

Senior One selection starts today, UCE results out tomorrow

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With effect from today, the 2025 Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE) stars will be informed about whether they will be admitted at their first-choice schools or be transferred to other schools during the Senior One selection exercise conducted by the education ministry.

A total of 730,233 learners who qualified to join Senior One are expected to be placed at over 2,000 public and private secondary schools.

New Vision has learnt that secondary schools will admit more learners this time compared to last year due to the fact that more learners passed compared to 2024.

Relatedly, secondary schools are also expected to relax their



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entry requirements due to a reduction in the number of candidates scoring aggregate four and five, which are considered the top scores.

The Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEK) data shows that the number of candidates with aggregate four

reduced from 679 in 2023, to 448 in 2024 to now 338.

Relatedly, there are 1,064 candidates with aggregate five, fewer for most of the top secondary schools spread across the country.

While 91,990 pupils passed in Division One in the 2025 PLE compared to 84,301 in 2024, the majority of these scored aggregate 10 to 12.

This gives opportunity to candidates with aggregate 6,7,8 and 9 to join some of the top schools.

Haji Muzamuri Mukwatampola, the commissioner for admissions, scholarships and students' affairs at the education ministry, said they are set for the exercise.

"The ministry of education is ready for the exercise and we

want to ask school heads to come on time," he said.

UCE RESULTS FOR FRIDAY

The results for the Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE), will be released tomorrow (Friday) following clearance by the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs Janet Museveni.

When contacted, Jennifer Kalule-Musamba, the UNEK principal public relations officer, confirmed that the First Lady approved Friday this week as the day for the release of UCE results.

"It is true the board [UNEK] has briefed our minister on the performance of the 2025 UCE and she approved Friday as the day for the release. All the details will be shared on that day," she said.