



MPs to re-sit bar course exams

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TWO MPs, Odonga Otto and Suzan Nakawuki, are among the 285 students who will re-sit some papers at the Law Development Centre (LDC).

LDC is the only institution in the country which trains and examines law students before they qualify to become advocates of the High Court.

According to the results released on Friday, only 91 of the 500 students who sat the exams last year passed.

LDC admits students for the postgraduate bar course from universities accredited by the Uganda Law Council to teach law.

They include Makerere University, Uganda Christian University in Mukono, Nkumba University, Islamic University in Uganda and the Pentecostal University.

Nakawuki did not sit for the land transactions paper, while she had a re-take in criminal proceedings, which she also did not sit.

The MP, along with 18 other students, have to explain why they absconded from sitting some papers.

Otto and the Democratic Party's former spokesperson, Jude Mbabali, will have to re-sit the criminal proceedings paper.

Additionally, the institution has discontinued 115 students from the course after they failed practical exams.

Another 49 students had their results withheld and no reasons were given for the action. Also, two other students withdrew from the course.

LDC has come under the spotlight over the high student failures. The 2006/2007 results revealed that only 43 out of 217 students passed.

In the 2007/8 academic year, only 66 out of 380 students who sat for the examinations passed and graduated.

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