



**SPEECH BY THE CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY
OF EDUCATION, JULIUS MIGOS OGAMBA, EBS,
DURING THE RELEASE OF THE PLACEMENT
RESULTS FOR THE 2024 KCSE CLASS ON 1ST JULY,
2025 AT JOGOO HOUSE 'B', NAIROBI**



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Higher Education, Dr. Beatrice Muganda
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**The Chairperson and the Board of the Kenya
Universities and Colleges Central Placement
Board;**

**The Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya
Universities and Colleges Central Placement
Board;**

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen;



Good morning.

I am most pleased to announce today, the completion of the placement of 2024 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education cohort to Universities and Colleges.

This year, the placement body, that is, the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS), adopted a phased placement process. The first phase targeted students seeking placement opportunities at the Kenya Medical Training College, National Polytechnics and other public Technical and Vocational Training (TVET) institutions. This was to enable the institutions admit students for the **March 2025 and May 2025** intakes. The successful



applicants were admitted, and are currently progressing with their studies.

In the Second Phase, KUCCPS opened applications for placement to Universities and Teacher Training Colleges for the **September 2025 intake**. I am happy to report that this process has been concluded seamlessly and **without any technical hitches**. The seamless process is attributable to investments in technological upgrades that have ensured a smooth process. At this juncture, I would like to express our gratitude to the State Department of Immigration and Citizen Services, which supported us in ensuring that there were no challenges on the payment platform for placement applications.



In January this year, I released the 2024 KCSE examination results for **965,501** candidates, out of whom **950,711** were Kenyan citizens. **244,563** of the Kenyan citizens attained a mean grade of C+ and above hence qualified for admission to degree programmes, while **706,148** qualified for placement to TVET programmes at various levels.



This year, there were a total of **986,137** placement openings. These were enough to absorb all students who sat for KCSE in 2024, and even in the previous years. In addition to the existing ones, **this year alone**, the Government established two additional public university colleges – the Kabarnet University College and the Nyandarua University College. More campuses of the Kenya Medical Training College were opened, the newest being the West Pokot campus. We also opened new Teacher Training Colleges in



Northern Kenya. All these efforts are geared towards expanding students' choices in higher education and training options.

Under the leadership of His Excellency the President, Dr. William Samoei Ruto, the Kenya Kwanza Administration is committed to expanding training opportunities so that the youth of this country can acquire skills necessary for the realisation of the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda. For instance, with the expansion of medical training facilities, the



Government seeks to develop a skilled workforce for the achievement of universal health coverage. Similarly, the construction of TVET institutions and establishment of digital hubs within the institutions are geared towards preparing the youth to benefit from the opportunities in agriculture, housing and the digital economy.

Let me now turn to this year's placement numbers. Of the **244,563** Kenyan citizens who qualified for degree programmes in 2024, **201,695 (83%)** applied for placement to various levels.



I note that plenty of placement opportunities still exist for the qualified students who did not apply and should be encouraged to seek programmes at the Open University of Kenya whose admission is on a continuing basis, and other universities and colleges, as would be advised by KUCCPS. They are also advised to consider applying for the KMTC programmes for the September 2025 intake, which is ongoing.

With regard to placement, KUCCPS has placed a total of **310,502** students to various programmes in universities



and colleges. This number consists of 2024 KCSE cohort and applicants from other KCSE years. Of the **244,563** candidates who scored C+ and above in 2024, **194,372 (80%)** have been placed to programmes at various levels.

Placement to Teacher Training Colleges

The Government has made great strides in teacher education. Following the recommendations by the



Presidential Working Party on Education Reform, the Government revised the minimum entry requirements for Primary Teacher Education training programmes. This has driven up enrolment in the 33 Primary Teacher Training Colleges in the country.

This year, KUCCPS received applications from **20,786** individuals seeking to join Diploma in Teacher Education Programmes, against a capacity of **13,823**. A total of **11,636** applicants secured placement, out of whom **10,800** have been placed in Diploma in



Primary Teacher Education Programmes, with a capacity of **11,088**. A further **836** have been placed to Diploma in Secondary Teacher Education, with a capacity of **2,735**.

Placement to the Kenya School of Law

Another positive development in this year's placement is the introduction of the Kenya School of Law Diploma in Law in the KUCCPS placement portal. With a capacity



of **500**, the programme received an overwhelming interest and all the slots were filled.

Placement to KMTC and TVET Institutions

As I have already stated, the first phase of this year's placement process targeted to recruit students for KMTC and TVET March and May intakes. In this process, a total of **93,207** applicants were placed in Government TVET institutions. Many of these students have already reported for studies for March and May



intakes, while the rest will be admitted for the September intake.

With regard to KMTC, **52,725** qualified students submitted applications for placement, against a capacity of **34,048**. Diploma and Certificate Nursing Programmes, with a cumulative capacity of **2,986**, attracted the highest number of applicants, at **27,070**. This is an indication that the demand for Nursing programmes continues to grow. Other KMTC



programmes that are in high demand are Clinical Medicine and Surgery, Medical Emergency Technician and Community Health, among others. In total, **25,034** students have been placed to KMTC programmes. This includes **6,750** students who scored C+ and above in the 2024 KCSE examination.

This month, KUCCPS opened the second round of application for KMTC for the **September intake**. I encourage interested applicants to take advantage of this opportunity and submit their applications.



The Ministry of Education is grateful to Parliament for allocating **Kshs.500 million** to enable the disbursement of loans to KMTC students through the Higher Education Loans Board. As a result, the students who have been placed to KMTC can now apply for financial support from HELB.

As the Government continues with its efforts to expand TVET opportunities, there is a growing need for financial support to students enrolling in TVET institutions. To



supplement the funds already allocated to the State Department for TVET and the Higher Education Loans Board, we will be inviting other Ministries to set aside funds that can be allocated to the Higher Education Loans Board to administer as a revolving fund for supporting students enrolled in institutions under those Ministries.

As I conclude, Ladies and Gentlemen, may I wish all those who have been placed to various study programmes the very best as they embark on their studies. May I also encourage those who have not



yet applied to take advantage of the opportunities that I have highlighted above. We assure you all of the Government's support in promoting access to quality education.

Thank you very much!