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PRESS STATEMENT

PAYMENT OF 2019 EXAMINERS' SCRIPT MARKING ALLOWANCES

Lusaka, 5th January 2021. The Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ) notes with deep concern misleading statements circulating in some sections of the media indicating that examiners have not been paid their 2019 script marking allowances.

To the contrary, we wish to put it on record that a total of Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight (11,888) examiners inclusive of Grade 9 Internal, Grade 12 and Teacher Education, were paid their 2019 script marking allowances directly into their preferred bank accounts between 7th and 28th December 2020. However, some of the fund transfer processes failed due to dormant and or incorrect bank account details provided by some examiners. Meanwhile, payments of the affected examiners continue to be processed as and when they have been received.

We therefore urge the public to consider what is circulating in some section of the media on payment of the 2019 examiners' script marking allowances as fake. The Examinations Council of Zambia remains resolute to honour its obligations as it executes its mandate of setting and conducting examinations.

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RELEASE OF 2020 GRADE 7 AND 9 EXAMINATION RESULTS

Lusaka, 29th January 2021. The Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ) is concerned with an announcement circulating in some sections of the media purporting that the 2020 Grade 7 and 9 Examination results are out and available on mobile platforms.

We wish to put it on record that the said announcement did not emanate from the Examinations Council of Zambia. Stakeholders and members of the public are advised to disregard the information circulating as the 2020 Examinations results are still being processed.

Once the processing of results for various levels of Examinations is completed, the public will be informed by the Ministry of General Education who are mandated to release the results to the nation.

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EXTENSION OF 2021 GCE AND GRADE 9 EXTERNAL CANDIDATE REGISTRATION

Lusaka, Saturday 27th February 2021. The Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ) has extended the candidate registration for the 2021 General Certificate of Education Examination and the Grade 9 External Examination to **Friday, 19th March 2021.**

The last day for registration of candidates for the above mentioned examinations was yesterday Friday, 26th February 2021. Meanwhile, the deadline for registration of candidates for the 2021 Grade 7 Composite Examination, Grade 9 Internal and School Certificate Examination remains Friday, 19th March 2021.

Registration of candidates is being done online using the Online Candidate Registration System (OCRS). Eligible candidates are therefore advised to ensure that registration is done within the stated period as there will be no further extension.

Kindly take this as official communication.

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KITWE MAN JAILED 2 YEARS FOR FORGERY OF SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

Lusaka, Friday, 19th March 2021. The Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ) is pleased with the conviction and sentencing of Misheck Chiyesu of Kitwe by the Lusaka Magistrate Court. Misheck Chiyesu aged 27, was sentenced to two (2) years imprisonment with hard labour for forgery of School Certificates.

Details are that on dates unknown but between October 2018 and January 2019, Chiyesu was involved in the production of School Certificates purporting to show that they were issued by the Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ) when in fact not. This is contrary to Section 342 and 347 of the Penal Code Chapter 87 of the Laws of Zambia. On one count, Chiyesu was found guilty of the offence of forgery and was sentenced to one (1) year imprisonment with hard labour while on the second count, he was found guilty of offence of forgery committed on dates unknown but in the month of April 2019 and was sentenced to one (1) year imprisonment with hard labour. Both sentences will run concurrently effective the date of conviction. The case was presided over by Magistrate, Honourable A. Walusiku who passed the Judgment on 25th January 2021.

The conviction and sentencing of Chiyesu will act as a deterrent to anyone with intentions to engage in similar acts.

We therefore, emphasize that ECZ is the only institution mandated by law to award certificates to deserving candidates after sitting for examinations conducted by the Council.

ECZ remains committed to its mandate and will ensure that certificates are obtained through the prescribed assessment and certification process that protects the Zambian school qualification and the integrity of the education system in Zambia. Those who work to defile this effort risk being prosecuted in accordance with the Law.

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