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## PRESS RELEASE

### 2024 BOTSWANA GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (BGCSE) EXAMINATION RESULTS ARE RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2024** Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) examination results. A total of 36,917 candidates were registered in 2024 compared to 36,562 in 2023, which is an increase of 0.97%. There were 22,199 (60.13%) female candidates and 14,718 (39.87%) 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 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

For all candidates, the results indicate that among all the grades awarded this year, 96.24% were Grades G or better compared to 95.80% in 2023. The proportion of grades at E or better is 74.77% compared to 75.00% in 2023 whilst that of grades at C or better is 31.35% compared to 32.30% in 2023. Moreover, the proportion of grades at A or better is 2.84% compared to 3.70% in 2023.

## Government Centre Candidates

Performance in 2024 has generally remained more or less the same across grades compared to 2023. The results indicate that among all the grades awarded this year, 96.88% were Grades G or better compared to 96.13% in 2023. The proportion of grades at E or better is 76.20% compared to 75.17% in 2023 indicating an improvement of 1.03%. The proportion of grades at C or better is 33.39% compared to 32.94% indicating an improvement of 0.45%. The proportion of grades at A or better declined by 0.37%. The results show that generally, for the past four years, there have been gradual improvements across credit grades.

## Outstanding Performance

This year, twenty-two (22) candidates from ten (10) centres, compared to twenty (20) from seven (7) Centres in 2023, 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 8A\*, 2B from 10 syllabuses whilst the 2023 top candidate achieved 10A\*, 1B from 11 syllabuses,** 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**, a record that is yet to be broken.

The distribution of the results will be 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:

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

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