

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## 2015 BOTSWANA GENERAL CERTIFICATE FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION (BGCSE) RESULTS RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2015** Botswana General Certificate for Secondary Education (BGCSE) results. A total of **38 796** candidates wrote the 2015 examination showing an increase in candidature of **3.8%** compared to **2014** cohort of **37 384**. There were **16 483 (42.5%)** male candidates and **22 313 (57.5%)** female candidates sitting for the 2015 BGCSE Examination.

There were **25 640 (66.1%)** candidates from government and government-aided schools compared to **25 186 (66.4%)** in 2014 and **13 156 (33.9%)** private candidates compared to **12 198 (32.6%)** in 2014. The private candidates category included **6 569 (16.9%)** Back-to-School candidates, **3 591 (9.3%)** individual private candidates and **2 996 (7.7%)** candidates from private schools.

Since the BGCSE is a subject-based qualification with no aggregation, the measure used to gauge the performance of candidates is the proportion of candidates who were awarded Grade C or better in 5 syllabi. This year 6 291 (24.5%) candidates from government and government-aided schools were awarded Grade C or better in 5 syllabi compared to 5 843 (23.2%) in 2014. This shows a noticeable increase of 1.3%.

## Symbols used in the Results

- U denotes that a candidate failed to meet minimum requirements for Grade G.
- X denotes that a candidate failed to meet the requirements for the award of a syllabus grade.

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.
- 2. **Distribution to centres**: Centres will also 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 also be able to access the results through Malepa.

Candidates are informed that Statement of Results can be collected at designated locations across the country from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 during working hours as follows:

- 1. All **government and private school candidates** should collect their Statements of Results from their respective schools as these will be printed by individual schools.
- 2. All **individual private candidates** should collect their Statements of Results from the following locations:

 BEC Headquarters: Private Candidates who sat for their examinations at the following centres:

> BW860 - Gaborone Private Centre BW861 - Tsholofelo Private Centre BW866 - Tlokweng Private Centre BW898 - Babusi Private Centre

BW927 - Gaborone West Private Centre

Gaborone BOCODOL Regional office, Fairgrounds:

Private Candidates who sat for their examinations at the following centres:

BW883 - Lesedi Private Centre BW892 - Naledi Private Centre BW862 - Lobatse Private Centre BW895 - Woodhall Private Centre

- Maun BOCODOL Office, Disaneng: Private Candidates who sat for their examinations at BW915 Maun Private Centre
- Kgalemang Motsete JSS Private Candidates who sat for their examinations at BW864 Serowe Private Centre (Contact Person is Mr. Molatlhegi)
- Palapye JSS Private Candidates who sat for their examinations at BW863 Palapye Private Centre (Contact Person is Mrs. Bajo)
- Parwe JSS Private Candidates who sat for their examinations at BW889 Mahalapye Private Centre (Contact Person is Mrs. Tsie)
- Ditsweletse JSS Private Candidates who for sat their examinations at BW916 BOCODOL Letlhakane (Contact Person is Mr. Nkebelele)
- Makhubu JSS Private Candidates who sat their examinations at BW865 Selibe-Phikwe Private Centre (Contact Person is Mr. Letshola)
- BOCODOL Regional Office Private Candidates who sat their examinations at BW913 BOCODOL Kang Centre
- Orapa Adult Centre Private Candidates who sat their examinations at BW874 BOCODOL Orapa Adult Education Centre (Contact Person is Mr. Maphakwane)

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Thank you.

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