



PRESS RELEASE

2018 BOTSWANA GENERAL CERTIFICATE FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION (BGCSE) EXAMINATION RESULTS ARE RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2018** Botswana General Certificate for Secondary Education (BGCSE) examination results. A total of **32 470** candidates wrote the 2018 examination showing a decrease of **12.8%** in candidature compared to the **2017** cohort of **37 251**. There were **13 537 (41.69%)** male candidates and **18 933 (58.31%)** female candidates sitting for the 2018 BGCSE Examination.

In 2018 there were 23 026 (70.91%) candidates from government and government-aided schools compared to 25 802 (69.27%) in 2017 and 9 444 (29.09%) private candidates compared to 11 449 (30.74%) in 2017. The private candidates' category included 1 156 (3.56%) Back-to-School candidates, 1 354 (4.17%) candidates from Private Schools and 8 090 (24.92%) Private Candidates. The private candidates are from BEC Centres and Botswana Open University Centres.

Since the BGCSE is a subject-based certificate 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 24.56% candidates from government and government-aided schools were awarded Grade C or better in 5 syllabi compared to 24.05% in 2017. This shows a slight improvement of 0.51%, indicating that the two cohorts were more or less of the same quality.

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 **20th February to 3rd March, 2019** 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:

Table below showing Collection Points for Statements of Results for 2018 series

| Centre Number | Centre Name | Collection Point |
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| BW860 | Gaborone Private Centre | Botswana Examinations Council |
| BW861 | Tsholofelo Private Centre | Botswana Examinations Council |
| BW862 | Lobatse Private Centre | Letsopa JSS- Lobatse (Mr. Manyathelo) |
| BW863 | Palapye Private Centre | BOU Regional Office- Palapye- Ms. Moseki |
| BW864 | Serowe Private Centre | Serowe Brigade- Mr. Memo |
| BW865 | Selibe Phikwe Private Centre | Meepong- Mr. Gaetote |
| BW866 | Tlokweng Private Centre | Botswana Examinations Council |
| BW 882 | Francistown Private Centre | Aerodrome Primary School- Fredah Majaha |
| BW883 | Lesedi Private Centre | BOU Regional Office- Gaborone (Fairgrounds)- Mr. Shathani |
| BW889 | Mahalapye Private Centre | Parwe JSS- Ms. Seabo |
| BW892 | Naledi Private Centre | BOU Regional Office- Gaborone (Fairgrounds) -Mr. Shathani |

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| BW898 | Babusi Private Centre | Botswana Examinations Council |
| BW900 | Kasane Private Centre | Chobe JSS (Ms.Moalosi) |
| BW904 | BOCODOL Gaborone | BOU Regional Office- Gaborone (Fairgrounds)- Mr. Shathani |
| BW913 | BOCODOL Kang | BOU Regional Office- Kang (Mr.Tshotlego) |
| BW915 | Maun Private Centre | BOU Regional Office- Disaneng Maun (Mr. Makopole) |
| BW916 | BOCODOL Letlhakane | Ditsweletse JSS- Mr. Nkebelele |
| BW917 | BOCODOL Francistown | BOU Regional Offices- Francistown- Mr.Selala |
| BW927 | Gaborone West Private Centre | Botswana Examinations Council |
| BW974 | Orapa Adult Centre | Orapa Adult Centre- Mr. Maphakwane |

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

Thank you.

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