

## **RELEASE OF PROVISIONAL RESULTS FOR THE 2017 BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (BECE) FOR SCHOOL CANDIDATES**

The West African Examinations Council wishes to inform its numerous publics that it has released **provisional** results of candidates who took the 2017 BECE for School Candidates, twenty-five days earlier than last year. The Council is in the process of despatching the results to the schools through the Municipal/District Directors of Education.

Meanwhile the Council has hosted the results online and candidates who so desire may access their results online at the Council's website.

### **STATISTICS**

A total of 468,060 candidates made up of 241,154 males and 226,906 females sat for the examination. This figure is 1.53% higher than that of the previous year. The candidates were from a total of 15,185 schools and the examination was administered at 1,702 centres. Out of those who initially registered for the examination, 3,315 (0.71%) of the candidates were absent.

The Stanine grading system was used for the BECE with **Grade 1** as the highest and **Grade 9** being the lowest. With this grading system, it must be noted that there are no failures in BECE.

### **MALPRACTICE**

The **subject** results of 1,298 candidates which is 0.28% of the total candidature have been withheld. This excludes the **subject** results of candidates who were detected by the Item Differentia Profile (IDP) software to have cheated in the objective tests. The withheld results will be released after the conclusion of investigations into various cases of examination malpractice detected during and after the conduct of the examination.

The Council takes this opportunity to advise candidates to do independent work in the examination hall and to avoid seeking any form of illegal assistance as such acts would be detected and sanctions applied accordingly.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Council wishes to express its deepest appreciation to all stakeholders especially the Ministry of Education, Ghana Education Service, Supervisors, Invigilators, the Ghana Police Service, Examiners and all who in various ways helped in the successful conduct of the examination and the timeous release of results.

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