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2013 BOTSWANA GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (BGCSE) RESULTS RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2013** Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE) examination results.

A total number of **34 069** candidates sat for the examinations compared to **31 665** in 2012. Out of the **34 069** candidates who sat for the 2013 examinations, **24 494** were from Government and Government-Aided schools compared to **23 158** in 2012. Private schools presented **2 421 candidates** compared to **3 116** in 2012. There were **7 154** private candidates (**out of which 4 055 were registered through the Back-to School initiative**) compared to **5 391** in 2012.

The total number of grades awarded (for all syllabuses and all candidates) is **240 123** compared to **225 376** in 2012. Out of these **6 194 (2.58%)** were grades A* and A, **18 618 (7.75%)** were grades B, **42 198 (17.57%)** were grades C. The number of grades issued in 2013 that are C or better is **67 010 (27.91%)** compared to **65 798 (28.82%)** in 2012. This shows an insignificant decline of 0.91% which shows that candidates' overall performance in 2013 was similar to that of the 2012 cohort. Overall, the percentage of candidates awarded 5C's or better is **24.27%** compared to **25.54%** in 2012, showing again an insignificant decline of **1.27%**.

The results show that there is significant improvement in percentage of candidates awarded grade C or better in six subjects: Moral Education (3.13%), Fashion and Fabrics (3.44%), Chemistry (4.87%), Social Studies (5%), Home Management (6.36%) and Literature in English (7.41%). Three syllabuses (Science Double Award, Human and Social Biology and Development Studies) recorded significant declines of about 5%, 5% and 4% respectively. Three other syllabuses (English Language, Computer Studies and Business Studies) recorded slight increases while four others (Mathematics, Religious Education, Biology and Geography) recorded slight decreases. Performance in the remaining twelve syllabuses is



similar to that of 2012. Female candidates continue to outperform male candidates in Humanities and Languages while in Mathematics, Sciences and Creative and Vocational subjects male candidates outperformed female candidates.

Examination Centres will receive copies of their results delivered through Express Mail Service (EMS). Centres can also access the results and related reports through MALEPA. **Regional Education Offices** will access the results through CDs delivered via EMS. **Candidates** can access their results from their schools.

The results can also be accessed from the BEC website at www.bec.co.bw and through Short Message Service (**SMS**).

To access the results through SMS follow the steps below: -

Step 1: Compose new message and type

BGCSE

Centre Number

Candidate Number

Surname

For example if your centre number is 812, your candidate number is 1 and your surname is Moithuti, type **BGCSE BW812 0001 Moithuti** (use space as separator).

Step 2: Send your message to any of the following numbers:

Mascom **75634390**

Orange **76933680**

beMobile **75826714**

Instructions on how to access results have also been published in the local newspapers.

For further information please contact the BEC Corporate Communications Division office at **3650700/928/910**.

Thank you.



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