



PRESS RELEASE

2019 BOTSWANA GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (BGCSE) EXAMINATION RESULTS ARE RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2019** Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) examination results. A total of **36 508** candidates wrote the 2019 examination showing an increase of **12.4%** in candidature compared to the **2018** cohort of **32 470**. There were **14 670 (40.18%)** male candidates and **21 838 (59.82%)** 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 97.64% compared to 97.98% in 2018, while the proportion of candidates obtaining Grade E or better is 64.87% compared to 61.31% in 2018. At credit grades (C or better), the proportion of candidates is 20.95% compared to 19.29% in 2018. Performance shows a significant improvement of 3.56% at Grade E or better while it remains at the same level for Grade G or better and Grade C or better.

The analysis of the results at syllabus level shows a significant improvement at Grade G or better in three (3) syllabuses and that only one syllabus (Accounting) has shown a significant decline. A significant improvement is noted at Grade E or better in ten (10) syllabuses and no decline is noted in this category. At the credit band (Grade C or better),

significant improvement is noted in eleven (11) syllabuses while five (5) syllabuses have shown significant decline.

Performance in core syllabuses has remained at the same level at Grade G or better. Mathematics has shown significant improvement at Grade E or better and Grade C or better. Even though improvement is noted at grade E or better, performance in the syllabus at this grade level remains low (about 60%) compared to the other two core syllabuses (Setswana and English Language). English has declined significantly at Grade C or better.

With the Science syllabuses, Science Single Award has shown significant improvement at Grade G or better and at Grade E or better even though the majority of candidates continue to be at the lowest grades of F and G. Physics has improved significantly at Grade C or better while a decline is noted in Biology.

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.

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.
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 2019 series

Centre Number	Centre Name	Collection Point
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 Oathotse
BW864	Serowe Private Centre	Serowe Brigade- Mr Tumisang
BW865	Selibe Phikwe Private Centre	Makhubu JSS- Selibe Phikwe – Mr Samuel
BW866	Tlokweng Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
BW874	Orapa Adult Centre	Orapa JSS-Orapa – Mr Kitlano
BW 882	Francistown Private Centre	BOU Regional Office- Francistown- Ms Akanyang
BW883	Lesedi Private Centre	BOU Regional Office- Gaborone (Fairgrounds)- Mr Lekula
BW889	Mahalapye Private Centre	Parwe JSS- Ms Seabo
BW892	Naledi Private Centre	BOU Regional Office- Gaborone (Fairgrounds) –Mr Lekula
BW895	Woodhall Private Centre	Letsopa JSS- Lobatse- Mr Manyathelo
BW898	Babusi Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council
BW900	Kasane Private Centre	Chobe JSS- Kasane- Ms.Moalosi
BW904	BOCODOL Gaborone	BOU Regional Office- Gaborone (Fairgrounds)- Mr Lekula
BW913	BOCODOL Kang	BOU Regional Office- Kang- Mr Moeti/Mr Malepa
BW915	Maun Private Centre	BOU Regional Office- Maun (Disaneng)- Mr Makopola
BW916	BOCODOL Letlhakane	Ditsweletse JSS- Letlhakane- Mr Nkebelele
BW917	BOCODOL Francistown	BOU Regional Office- Francistown- Ms Akanyang
BW927	Gaborone West Private Centre	Botswana Examinations Council

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Thank you.

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