



**SPEECH BY THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR
EDUCATION, JULIUS MIGOS OGAMBA, EBS, DURING
THE RELEASE OF THE 2026/2027 UNIVERSITY AND
COLLEGE PLACEMENT RESULTS ON 8TH JULY, 2026 AT
THE EDGE CONVENTION CENTRE**

- **The Chairperson and Board Members of the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service;**
- **The Chief Executive Officer of the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service;**
- **Vice-Chancellors of Universities and Principals of Colleges;**
- **Distinguished Guests;**



- **Ladies and Gentlemen;**
- **Good morning!**

I am pleased to announce that the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service has completed the 2026/2027 Placement Cycle of students to universities and colleges.

Since 2014 when we began centralized placement under the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service, there has been significant growth and advancement in the placement sphere.

To illustrate the growth, during its first ever placement in June 2014, KUCCPS placed only **72,338** students to universities and



colleges, compared to **293,869** students who are being placed today.

These numbers tell the story of a tertiary education sector that is progressively maturing, marked with career guidance and increasing access and equity.

May I take this early opportunity to commend the Placement Board and Management for the work the work that you continue to undertake in support of our students' academic and career aspirations.



Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Government remains steadfast in its resolve to reform the education sector and expand access to quality and relevant education and training.

Indeed, no other administration has invested as heavily in our children's education. The latest affirmation of this is the historic allocation of **Ksh. 784.5 billion** to the education sector. This is the highest allocation to any sector this Financial Year.

In addition to increased funding for the education sector, the Government is also expanding opportunities for education and training, including in higher education.



In February of this year, the Bomet University College was formally awarded Charter by His Excellency the President, becoming Kenya's 36th fully fledged public university.

We have also established two public constituent colleges in the last Financial Year. In November last year, we established Makueni University College. Just last month, we established the Kerio Valley University College in Elgeyo Marakwet County.

In addition to these general institutions for higher education, we have also made strides in establishing specialized degree-awarding and research institutions.

In May of this year, His Excellency the President granted Charters to the Kenya Medical Research Institute and to the Kenya Advanced Institute of Science and Technology. These institutions,



focusing exclusively on research, AI, robotics, cybersecurity, and specialised medical and engineering fields, are expected to add impetus to Kenya's journey to the "Singapore Dream", through ground-breaking research and cutting edge technology.

These new public institutions, in addition to several public universities that have also been established, translate into increased opportunities for higher and specialized education and training for Kenyans.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This year, **980,535** students who sat Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) in 2025 were given an opportunity to apply for placement to any of their desired programmes and institutions. Of these, **268,729** attained mean grade of C+ and



above and therefore qualified for degree programmes. The rest were eligible for placement to various programmes offered by our National Polytechnics, Technical and Vocational Colleges, the Kenya Medical Training College, Teacher Training Colleges, the Kenya Utalii College and other tertiary institutions.

The Commission for University Education approved a total of **327,157** vacancies in 43 public and 33 private universities for the 2026/2027 Placement Cycle.

Similarly, another one million slots are available in public TVET institutions across various Ministries. Indeed, for the first time, we have placed students to the Kenya Utalii College. This adds to the list of other specialized institutions to which KUCCPS places students, including the Kenya Medical Training College, the Kenya



School of Law and the Morendat Institute of Oil and Gas National Polytechnic.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

A total of **293,869** students have been placed to Degree, Diploma (Level 6), Craft Certificate (Level 5) and Artisan Certificate (Level 4) programmes across tertiary and higher education institutions.

Of these, **202,133** applicants have been placed to degree programmes and **28,246** to KMTC. Additionally, **500** applicants have been placed to the Diploma in Law (Paralegal Studies) offered at the Kenya School of Law, while **765** were placed to Kenya Utalii College and **875** in secondary TTC programmes.



TVET institutions are rolling out modularized curricula. These curricula are offered through short, assessable and certifiable competency units that can be implemented within three to six months. This has resulted in shorter durations for skilling designed to give trainees market-specific skills. Consequently, many trainees now walk into the nearest institutions for focused modules, after which they graduate.

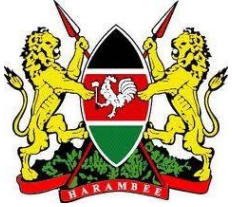
Ladies and Gentlemen,

This year, a total of **8,915** students who qualified for degree programmes in the 2025 KCSE examination opted for non-degree programmes in tertiary institutions and have also been placed.



We recognize that some eligible students did not apply for placement because they may have opted to seek alternative pathways to higher education and training, for example, the disciplined forces, overseas training or self-sponsorship programmes in universities and colleges. Still, some of them may have missed the opportunity to apply because of other circumstances.

To give a chance to such students, I have directed the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service to immediately devise a mechanism to allow late applications for placement. In the same vein, I call upon all eligible candidates who may have missed the just concluded application cycle, to take advantage of this opportunity. Our clarion call is that no student should be left behind.



As part of career alignment, I know that some students who have been placed today may, wish to transfer from one university to another. In order to allow adequate time and opportunity for such transfers, this year, we will be extending the transfer window from a period of **two weeks** to **one month**.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Universities and colleges to which students have been placed are now expected to immediately embark on preparations for admission and communicate appropriate joining instructions.

Following the conclusion of the placement process, the higher education financing portal is now open for application by first time applicants, available at www.hef.co.ke or www.helb.co.ke.



All placed students interested in securing funding are therefore advised to apply as soon as possible.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In conclusion, may I take this opportunity to congratulate all the students who have been placed. I wish you a successful and fulfilling academic journey ahead.

It is now my singular honour to officially release the 2026/2027 KUCCPS placement report.

Thank you and God bless you.