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Dear Sir/Madam,

**REVISED POLICY ON MATURE STUDENTS' ENTRY REQUIREMENTS INTO
TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN GHANA**

The Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC) hereby notifies all Heads of tertiary education institutions in Ghana and the general public of its revised policy on mature students' entry requirements into tertiary education institutions in the country.

This supersedes our letter dated 8th December 2025 on the same subject matter.

We count on your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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POLICY ON MATURE STUDENTS' ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Introduction

The Mature Students' Entry Avenues to tertiary education exist to provide opportunities for individuals who were unable to pursue higher education earlier in life. These pathways enable experienced adults to access tertiary education after spending a number of years in the workplace.

This policy outlines the eligibility requirements, admission processes, and compliance expectations for all tertiary education institutions.

2. Policy Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

1. Ensure transparent, fair, and consistent admission of mature applicants.
2. Maintain academic standards across institutions.
3. Regulate mature student intake to align with national tertiary education guidelines.

3. Admission Quota

- The number of mature applicants admitted in any given academic year **shall not exceed five percent (5%)** of the institution's total admissions for that year.

4. Eligibility Criteria for Mature Applicants

To qualify for consideration under the Mature Students' Entry route, an applicant must meet the following conditions:

4.1 Age and Experience Requirement

- The applicant must be **at least 25 years old** at the time of application.
- Proof of age must be provided through a **birth certificate** or any other legitimate documentary evidence.
- Must have at least 5 years working experience in the relevant discipline.

4.2 Academic Requirements

The applicant must have one of the following:

- **SSSCE:** At least **E** in six (6) subjects—three (3) core subjects (including English Language and Mathematics) plus three (3) relevant elective subjects.



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- **WASSCE:** At least E8 in six (6) subjects—three (3) core subjects (including English Language and Mathematics) plus three (3) relevant elective subjects.

4.3 Entrance Examinations

- Applicants seeking admission into **chartered institutions** must pass the institution's **Mature Students' Entrance Examinations** in:
 - English Language
 - Mathematics
 - Aptitude Test
- For institutions **under mentorship**, the entrance examinations:
 - Must be **moderated** by the Mentor Institution.
 - Marked scripts must be **vett**ed by the Mentor Institution.

4.4 Alternative to Entrance Examinations

In lieu of sitting for the Mature Students' Entrance Examinations, applicants may present **proof of credit passes in English Language and Mathematics** in WASSCE or any other nationally recognized high-school level examination (for applicants from countries outside the WAEC system).



5. Compliance and Enforcement

5.1 Replacement of Previous Provision

This policy replaces Section 3.3.1(a) ix of the *Ghana Tertiary Education Policy*.

5.2 Consequences of Non-Compliance

Failure by an institution to comply with this policy will result in:

1. **Withdrawal of all admitted applicants** who do not meet the requirements stated in this policy.
2. **Withdrawal of accreditation** for the programmes to which such applicants were admitted, **or** the application of other appropriate penalties as stipulated under **PART ONE** of the Tertiary Education Act, 2020 (Act 1023).

6. Effective Date

This Policy becomes effective immediately upon issuance by the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission.

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