in the preparation, conduct and supervision of any examination or the handling of any examination paper or material, to take the oath of secrecy, as may be prescribed by the Examinations Board.

(2) A person who takes the oath of secrecy but does or omits to do, any act in contravention of the oath of secrecy, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred currency points or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.

**44. Rules**

(1) The Board may, with the prior approval of the Minister, make Rules regulating the conduct of the business of the Board.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) the Rules shall regulate—

- (a) the preparation, conduct and supervision of examinations;
- (b) the appointment, remuneration, discipline and dismissal of the staff of the Examinations Board;
- (c) the payment of pensions, gratuities and other like payments on retirement or termination of service whether by contributory or non - contributory arrangements, to the Staff of the Examinations Board;
- (d) the qualifications of candidates;
- (e) the conduct of candidates, and of persons engaged in the preparation, conduct and supervision of any examination or the handling of any examination paper or material; and
- (f) the fees to be paid by the candidates.

**45. Regulations**

The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Examinations Board, make regulations generally for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

**46. Amendment of Schedules**

(1) The Minister may, with approval of Cabinet, by statutory instrument, amend Schedule 1.

(2) The Minister may, by statutory instrument, amend Schedule 2.

**47. Repeal**

The Uganda National Examinations Board Act, Cap. 137 is repealed.

**48. Transition and savings**

(1) Section 6 shall not apply to the Board in existence at the commencement of this Act.

(2) The staff in the employment of the Examinations Board at the commencement of this Act shall continue in the employment of the Examinations Board under this Act.

**SCHEDULES**

**SCHEDULE 1**

*section 1*

**CURRENCY POINT**

One currency point is equivalent to twenty thousand shillings.