



ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

PRESS STATEMENT

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RELEASE OF 2023 NOVEMBER ORDINARY LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS

Introduction

The Zimbabwe School Examinations Council Board and Management would like to advise the nation of the release of the 2023 November Ordinary Level examination results.

The 2023 November Ordinary Level examination results will be available online today, 22 January 2024 from 1500hrs. Candidates' results will be accessible to all candidates and authorised personnel online through the ZIMSEC portal accessed through the ZIMSEC Website www.zimsec.co.zw. Candidates are advised to click on their respective region where they will be redirected to the portal on which they can access their results. Please take note that this portal will be open for 5 days only. Heads of Examination Centres will be able to collect the results for their respective schools/centres from our Regional Offices today, Monday, 22 January 2024.

Entry and Pass rates

A total of **270 129** candidates sat for the November 2023 examinations as compared to **278 760** candidates who sat for the same examinations in 2022. There was a decrease of **8 631** in candidature, translating to a percentage decrease of **3.1%**.

In 2023, a total of **185 021** wrote 5 or more subjects and **54 420** passed 5 or more subjects with a grade C or better giving an overall percentage pass rate of **29.41%** as compared to **183 584** candidates who wrote 5 or more subjects in 2022, with **53 169** passing 5 or more subjects with a Grade C or better yielding a percentage pass rate of **28.96%**. The statistics show that the 2023 pass rate increased by **0.45%** from 2022. This rise in the percentage pass rate can be attributed to variables in the teaching and learning processes in schools.

The performance of candidates was analysed in the following categories:

- School candidates;

- Private candidates;
- Female candidates;
- Male candidates; and
- Special Needs candidates.

School Candidates

School candidates who wrote five or more subjects in 2023 were **163 533** and **49 373** obtained Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects, yielding a **30.19** percentage pass rate as compared to that of 2022 where **162 813** wrote 5 or more subjects with **49 501** obtaining a Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects resulting in a percentage pass rate of **30.40**. This shows that the 2023 pass rate for school candidates decreased by **0.21%**.

Private candidates

Private candidates who wrote 5 or more subjects were **23 095** and **5 047** obtained Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects, which translates to a pass rate of **21.85%** as compared to that of 2022 where **20 771** wrote 5 or more subjects with **3 668** obtaining a Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects resulting in a pass rate of **17.66%**. This shows an increase of **4.19%** in the 2023 pass rate for private candidates.

Female candidates

The total number of female candidates who sat for the 2023 Ordinary Level Examinations was **141 698** and of these **96 963** wrote 5 or more subjects with **29 094** passing 5 or more subjects, thus translating to a percentage pass rate of **30.01**. The total number of female candidates who sat for the 2022 Ordinary Level Examinations was **146 106** and, of these, **97 565** wrote 5 or more subjects with **24 371** passing 5 or more subjects, thus translating to a percentage pass rate of **24.98**. This shows an increase of **5.03%** in the 2023 pass rate for female candidates.

Male candidates

The total number of male candidates who sat for 2023 Ordinary level Examinations was **128 431** and of these, **88 088** wrote 5 or more subjects and **25 596** passed 5 or more subjects translating to a percentage pass rate of **29.06**. The total number of male candidates who sat for the 2022 Ordinary level examinations was **132 653** and of these, **86 018** wrote 5 or more subjects and **21 645** passed 5 or more subjects translating to a percentage pass rate of **25.16**. The pass rate for male candidates in 2023 increased by **3.90%**.

Special Needs candidates

A total of **253** special needs candidates sat for a range of subjects from **1** to **13** in 2023. Of these **159** wrote **5** or more subjects and **41** passed 5 or more subjects yielding an overall percentage pass rate of **25.79**. A total of **265** special needs candidates sat for a range of subjects from 1 to 12 in 2022. Of these **151** wrote 5 or more subjects and **27** passed 5 or more subjects yielding an overall pass rate of **17.88%**. The 2023 pass rate for special needs candidates increased by **7.91%**.

Conclusion

We would like to acknowledge and appreciate the:

- Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education from District level to its Head Office;
- The ZIMSEC Board and staff;
- State Security agencies;
- Teachers;
- Markers; and
- All our valued stakeholders who collaborated with ZIMSEC.

The combined effort led us to where we are today. We are releasing the 2023 Ordinary Level Examination results.

Allow me, on behalf of the ZIMSEC Board, to express my profound gratitude to all our stakeholders and clients.

Finally, the ZIMSEC Board and Management take this opportunity to wish all the candidates, the best in their future studies and endeavours.

I thank you.

Professor E. Mwenje

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