

ZIMBABWE EXAMINATIONS SYSTEM

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INTRODUCTION

The Zimbabwe School Examinations Council is one such State Enterprises under the aegis of the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education. It is an internationally accredited examinations board, whose syllabuses were evaluated by the National Academic Recognition and Information Centre (NARIC) in the UK, and found to be equivalent to the General Certificate of Education Standard offered in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, United States of America and the other English speaking countries, hence the internationally recognized qualifications conferred by the Council.



INTRODUCTION

ZIMSEC was established in 1994 through an act of parliament, (The Zimbabwe School Examinations Council Act, 1994). It is the sole examination board in the country for primary and secondary education. Literally speaking it is a monopoly though it competes at a very low scale with Cambridge Examination board. ZIMSEC was established with the view to localise examination and mitigate the challenges of foreign currency shortages which was bedeviling the country in late the 1990s. Since its inception, ZIMSEC has grown to be a strong examinations board in the region, but with also various challenges like its peers.

Functions of ZIMSEC

- To organise and conduct such examinations in subjects that form part of a course of primary or secondary education as the Minister may in writing direct;
- To consider and approve subjects suitable for examinations;
- To appoint panels or boards of examiners;
- To approve and register examinations centres;
- To review rules and regulations relating to examinations;
- To confer or approve the conferment of certificates, diplomas and other awards to persons who have passed examinations;
- To enter into arrangement, whether reciprocal or otherwise, with persons or organisations inside or outside Zimbabwe for the recognition of certificates, diplomas and other awards granted in respect of examinations organised or conducted by the Council.



ZIMSEC Quality Policy

Zimbabwe School Examinations Council endeavours to be the examinations authority of choice through the use of scientifically refined, reliable and globally accepted assessment methods and awarding of nationally and internationally accepted certificates. In pursuit of our mandate, we shall:

- Comply with customers and stakeholders requirements and always strive to exceed expectations
- Produce error free question papers presented in secure quality packaging
Establish measurable and realistic objectives and targets.
- Continually improve our business processes, through research, human resources development and comprehensive benchmarking of processes with other examination authorities

ZIMSEC Quality Policy...

- Employ modern and dynamic Information Communication Technologies to create competitive advantage.
- Effectively mobilise, allocate, utilize and account for all the Council's resources
- Effectively communicate this commitment to our customers and other stakeholders
- Uphold the highest standards of professionalism, honesty, integrity and accountability at all levels of service delivery in the examination processes

ZIMSEC continuously review the adequacy of its human, material and infrastructural resources as it strives to satisfy the ever changing customer and stakeholder requirements.



Examinations Structure

ZIMSEC offers three examinations levels:

1. Grade 7 (October Examinations Session)
2. Ordinary level (June and November sessions)
3. Advanced level (June and November sessions)



Disciplines Structure

The subjects are grouped as follows:

1. Technical subjects
2. Language (foreign and local languages)
3. Humanities
4. Sciences
5. Mathematics



Recent Innovations at ZIMSEC

1. Belt marking
2. E-marking
3. E-registration of candidates

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