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FAKE NEWS ALERT: JAMB REMAINS THE SOLE AUTHORIZED BODY FOR TERTIARY ADMISSIONS IN NIGERIA — MINISTER ALAUSA

The attention of the Federal Ministry of Education has been drawn to a misleading publication circulating in some newspapers and online platforms, falsely claiming that the Ministry has announced that the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) is no longer required for admission into tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

The Honourable Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa CON, wishes to categorically state that this report is false, baseless, and did not originate from the Federal Ministry of Education. At no point did the Ministry issue or authorize any statement suggesting that JAMB is no longer mandatory for admission into tertiary institutions.

For the avoidance of doubt, JAMB remains the statutory and legally empowered body responsible for conducting entrance examinations and coordinating admissions into all tertiary institutions in Nigeria. The established admission processes through JAMB remain fully operational, and any contrary information should be disregarded in its entirety.

The Federal Ministry of Education completely dissociates itself from the false publication and urges the general public particularly prospective students, parents, and tertiary institutions to rely solely on official communication channels of the Ministry and JAMB for accurate and verified information regarding admission policies and education-related matters.

Dr. Alausa reaffirmed the Ministry's unwavering collaboration with JAMB and other relevant agencies to uphold transparency, fairness, and credibility in Nigeria's tertiary education admission system. He emphasized that the Ministry remains committed to protecting the integrity of the admission process and ensuring that merit and due process guide all admissions into higher institutions.

The Ministry further cautions media houses, bloggers, and online platforms to verify information from official sources before publication to avoid misleading the public and spreading misinformation capable of causing unnecessary confusion within the education sector.

The Federal Ministry of Education reiterates that there has been no change in the existing role of JAMB which remains central and indispensable in Nigeria's tertiary education framework. Any publication or online post claiming otherwise is entirely false and should be treated as such.

Members of the public are encouraged to visit the official websites and social media handles of the Federal Ministry of Education and JAMB for authentic updates on educational matters.



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