

JAMB's Biometric and AI Facial-Recognition Verification for Nigeria's National University Entrance Exam

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Nigeria's JAMB uses AI facial recognition plus fingerprint biometrics to verify over 2.2 million UTME candidates a year and block exam impersonation, but verification failures affected ~80,000 candidates in 2023 and fraudsters now use AI face-blending to defeat it.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	0/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	1/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-18

[Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board \(JAMB\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-18

[Guardian Nigeria: biometric verification falters](#) — accessed 2026-07-18

[Punch: mop-up UTME results for 80,000 candidates](#) — accessed 2026-07-18

[Leadership Nigeria: fraudsters use AI to beat facial recognition](#) — accessed 2026-07-18

[Myschool.ng: 2026 UTME registered candidates](#) — accessed 2026-07-18

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