

CORPORATE NEWS

Universities, colleges set to admit 293,869 students placed by KUCCPS



Universities and colleges are gearing up to begin admitting 293,869 Form Four leavers selected by Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service in the 2026/2027 Placement Cycle. Cabinet Secretary for Education Hon. Julius Ogamba, EBS, officiated release of the 2026 KUCCPS placement results on July 8, 2026 at the Edge Convention Centre in Nairobi. The CS announced that 293,869 students had been placed in degree, diploma (Level 6), craft certificate (Level 5) and artisan certificate (Level 4) programmes across universities and other tertiary education institutions.

The Cabinet Secretary noted that some eligible students did not apply for placement because they may have opted to seek alternative higher education pathways or missed the opportunity because of other circumstances. He directed KUCCPS to devise a mechanism to allow late applications for placement by such students. Following release of the 2026 university placement results, KUCCPS is preparing to open the next round of applications, including for inter-institutional transfers and late university placement requests. Updates on the coming activities will be published on the KUCCPS website www.kuccps.ac.ke and official social media pages.

2026 University placement: Why your child missed Medicine

Many qualified applicants for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery missed the programme due to stiff competition. According to KUCCPS Chief Executive Officer Dr. Agnes Mercy Wahome, universities offering Medicine had a combined capacity of 702 for students seeking the programme in 2026. However, a total of 6,500 students applied, of whom 1,535 had KCSE mean grade of A (plain) while 3,328 had A – (minus). The rest (1,637) had other grades. As a result, only the highest-ranked A-plain applicants secured the programme. Dr. Wahome revealed this during a KUCCPS stakeholders' forum held on July 8, where results of the 2026 university placement were released. She further noted that the 2025 KCSE class performed poorly in sciences, with only 13% of them scoring C+ and above in Chemistry, 17% in Biology and 19% in Mathematics. This meant that many of the students failed to qualify for degree programmes where these subject are required.





Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the July 2026 edition of the KUCCPS monthly bulletin. As thousands of students prepare to report to their respective universities following a successful placement process, this edition highlights the crucial next steps, from accessing admission letters to exploring funding options.

We also bring you highlights of activities that have taken place in the past month, including the recent KUCCPS stakeholder forum for release of 2026 placement results, Africa Public Service Day celebrations in Nairobi, and forest conservation event in Elgeyo Marakwet County.

Many thanks to our institutional partners for their collaboration and goodwill, and congratulations to newly-placed university and college students on taking the significant step towards their futures. Dive in to stay informed.

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KUCCPS continues to strengthen career guidance through partnerships



KUCCPS conducted a three-day consultative forum with representatives of various universities aimed at strengthening stakeholder collaboration, enhancing student placement processes, and promoting equitable access to higher education in Kenya. Speaking during the forum, KUCCPS Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Agnes Mercy Wahome, emphasised the importance of continuous engagement among stakeholders and encouraged participants to use the forum as an opportunity to deliberate on emerging issues affecting university education, admissions, student placement and institutional operations. She also stated, “universities need to embrace market-driven programmes that respond to the evolving labour market demands.”

KUCCPS engages with valuers’ body to enhance access to real estate programmes



KUCCPS and the Valuers Registration Board recently held consultations aimed at enhancing students’ access to real-estate related programmes offered in universities and colleges. The Board had approached KUCCPS, as the government’s central

student placement agency, to discuss ways of addressing shortage of skilled professionals in the real estate sector. Currently, only five universities are offering real estate courses, highlighting the gap in limited academic pathways and inadequate industry focused training. Also present at the meeting where the discussions were held were officials from the Ministry of Education and representatives of universities and technical institutions that offer the programmes. Prof. John Oluoch, KUCCPS Director for Placement Coordination and Career Development, reiterated the organisation’s commitment to facilitating smooth transition of students from secondary school to higher institutions of learning, through collaboration with relevant stakeholders.



KUCCPS joins efforts to restore Kaptagat Forest



Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) recently teamed up with the Kenya Forest Service and other partners for the 10th Kaptagat Integrated Conservation Programme, reinforcing its commitment to environmental sustainability.

Spearheaded by the Head of Public Service, Mr. Felix Koskei, the initiative saw 3,000 trees planted to restore and protect the Kaptagat Forest ecosystem.

