



## PRESS RELEASE

### **2020 BOTSWANA GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (BGCSE) EXAMINATION RESULTS ARE RELEASED**

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2020** Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) examination results. A total of **36 557** candidates wrote the 2020 examination showing a small increase in candidature compared to the **2019** cohort of **36 508**. There were **15 297 (41.84%)** male candidates and **21 260 (58.16%)** female candidates.

The grades available at this level are on a 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 failing to satisfy the requirements for grading in a syllabus are assigned letter X.

Since the BGCSE is a syllabus-based qualification with no aggregation, the measure used to gauge the performance of candidates at system level is the proportion of candidates who are awarded Grade G or better, Grade E or better and Grade C or better in the best **six** (6) syllabuses.

For government schools, this year the proportion of candidates obtaining Grade G or better in 6 syllabuses is 96.39% compared to 97.64% in 2019, while the proportion of candidates obtaining Grade E or better is 65.36% compared to 64.87% in 2019. At credit grades (C or better), the proportion of candidates is 21.17% compared to 20.95% in 2019. Performance shows a slight increase of 0.22% at Grade C or better, at Grade E or better performance shows a slight increase of 0.49% whereas Grade G or better shows a slight decline of 1.25%. Thus the results show that the overall performance has declined **insignificantly** by 1.25% but the quality of the results is slightly better than that of 2019 as shown by insignificant improvements at grade E or better and C or better.

The results show that females outperformed their male counterparts at G or better, Grade

E or better and Grade C or better. However, at grade A or better, males outperformed their female counterparts, overall.

**BEC recognises Outstanding Performance of candidates as Top Achievers.** The criterion for outstanding performance in the BGCSE examination is achievement of at least six (6) A\*s in eight (8) of the syllabuses that a candidate may have taken. The prospective number of candidates who met this criterion in 2020 is nineteen (19) from twelve (12) centres compared to eleven (11) from seven (7) centres in 2019, with four (4) candidates from one centre this year whilst the rest of the centres had two (2) or one (1).

**The top candidate achieved 11A\* from 11 syllabuses in 2020** which was far better than in 2019 when the top candidate achieved 8A\*, 1A and 1B from a total of 10 syllabuses. In 2018 the achievement was at 8A\*, 2A and 1B from 11 syllabuses. It is noted that the top two (2) candidates achieved the highest level of performance in the history of the BGCSE.

### **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 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:

**Table below showing Collection Points for Statements of Results for 2020 series**

<b>Centre Number</b>	<b>Centre Name</b>	<b>Collection Point</b>
BW860	Gaborone Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
BW861	Tsholofelo Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
BW862	Lobatse Private Centre	Letsopa JSS - Lobatse
BW863	Palapye Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Palapye
BW864	Serowe Private Centre	BOU Regional Office – Palapye
BW865	Selibe Phikwe Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Palapye
BW866	Tlokweng Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
BW 882	Francistown Private Centre	Aerodrome Primary School
BW883	Lesedi Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Gaborone (Fairgrounds)
BW889	Mahalapye Private Centre	BOU Regional Office – Palapye
BW892	Naledi Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Gaborone ( Fairgrounds)
BW895	Woodhall Private Centre	Letsopa JSS – Lobatse
BW898	Babusi Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
BW900	Kasane Private Centre	BOU Regional Office – Francistown
BW904	BOCODOL Gaborone	BOU Regional Office - Gaborone
BW913	BOCODOL Kang	BOU Regional Office - Kang
BW915	Maun Private Centre	BOU Regional Office - Disaneng Maun
BW916	BOCODOL Letlhakane	BOU Regional Office – Palapye
BW917	BOCODOL Francistown	BOU Regional Office - Francistown
BW927	Gaborone West Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
BW933	Tsabong BOU	BOU Regional Office – Tsabong
BW934	Ghanzi BOU	BOU Regional Office – Ghanzi
BW935	Mahalapye East Private Centre	BOU Regional Office – Palapye

BW936	Bobonong Private Centre	BOU Regional Office – Palapye
BW937	Serorome Private Centre	BOU Regional Office – Palapye
BW974	Orapa Adult Centre	BOU Regional Office – Palapye

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Thank you.

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