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2023 JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (JCE) RESULTS RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2023** Junior Certificate Examination (JCE) Results. A total of **44 750** candidates sat for the examination showing a decrease of 4.45% in candidature compared to **46 835** candidates in **2022**.

There were 22 288 (49.8%) male candidates and 22 462 (50.2%) female candidates sitting for the 2023 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 requirement for grading.

Overall performance of **Government schools only**, for the 2023 JCE cohort indicates that the proportion of candidates obtaining credit grades (**Grades C or better**) is at 37.00% compared to 36.80% in 2022, indicating an improvement of 0.20%. The proportion of candidates obtaining pass grades (**Grades E or better**) is at 82.70% compared to 86.00% in 2022, indicating a decrease of 3.30%. ***It is therefore, concluded that the performance of 2023 Government school candidates is at the same level as that of 2022.***

Performance for **all 2023 JCE** candidates (including private candidates) indicates that the proportion of candidates obtaining credit passes (**Grade C or better**) is at 34.24% compared to 32.73% in 2022, showing an improvement of 1.51%. Whereas the proportion of candidates obtaining grades (**Grade E or better**) is at 77.79% compared to 78.10% in 2022 which signifies same level of performance with a difference of 0.31%.

This indicates that the pass rate for the 2023 cohort is at 77.79%.

Outstanding performance has been noted where **five (5) candidates** obtained a Merit in **2023** compared to **eight (8)** in **2022**. The **five (5) candidates** are spread around **four (4)** different examination centres across the country. Only **one (1) candidate** obtained **Straight A's** in all their **nine (9) syllabuses** compared to **four (4) candidates** in the previous year.

Overall Performance

The overall pass rate for the 2023 JCE cohort is 77.79% compared to 78.10% in 2022.

The female candidates outperformed their male counterparts.

Performance at individual grades is as follows:

Merit	five (5) candidates compared to eight (8) in 2022
Grade A	438 candidates (0.97%) compared to the 488 (1.04%) candidates in 2022
Grade B	4 344 candidates (9.68%) compared to 4 152 (8.87%) in 2022
Grade C	10 563 candidates (23.58%) compared to 10 681(22.81%) in 2022
Grade D	14 158 candidates (31.64%) compared to 15 234 (32.53%) in 2022
Grade E	5 318 candidates (11.91%) compared to 6 014 (12.84%) in the previous year
Ungraded	6 875 (15.38%) candidates compared to 7 368 (15.73%) in 2022.

It should be noted that results for candidates who did not meet the requirement for grading, have been denoted with the letter **X**. This is usually temporary and in such instances, issues are normally resolved within six (6) weeks of the enquiries about results' period.

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 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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