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### 2020 JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (JCE) RESULTS RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2020** Junior Certificate Examination (JCE) Results. A total of **43 883** candidates sat for the examination showing an increase of about 7% in candidature compared to **41 048** candidates in **2019**.

There were **21 683 (49%)** male candidates and **22 200 (51%)** female candidates sitting for the 2020 Junior Certificate Examination.

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

Overall performance for **government schools** indicates that 84.20% of candidates obtained **Grades E or better (pass grades)** compared to 85.50% in 2019 indicating a slight decline of 1.30%. The proportion of candidates obtaining **Grades C or better (credit grades)** is at 35.80% compared to 37.50% in 2019 representing a slight decline of 1.70%. This depicts a relatively similar cohort to that of 2019.

Outstanding performance has been noted where **eleven** (11) candidates obtained **Merit** compared to only **three** (3) in 2019, the highest number recorded since 2010. The eleven candidates are spread across different examination centres across the country.

Overall performance for all 2020 JCE candidates **which includes government schools, private schools and private candidates** indicates that **80.72%** of candidates obtained **Grades E or better** (pass grades) compared to **84.76%** in 2019 showing a significant decline of 4.04%. The performance also indicates that **33.16%** of candidates obtained **Grades C or better (credit grades)** compared to **35.38%** in 2019 implying a 2.22% decline.

**The overall pass rate for the 2020 JCE cohort is 80.72%.**

**The female candidates outperformed their male counterparts.**

Performance at individual grades is as follows:

<b>Merit</b>	Eleven (11) candidates compared to three (3) in 2019
<b>Grade A</b>	485 candidates (1.11%) compared to the 484 candidates (1.18%) in 2019, showing a slight decrease of 0.07%.
<b>Grade B</b>	4 187 candidates (9.54%) compared to 4 205 (10.24%) in 2019, showing a slight <b>decrease</b> of 0.70%.
<b>Grade C</b>	9 865 candidates (22.48%) compared to 9 833 (23.95%) in 2019, showing a decrease of 1.47%.
<b>Grade D</b>	14 924 candidates (34.01%) compared to 14 181 (34.55%) in 2019, showing a slight decrease of 0.54%.
<b>Grade E</b>	5 947 candidates (13.55%) compared to 6 088 (14.83%) in the previous year, showing a decrease of 1.28%.
<b>Ungraded</b>	6 626 candidates (15.10%) compared to 5 920 (14.42%) in 2019, showing an increase of 0.68%.

This year, 1 838 candidates compared to 334 in 2019, did not meet minimum requirement for the award of a qualification and therefore denoted with an X.

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

1. Distribution to Centres: Centres will be given access to the system.
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 Twitter Account @Bots\_Exams.
4. Distribution to Ministry of Basic Education (MoBE): The results will be made available in book version hard copy and CDs with the reports on Analysis of Candidates' Performance.

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