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### 2018 JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (JCE) RESULTS RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2018** Junior Certificate Examinations (JCE) Results. A total of **41 062** candidates registered to write the 2018 examination showing an increase of 0.41% in candidature compared to **40 896** candidates in 2017.

There were altogether **40 353** candidates who actually sat and were awarded grades in the 2018 JCE compared to **40 079** candidates in 2017, which is a slight increase of 0.68% in the candidature. The slight increase has been observed in private centre candidates.

There were **20 109** male candidates and **20 244** female candidates sitting for the 2018 Junior Certificate Examination.

The grades available at this level are on a pass scale of A - E where Grades A to C are credit passes, while D to E are pass grades. The symbol U denotes failure to achieve the minimum requirements of Grade E while the symbol X denotes failure to meet minimum requirement for the award of a qualification.

Overall performance for **government schools only** indicates that **85.80%** of candidates obtained **Grades E or better (pass grades)** compared to 83.10% in 2017 showing an **increase of 2.70%**. The performance also indicates that 38.00% of the candidates obtained **Grades C or better (credit grades)** compared to 35.90% in 2017, showing an increase of **2.10%**. This represents a significant improvement for this category.

Overall performance for **all 2018 JCE candidates (including private school candidates and private candidates)** indicates that **85.80%** of candidates obtained **Grades E or better (pass grades)** compared to 82.90% in 2017, showing an increase of **2.90%**. The performance also indicates that **36.00%** of candidates obtained **Grades C or better (credit grades)** compared to 34.48% in 2017, showing an increase of **1.52%**. This shows that for all candidates **the pass rate is at 85.80%**.

Performance at individual grades is as follows:

<b>Merit</b>	<b>Six (6)</b> candidates obtained a Merit compared to <b>two (2)</b> in 2017.
<b>Grade A</b>	<b>483</b> candidates (1.2%) compared to <b>376</b> (0.94%) in 2017, showing an increase of 0.26%.
<b>Grade B</b>	<b>4 104</b> candidates (10.2%) compared to <b>3 875</b> (9.67%) in 2017, showing an increase of 0.53%.

- Grade C** 9 944 candidates (24.60%) compared to 9 568 (23.87%), showing an increase of 0.73%.
- Grade D** 14 234 candidates (35.30%) compared to 13 852 (33.89%), showing an increase of 1.41%.
- Grade E** 5 863 candidates (14.50%) compared to 5 825 (14.53%), showing a decrease of 0.03%.
- Ungraded (U)** 5 719 candidates (14.2%) compared to 6 851 (17.09%), showing a decrease of 2.89%.

This year, **709** candidates were awarded an **X** compared to **817** in 2017.

**Distribution of the results will be done as follows:**

1. Distribution to Centres: Centres using the Malepa application will be given access to the system and the others will be sent the results through the post.
2. Distribution to Regional Offices: Regional Offices will access the results through the Malepa system.
3. Individual Candidates: Candidates will be able to access the results through the BEC Website as well as SMS. The How to Access results guidelines are available on the BEC Facebook Page [Botswana Examinations Council](#), BEC Website [www.bec.co.bw](http://www.bec.co.bw) and BEC Tweeter Account @Bots\_Exams

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

Thank you.

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