

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD ACT CAP J1, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004, TO ESTABLISH A STEERING COMMITTEE TO BE VESTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CENTRALIZING MANAGEMENT OF THE UNIFIED TERTIARY MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS (UTME), THE NATIONAL BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL EXAMINATIONS (NABTE) AND THE SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (SSCE) UNDER A SINGLE ICT PLATFORM, TO REDUCE THE COST OF TAKING THE EXAMINATIONS AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon Mohammed A. Mahmud

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

1 1. The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act Cap H,
2 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the
3 Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill.

Amendment of
the Joint Admission
and Matriculation
Board
(Establishment)
Act

4 2. The Principal Act is amended by inserting, after the existing
5 Section "4" Section "4A"-

Amendment of
the Principal Act

6 (1) There is established a steering committee for centralization of
7 management of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations, the
8 National Business and Technical Examination and the Senior School
9 Certificate Examination.

10 (2) The committee shall consist of-

11 (a) Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education who shall
12 be the Chairman of the committee;

13 (b) a representative of the Joint Admission and Matriculation
14 Board not below the rank of a Director;

15 (c) a representative of the National Examination Council, not

1 below the rank of a Director;

2 (d) a representative of the National Business and Technical Education
3 Board not below the rank of a Director; and

4 (e) the secretary of the platform who shall be an ICT expert from the
5 Federal Ministry of Education.

6 (3) Members of the committee shall receive allowances as applicable
7 to government agencies.

8 (4) The committee's duties shall be to-

9 (a) Establish and manage an ICT platform for harmonization of
10 registration, result notification and validation processes of examinations
11 mentioned in sub-clause (1) of this clause into a single scratch card;

12 (b) Establish and manage a central database for collation of personal
13 data and biometrics of candidates for the purpose of the examinations;

14 (c) Fix fees payable to the credit of the platform for the examinations;

15 (d) Reduce the cost of taking the examinations to the barest minimum,
16 through economies of scale;

17 (e) Reduce cases of impersonation and examination malpractice;

18 (f) Provide admission management service to education institutions,
19 planners and monitoring bodies; and

20 (g) Perform other functions that will give effect to the provisions of
21 this bill.

Citation

22 3. This Bill is cited as the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board
23 Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This seeks to amend the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board Act Cap J1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004, to establish a steering committee to be vested with the responsibility of centralizing management of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examinations (UTME), the National Business and Technical Examinations (NABTE) and the Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) under a single ICT platform, to reduce the cost of taking the examinations.