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### 2022 JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (JCE) RESULTS RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2022** Junior Certificate Examination (JCE) Results. A total of **46 835** candidates sat for the examination showing an increase of about 1.3% in candidature compared to **46 232** candidates in **2021**.

There were 22 998 (49.1%) male candidates and 23 837 (50.9%) female candidates sitting for the 2022 Junior Certificate Examination.

The grades available at this level are on a pass scale of A - E where **Grades A to C** are credit grades and **D to E** are pass grades. The symbol **U** denotes failure to achieve the minimum requirements of Grade E and the symbol **X** denotes failure to meet minimum requirement for the award of a qualification.

Overall performance of **government schools only** for the 2022 JCE cohort indicates that the proportion of candidates obtaining pass grades (**Grades E or better**) is at 86.00% compared to 84.50% in 2021, indicating an insignificant improvement of 1.50%. The proportion of candidates obtaining credit grades (**Grades C or better**) is at 36.80% compared to 35.70% in 2021, indicating an insignificant improvement of 1.10%. ***It could therefore, be concluded that the performance of 2022 government school candidates is at the same level as that of 2021.***

Outstanding performance has been noted where seven (7) candidates obtained a Merit compared to fourteen (14) in 2021. The seven (7) candidates are spread around seven (7) different examination centres across the country. Only one (1) candidate obtained grade A in all of their nine (9) syllabuses compared to five (5) candidates in the previous year.

Performance for **all 2022 JCE** candidates (including private candidates) indicates that the proportion of candidates obtaining pass grades (**Grade E or better**) is at 78.10% compared to 79.02% in 2021, showing an insignificant decline of 0.92%. ***This indicates that the pass rate for the 2022 cohort is at 78.10%.*** The proportion of candidates obtaining credit passes (**Grade C or better**) is at 32.73% compared to 32.56% in 2021, showing an insignificant improvement of 0.17%. The proportion of candidates obtaining **Grade A** in 2022 is 1.04% compared to 1.17% in 2021 and that of candidates obtaining **Grade B** went down by 0.16% from 9.03% in 2021 to 8.87% in 2022. An insignificant increase of 0.48% has been noted at **Grade C**, a slight decrease of 0.71% noted at **Grade D** and a slight decrease of 0.38% noted

at **Grade E**. The proportion of candidates who failed to meet the minimum requirements of **Grade E**, therefore assigned a **U**, increased by 1.14% from 14.59% in 2021 to 15.73% in 2022 while those assigned an **X** decreased by 0.22% from 6.39% in 2021 to 6.17% in 2022.

### **Overall Performance**

**The overall pass rate for the 2021 JCE cohort is 78.10% compared to 79.02% in 2021.**

**The female candidates outperformed their male counterparts.**

Performance at individual grades is as follows:

<b>Merit</b>	seven (7) candidates compared to fourteen (14) in 2021
<b>Grade A</b>	488 candidates (1.04%) compared to the 543 (1.17%) candidates in 2021
<b>Grade B</b>	4 152 candidates (8.87%) compared to 4 176 (9.03%) in 2021
<b>Grade C</b>	10 681 candidates (22.81%) compared to 10 322 (22.33%) in 2021
<b>Grade D</b>	15 234 candidates (32.53%) compared to 15 367 (33.24%) in 2021
<b>Grade E</b>	6 014 candidates (12.84%) compared to 6 112 (13.22%) in the previous year
<b>Ungraded</b>	7 368 (15.73%) candidates compared to 6 744 (14.59%) in 2021.

This year, 2 891 at (6.17%) candidates compared to 2 955 at (6.39%) in 2021, did not meet minimum requirement for the award of a qualification and therefore denoted with an **X**.

### **Distribution of results will be done as follows:**

1. Distribution to Centres: Centres will be given access to the Malepa system.
2. Distribution to Regional Offices: Regional Offices will access the results through the Malepa system.
3. Individual Candidates: Candidates will be able to access the results through the BEC Website as well as SMS. The How to Access results guidelines are available on the BEC Facebook Page Botswana Examinations Council, BEC Website [www.bec.co.bw](http://www.bec.co.bw) and BEC Twitter Account @Bots\_Exams
4. Distribution to Ministry of Education and Skills Development: The results will be made available in book version hard copy and CDs with the reports on Analysis of Candidates' Performance.

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