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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE BASIC EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION FOR SCHOOL AND PRIVATE CANDIDATES, 2025

The West African Examinations Council wishes to inform its numerous publics that the Basic Education Certificate Examination for School and Private Candidates will be conducted from Wednesday, June 11, 2025 to Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

A total number of 603,328 candidates, comprising 297,250 males and 306,078 females from 20,395 participating schools entered for the school examination. The number of candidates that registered for this year's BECE (SC) is 5.99% higher than the 2024 entry figure of 569,236. With regard to the BECE for Private Candidates, a total entry figure of 1,661 candidates was recorded. This is made up of 858 males and 803 females. This year's figure is 19.49% higher than the 2024 entry figure of 1,390.

The BECE for School Candidates will be conducted at 2,237 examination centres across the country, while fifteen (15) centres mainly in the regional capitals will be used for the BECE for Private candidates.

Similar to the 2024 examination, School Candidates and some of the private candidates will be examined on the core curriculum while other private candidates will be examined on the old syllabus. We wish to notify all prospective private candidates that this will be the last time private candidates will be examined on the old syllabus.

The Council has made reasonable adjustments to make its examinations accessible to candidates with special educational needs. Heads of school, parents and guardians should rest assured that adequate provision has been made to ensure that no child is left behind as far as the examination is concerned.

The Council wishes to remind all stakeholders of the revised Rules and Regulations for dealing with cases of irregularity in the Council's examinations which have been in operation since 2023. The revision includes new rules on:

- (i) Having inscriptions on any part of the body or clothing
- (ii) Posting Live Questions on the Internet
- (iii) Refusal to grant timely access into the school premises
- (iv) Misconduct of examination officials
- (v) Multiple registration of candidates in both public and private schools

The revised rules are available on the Council's website and Heads of school, supervisors and invigilators should ensure that candidates adhere to these new rules.

The Council calls on all and sundry especially stakeholders to ensure that sanity prevails at all the examination centres. While we wish all the candidates success in their examination, we wish to admonish them to adhere strictly to the rules governing the examination. Any attempt to breach any of these will have dire consequences on the candidates.

Thank you.



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