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## PRESS RELEASE

### 2023 BOTSWANA GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (BGCSE) EXAMINATION RESULTS ARE RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2023** Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) examination results. A total of **36 509** candidates wrote the 2023 examination showing an increase of 3.7% in candidature compared to the **2022** cohort of **35 199**. There were 14 751 (40.40%) male candidates and 21 758 (59.60%) female candidates.

The grades available at this level are on a scale of A\* to G, where A\* represents the highest level of performance and G the lowest level of performance. Candidates failing to reach the minimum requirement for Grade G are ungraded and assigned letter **U**, and those who do not meet the requirements for grading for various reasons are assigned letter **X**. Letter **Q** indicates that a result cannot be issued at present but will follow in due course.

Since the BGCSE is a syllabus-based qualification with no aggregation, the measures used to gauge the performance of candidates at system level are the proportion of candidates who are awarded Grade G or better (overall pass rate) and Grade C or better (credit grades) in the best **six** (6) syllabuses.

#### **Overall Performance on grades awarded**

Overall performance for government schools, private schools and individual private candidates indicates that among all the grades awarded this year, 95.80% were Grade G or better compared to 95.90 in 2022. The proportion of grades at E or better is 75.00% compared to 74.41% in 2022 which is an improvement of 0.59%. **The proportion of grades at C or better is 32.30% compared to 31.17% indicating an improvement of 1.13%.** Just to pause at reflect on performance trends, the proportion of grades at C or

better was 30.20% in 2020 and improved to 30.32% in 2021. Likewise, the proportion of grades at A or better is 3.70% from 3.19% in 2022 which is an improvement of 0.51%. Back in 2020 the proportion of grades at A or better was only 2.80%. **The results show that generally, for the four years (2020 – 2023) there has been gradual improvement across credit grades.**

### **Performance in Government Schools**

BGCSE being a syllabus-based qualification, performance was measured by the total number of grades and the percentage of grades awarded. The results indicate that among all the grades awarded this year, 96.13% were Grades G or better compared to 96.44 in 2022. The proportion of grades at E or better is 75.17% compared to 75.15% in 2022. The proportion of grades at C or better is 32.94% compared to 32.36% indicating an improvement of 0.58%. The proportion of grades at A or better is 3.57% compared to 3.11 in 2022 indicating an improvement of 0.46%. The results show that generally, for the four years there has been gradual improvement across credit grades.

For Government Centre candidates, performance in 2023 has generally remained more or less the same across grades compared to 2022. However, the proportion of candidates awarded 6 C's or better has increased from 21.37% to 22.15% in 2023, an improvement of 0.78%. **A gradual improvement at 6 C's or better has been observed since 2019, indicating an improvement in the quality of performance.** The proportion of candidates achieving 6 E's or better is 62.28% compared to 62.59% in 2022. The proportion of candidates achieving 6 G's or better is 95.07% in 2023 compared to 95.45% in 2022.

### **Outstanding Performance**

This year, twenty (20) candidates from seven (7) centres, compared to fourteen (14) from six (6) Centres in 2022, who have demonstrated outstanding performance. The criterion for outstanding performance in the BGCSE examination is the achievement of at least six (6) A\*s in at least eight (8) of the syllabuses that a candidate may have taken.

**The top candidate achieved 10A\*, 1B, 9A\*, 1A and 1B from 11 syllabuses** whilst the 2022 top candidate achieved 9A\*, 1A\* and 1B from 11 syllabuses, the top candidate in 2021 achieved 9A\*, 1A, 1B and 1C from 12 syllabuses. The achievement profile of the top candidate in **2020 was 11A\* from 11 syllabuses** the record yet to be broken.

The distribution of the results will be done as follows:

1. **Individual Candidates:** Candidates will be able to access the results through the BEC Website as well as through SMS lines dial 16688 on all mobile platforms.

2. **Distribution to Centres:** Centres will be granted access to view and print the results reports through the Malepa application.
3. **Distribution to Regional Offices:** The Regional and Sub-Regional Heads will be able to access the results reports through Malepa.

Candidates are informed that Statement of Results can be collected at designated locations across the country during working hours as follows:

1. All **government and private schools' candidates** should collect their Statements of Results from their respective schools as these will be printed by individual schools directly from Malepa Application.
2. All **individual private candidates** should collect their Statements of Results from the following locations:

	<b>Centre Number</b>	<b>Centre Name</b>	<b>Collection Point</b>
1	BW860	Gaborone Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
2	BW861	Tsholofelo Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
3	BW862	Lobatse Private Centre	St. Theresa Primary School
4	BW863	Palapye Private Centre	Lotsane Senior Secondary School
5	BW864	Serowe Private Centre	Swaneng Hill School
6	BW865	Selibe Phikwe Private Centre	Selibe Phikwe Senior Secondary School
7	BW866	Tlokweng Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
8	BW 882	Francistown Private Centre	Aerodrome Primary School
9	BW883	Lesedi Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
10	BW889	Mahalapye Private Centre	Madiba Senior Secondary School
11	BW892	Naledi Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
12	BW895	Woodhall Private Centre	Peleng West Primary School
13	BW898	Babusi Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council

14	BW900	Kasane Private Centre	Plateau Primary School
15	BW915	Maun Private Centre	Maun Senior Secondary School
16	BW927	Gaborone West Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
17	BW936	Bobonong Private Centre	Matshekge Hill School
18	BW974	Ghanzi Private Centre	Ghanzi Senior Secondary School
19	BW975	Letlhakane Private Centre	Letlhakane Senior Secondary School
20	BW976	Kang Private Centre	Matsha College
22	BW977	Tsabong Private Centre	Tsabong Unified Secondary School

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