The conservation activities took place on 10th and 11th July 2026.

Africa Public Service Week

Public Service and Human Capital Development Cabinet Secretary Hon. Geoffrey Ruku and Higher Education Principal Secretary Dr. Beatrice Inyangala among other government officials visited the KUCCPS exhibition booth during the ongoing Africa Public Service Day Celebrations at the KICC in Nairobi. KUCCPS showcased its services, and innovations through which it ensures equitable, fair and efficient placement of students to universities and colleges in Kenya.



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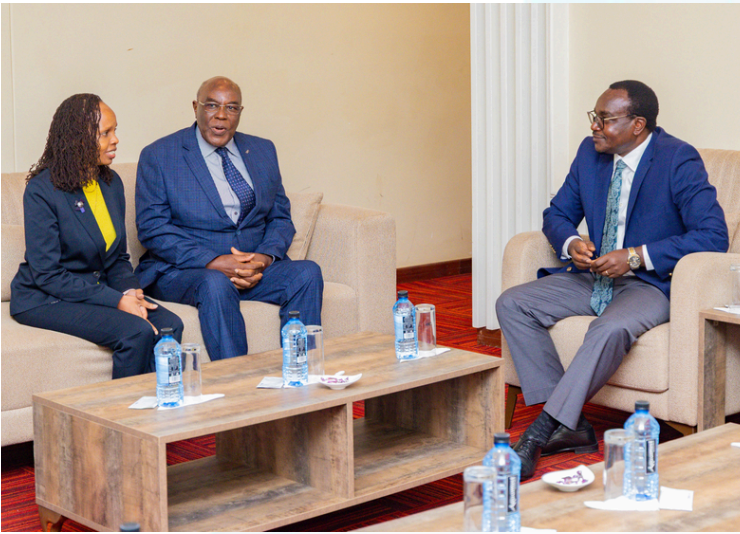
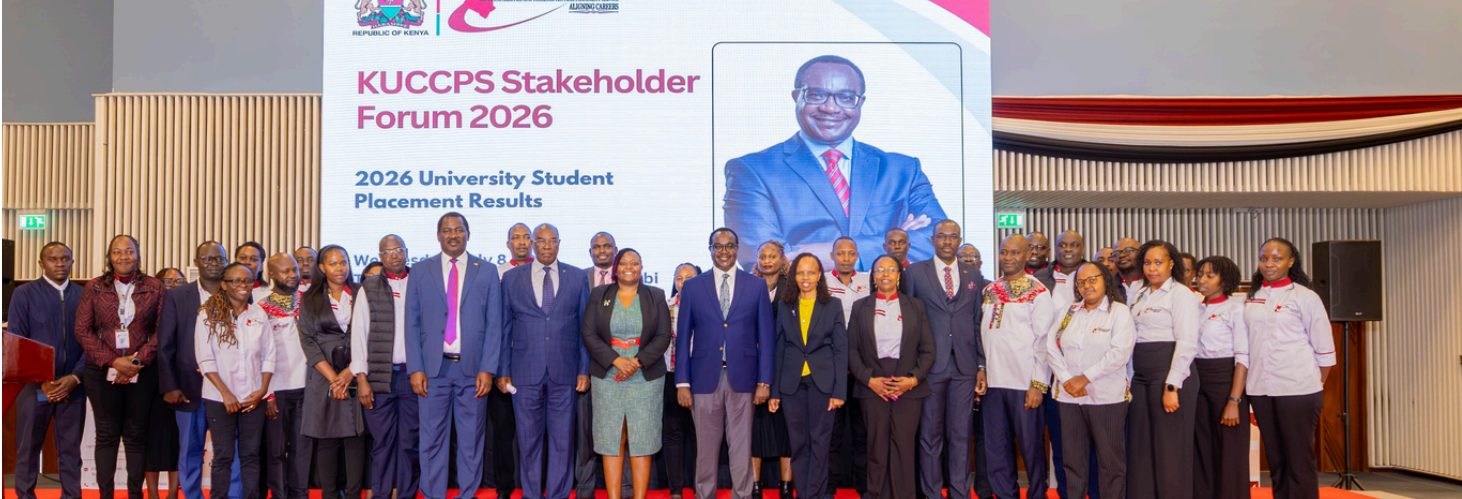
To all applicants who have secured placement to universities.

