



PRESS RELEASE

2021 BOTSWANA GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (BGCSE) EXAMINATION RESULTS ARE RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2021** Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) examination results. A total of **37 629** candidates wrote the 2021 examination showing an increase of 2.93% in candidature compared to the **2020** cohort of **36 557**. There were **15 544 (41.31%)** male candidates and **22 085 (58.69%)** 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 failing to satisfy the requirements for grading in a syllabus 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.

For government schools, this year the overall pass rate (Grade G or better in 6 syllabuses) is at 97.09% showing an insignificant improvement of 0.7% from 96.39% in 2020. At credit grades (C or better), the proportion of candidates is 21.20% compared to 21.17% in 2020, showing a slight improvement of 0.03%.

Overall performance for government school, private school and individual private candidates is at a pass level of 61.27%, showing an insignificant improvement of 0.72% at Grade G or better compared to 2020. A slight decline of 0.68% has been noted at

Grade E or better and an insignificant increase of 0.08% at Grade C or better. Generally the candidates performed at the same level.

The results show that females outperformed their male counterparts at overall level Grade G or better. However, males outperformed their female counterparts at top grades (Grade A or better).

BEC recognises candidates with Outstanding Performance as Top Achievers. The criterion for outstanding performance in the BGCSE examination is achievement of at least six (6) A*s in the syllabuses that a candidate may have taken. The number of candidates who met this criterion in 2021 is seventeen (17) from eleven (11) centres compared to nineteen (19) from twelve (12) centres in 2020, with four (4) candidates from one centre this year whilst the rest of the centres had three (3), two (2) or one (1).

The top candidate achieved 9A*, 1A, 1B and 1C from 12 syllabuses whilst the 2020 top candidate achieved 11A*s from a total of 11 syllabuses. The achievement profile of the top candidate in 2019 was 8A*, 1A and 1B from ten (10) syllabuses.

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:

Table below showing Collection Points for Statements of Results for 2021 series

Centre Number	Centre Name	Collection Point
BW860	Gaborone Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
BW861	Tsholofelo Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
BW862	Lobatse Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Gaborone (Fairgrounds)
BW863	Palapye Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Palapye
BW864	Serowe Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Palapye
BW865	Selibe Phikwe Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Palapye
BW866	Tlokweneng Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
BW 882	Francistown Private Centre	Aerodrome Primary School
BW883	Lesedi Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Gaborone (Fairgrounds)
BW889	Mahalapye Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Palapye
BW892	Naledi Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Gaborone (Fairgrounds)
BW895	Woodhall Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Gaborone (Fairgrounds)
BW898	Babusi Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
BW900	Kasane Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Francistown
BW904	BOCODOL Gaborone	BOU Regional Office - Gaborone (Fairgrounds)
BW913	BOCODOL Kang	BOU Regional Office - Kang
BW915	Maun Private Centre	BOU Regional Office – Disaneng, Maun
BW916	BOCODOL Letlhakane	BOU Regional Office - Palapye
BW917	BOCODOL Francistown	BOU Regional Office - Francistown
BW927	Gaborone West Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Gaborone (Fairgrounds)
BW933	Tsabong BOU	BOU Regional Office - Tsabong
BW934	Ghanzi BOU	BOU Regional Office - Ghanzi
BW935	Mahalapye East Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Palapye

BW936	Bobonong Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Palapye
BW937	Serorome Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Palapye
BW974	Orapa Adult Centre	BOU Regional Office - Palapye

For further enquiries please contact the BEC toll free number **0800 601 025**.

Thank you.



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