



PRESS STATEMENT

12 January 2024

RE: RELEASE OF NOVEMBER 2023 ADVANCED 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 Advanced Level examination results.

With effect from today, 12 January 2024, 1500hrs, Advanced Level Examination 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. 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 on Monday, 15 January 2024.

Entry and the Pass Rate

The total number of candidates who sat for the November 2023 examinations was **34 437**, as compared to **36 945** in November 2022. There was a decrease of **6.79%** in the candidature.

In November 2023, **34 060** wrote 2 or more subjects compared to **36 385** in 2022. For those who wrote two or more subjects, **32 221** obtained a Grade E or better. This translates to a pass rate of **94.60%** compared to **88%** pass rate for November 2022. The pass rate for 2023, therefore, increased by **6.60%**.

School Candidates

The total number of school candidates in November 2023 was **29 910** as compared to **31 088** in November 2022. Of these, **29 745** wrote 2 or more subjects, and **28 313** obtained Grade E or better in 2 or more subjects yielding a percentage pass rate of **95, 19** whereas in November 2022, **30 895** candidates wrote two or more subjects and **27 747** obtained Grade E or better in two or more subjects, yielding a percentage pass rate of **89, 81** a percentage increase of **2.92**.

Private Candidates

The total number of private candidates in November 2023 was **4 527**. Of these, **4 315** wrote two or more subjects, and **3 908** obtained a Grade E or better in two or more subjects, which translated to a percentage pass rate of **90.57**, while in November 2022, the total number of private candidates was **5 857**. Out of this number, **5 490** wrote two or more subjects, and **4 273** obtained a Grade E or better in two or more subjects, which translated to a percentage pass rate of **77, 83**.

In November 2023 private candidates performed better than the same cohort in 2022 by **12.74%** while the performance of school candidates also increased by **2.92%**.

Gender

The total number of female school candidates who sat for 2 or more subjects in November 2023 Advanced level examinations was **15 141** as compared to **15 503** who sat in November 2022. Of this number, **14 594** passed two or more subjects yielding a **96.38%** pass rate while, in November 2022, **14 193** passed two or more subjects yielding a **92.32%** pass rate. This translates to a percentage increase of **4.06**.

The total number of male school candidates who sat for two or more subjects was **14 603** of which **13 719** passed two or more subjects, which translates to **93.95%** pass rate, an increase of **6.67%** percentage points from the **87.28%** for 2022. It could also be noted that female candidates performed marginally better than their male counterparts.

Special Needs Candidates

The total number of special needs candidates who sat for the November 2023, Advanced level examinations was **34**. Of these, **33** wrote 2 or more subjects, and **29** obtained Grade E or better yielding a percentage pass rate of **87.87%**. In comparison, the total number of special needs candidates in November 2022 was **30**. Of these, **26** wrote 2 or more subjects, and **22** obtained Grade E or better yielding a percentage pass rate of **84.62**. This translates to a percentage increase of **3.25** in 2023. The candidates were in 4 different categories namely; Enlarged Print, Braille, Hearing Impairment and Physical Impairment.


At this juncture, it is imperative to remind all candidates, parents, and stakeholders that the Continuous Assessment Learning Activities (CALAs) are integral to the candidates' learning and assessment. Candidates who do not submit their CALAs are considered to have not completed their assessment therefore they do not receive results. This policy position was communicated extensively from the onset by the Parent Ministry and ZIMSEC.

Conclusion

We would like to extend our gratitude to all those who were involved in the November 2023 Advanced Level examination processes with a special mention to the school administrators, teachers and ZIMSEC staff for their hard work and dedication in making the examinations a success.

ZIMSEC hereby takes this opportunity to wish all the candidates the best of luck in their future studies and endeavours.

I thank you.



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