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2016 JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (JCE) RESULTS RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2016** Junior Certificate Examination (JCE) results. A total of **41 464** candidates wrote the 2016 examination showing a slight decrease in candidature compared to the 2015 cohort of **41 938**.

There were **20 408** male candidates and **21 056** female candidates sitting for the 2016 Junior Certificate Examination.

Overall performance indicates that **32.54%** of candidates have been awarded Grade C or better compared to **33.41%** in 2015, which represents an insignificant drop of **0.87%**. This year, no candidate has satisfied the requirement for the award of a Merit compared to **one** candidate obtaining Merit last year. **271** Candidates awarded grade A compared to **197** in 2015, which translates to an increase in the percentage of candidates awarded grade A (**+0.18%**). There is an insignificant decrease in the percentage of candidates awarded grade B (**-0.37%**) this year compared to 2015. The proportion of candidates at grade D decreased by **0.07%** while at grade E there has been an increase of **0.74%**. Furthermore, in 2016, **7 105** (17.14%) candidates have failed to obtain an overall qualification grade compared to **6 932** (16.53%) in 2015, which is an increase of **0.61%**. These are the candidates who have failed to meet the minimum requirement for a grade E and in the report are recorded under grade U.

Symbols used in the Results

- **U** denotes that a candidate failed to meet minimum requirements for Grade E.
- **X** denotes that a candidate failed to meet the requirements for the award of the qualification.

Distribution of the Results will be done as follows:

1. Distribution to centres: The results will be sent to the centres through normal 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 and BEC Twitter Account [@Bots_Exams](#)
4. Distribution to the Ministry of Basic Education: The results will be accessed through book print and CDs delivered to Ministry Headquarters.

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

Thank you.

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