Log in to your KUCCPS portal to check details of your university placement.

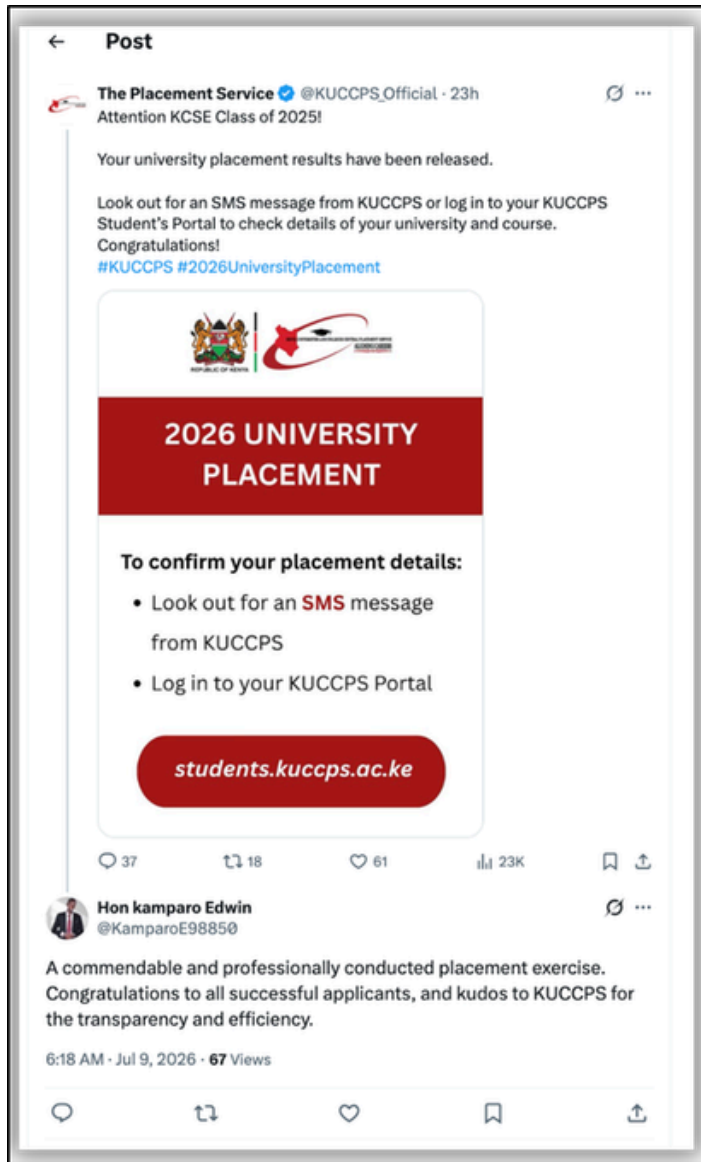
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Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.

KUCCPS Stakeholder Forum 2026



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What next after placement results

WHAT NEXT AFTER UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT?

1 ADMISSION LETTERS & JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

To initiate your admission, universities are to contact their newly-placed students and advise them on how to access admission letters. If you have not heard from your university, reach out to the institution or check the KUCCPS Student Portal for information.

2 INTER-INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFERS

To initiate this process, you must submit your application online through your KUCCPS Student's Portal and pay a transfer application fee of Kshs. 1,000 following KUCCPS system prompts. To qualify for a transfer:

- You must meet the minimum subject entry requirements for the new programme
- Your weighted cluster points must meet or exceed the established cut-off points for that specific programme
- The heads of both your current (releasing) university and your new (receiving) institution must formally endorse your transfer application before it is finalised.

3 LATE APPLICATION FOR DEGREE PROGRAMMES

If you qualified for admission to degree programmes but did not apply, or you applied but did not get a course due to competition, an official announcement will be made to guide you as soon as the portal is ready

4 APPLICATION FOR UNIVERSITY FUNDING

If you are interested in securing government scholarships and HELB loans, submit your applications directly through the official Higher Education Financing portal www.hef.co.ke.

5 CONTINUOUS APPLICATION FOR TVET PROGRAMMES

The KUCCPS portal will open for continual TVET applications before the end of the year. This application will be for anyone who sat KCSE between the years 2000 and 2026





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Our services are now available in the following Huduma Centres across the country.

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