



## ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

### PRESS STATEMENT

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#### RELEASE OF THE 2024 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 2024 November Ordinary Level examination results.

The 2024 November Ordinary Level examination results will be available online today, 17 January 2025, from 1600 hrs. 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](http://www.zimsec.co.zw). Please note that this portal will be open for five days only. Heads of Examination Centres will be able to collect the results for their respective schools/centres from the Provincial Offices, on Monday, 20 January 2025.

##### ***Candidature and Pass rates***

A total of 291 341 candidates sat for the November 2024 Ordinary Level examinations compared to 270 129 candidates who sat for the same examinations in 2023. There was an increase of 21 212 in candidature, translating to a percentage increase of 7.85.

In the November 2024 Ordinary level examinations, a total of 199 258 candidates wrote 5 or more subjects and 66 130 passed 5 or more subjects with a grade C or better. The national pass rate for November 2024 is therefore 33.19%. In comparison, 185 021 candidates wrote 5 or more subjects in 2023, with 54 420 passing 5 or more subjects with a Grade C or better, yielding a percentage pass rate of 29.41. This translates to a percentage increase of 3.78 in the national pass rate in November 2024.

### *School Candidates*

The total number of school candidates who sat for the November 2024 Ordinary Level examinations was 199 270. Of these, 171 695 candidates wrote five or more subjects with 57 860 obtaining Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects, yielding a percentage pass rate of 33.70. In comparison, 163 533 school candidates wrote 5 or more subjects in November 2023, with 49 373 obtaining a Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects, resulting in a percentage pass rate of 30.19. This translates to a percentage increase of 3.51 in the pass rate for school candidates in 2024.

### *Private candidates*

The total number of private candidates who sat for the November 2024 Ordinary Level examinations was 92 071. Of these, candidates who wrote 5 or more subjects were 27 974 with 8 270 obtaining Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects, yielding a percentage pass rate of 29.60. In comparison, 23 095 candidates wrote 5 or more subjects in November 2023, with 5 047 obtaining a Grade C or better in 5 or more subjects, resulting in a percentage pass rate of 21.85. This translates to a percentage increase of 7.75 in the pass rate for private candidates in 2024.

### *Female candidates*

The total number of female candidates who sat for the 2024 Ordinary Level examinations was 154 391. Of these 104 930 wrote 5 or more subjects with 35 203 passing 5 or more subjects, translating to a percentage pass rate of 33.54. In comparison, the total number of female candidates who sat for the 2023 Ordinary Level examinations was 141 698. Of these, 96 963 wrote 5 or more subjects with 29 094 passing 5 or more subjects, yielding a percentage pass rate of 30.01. This translates to a percentage increase of 3.53 in the pass rate for female candidates.

### *Male candidates*

The total number of male candidates who sat for 2024 Ordinary Level examinations was 136 950. Of these, 94 739 wrote 5 or more subjects with 30 937 passing 5 or more subjects, translating to a percentage pass rate of 32.65. The total number of male candidates who sat for the 2023 Ordinary Level examinations was 128 431. Of these, 88 088 wrote 5 or more subjects with 25 596 passing 5 or more subjects, yielding a percentage pass rate of 29.06. This translates to a percentage increase of 3.59 in the pass rate for male candidates.

### *Special Needs candidates*

A total of 323 special needs candidates sat for a range of subjects from 1 to 12. Of these 198 wrote 5 or more subjects and 72 passed 5 or more subjects yielding an overall percentage pass rate of 36.36. In comparison, a total of 253 special needs candidates sat for examinations in November 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. The 2024 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 to successful examination sessions in 2024.

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 dr. P. Mapfumo

**CHAIRPERSON: ZIMBABWE SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL BOARD**