



PRESS RELEASE

2025 BOTSWANA GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (BGCSE) EXAMINATION RESULTS ARE RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2025** Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) examination results. A total of **35,366** candidates sat for the 2025 BGCSE compared to 36,917 in 2024, which shows a decrease of 4.20%. There were 22,930 (59.18%) female candidates and 14,436 (40.82%) male candidates.

The grades available at this level are on the 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 assigned letter **U**, and those who do not meet the requirements for grading for various reasons, including absence are assigned letter **X**.

The available subjects for the 2025 series increased from 31 to a total of forty-six (46) subjects, of which twenty-one (21) were BGCSE legacy subjects and twenty-five (25) were Botswana Senior Secondary Education (BSSE) subjects. The twenty-one (21) BSSE subjects were assessed for the first time leading to significant changes in the assessment structure suggesting that comparison of performance with previous cohorts will not be applicable.

The BGCSE is a syllabus-based qualification with no aggregation however, to gauge the performance of candidates at system level, two measures of reporting are used: the cumulative percentage of key grades awarded nationally and the proportion of candidates by numeric aggregate for six (6) best syllabuses following the point system adopted by the Department of Tertiary Education Financing (DTEF).

Overall Performance

For all candidates

The results indicate that among all the Grades awarded this year, **95.65%** were Grade G or Better. The proportion of Grades at E or Better is **78.68%**, whilst that of Grades at C or Better is **37.07%**, and the proportion of Grades at A or Better is **3.01%**. It is important to note that because of the significant changes in the assessment structure, comparison of performance with previous cohorts is not relevant.

Outstanding Performance

The criterion for determining outstanding performance in the BGCSE examination was through achievement of at least six (6) A*s. The provisional number of candidates who met this criterion in 2025 is eleven (11) from seven (7) Centres.

The Best 2025 BGCSE Candidate

The achievement profile of the best candidate from the 2025 BGCSE cohort is **7A*, 2A, and 2C from a total of 11 Syllabuses.**

The distribution of the results will be as follows:

1. **Individual Candidates:** Candidates will be able to access the results through the BEC Website www.bec.co.bw, as well as through SMS lines by dialing 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 their designated centres. For further clarification, please contact the BEC toll-free number **0800 601 025.**