Is UBTEB ripping off tertiary institutions?

He who pays the piper calls the tune, goes the old adage. Musically speaking, this saying is perfectly apt. But when it comes to examinations, the integrity of the assessment process becomes questionable if schools are the ones directly facilitating the examinations, writes ANDREW NASMIDE.

There is an uproar from managers of the private technical and vocational institutions that the Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board (UBTEB) requires them to facilitate supervises despite reasonably paying hefty examination fees. "It is unfair for UBTEB to levy shs 120,000 examination fees every saterele and still make us pay the registration fee, "one candidate said.

The Uganda Business and Technical Examinations Board (UBTEB) charges examination fees at the end of every level. Even universities charge examination fees once a year. Why should UBTEB, for instance, if does not charge examinations fees at the end of every year," the director of the private school, said.

"Students in public technical and vocational institutions do pay examination fees. High charges escalating dropout?"
The private sector argues that the charges are too high, resulting in many students failing to even sit for examinations, as they can no longer afford to pay the fees. The fees, some say, have become more expensive than the examination fees in some private schools, "it says.

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Conflict of interest?The private sector points out that despite the high examination fees, the institution is rich in that it can still demand the fees as it is difficult for many students to afford to pay the fees. Some say the fees have become too high for many students, and they are unable to afford them. The fees, some argue, have become more expensive than the examination fees in some private schools, "it says.

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