

Republic of South Sudan
Ministry of General Education & Instruction
Office of the Minister

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**PRESS STATEMENT ON THE 2026 CERTIFICATE OF PRIMARY EDUCATION (CPE)
AND CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (CSE) NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS**

Members of the Press,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of South Sudan National Examinations Council (SSNEC) and on my own behalf, I wish to take this opportunity to inform all candidates, parents, education stakeholders, and the general public that all necessary arrangements for the 2026 academic year Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) and Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE) examinations have been completed.

The Council has finalized all examination processes, and the official administration dates have been confirmed. The CPE and CSE examinations will commence on Monday 16th November and will conclude on Friday 20th November 2026 for CPE while the CSE Examinations will commence on Monday 23rd November 2026 and will conclude on Tuesday 01st December 2026, as detailed in the official timetables attached herewith.

For the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE), a total of 87,892 candidates have duly registered for the 2026 examinations. This includes 46,966 males (53.4%) and 40,924 females (46.6%), drawn from 2,007 primary schools across 518 examination Centres. This represents an increase of 3,077 candidates (3.5%) compared to last year's candidature of 84,815 candidates.

For the Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE), a total of 53,301 candidates have registered, comprising 31,037 males (58%) and 22,264 females (42%). Among these are 1,009 refugee candidates (669 males and 340 females), 4,216 Accelerated Secondary Education Program (ASEP), 168 technical candidates (154 males and 14 females), and 24 commercial candidates (12 males and 12 females) from 596

secondary schools nationwide. This reflects an increase of 7,502 candidates (14%) from last year's total of 45,799

As we approach the examination period, I take this moment to wish all our candidates the very best of success in their forthcoming examinations.

I would also like to remind all supervisors, invigilators, monitors, and security personnel that the credibility and integrity of our national examinations are of utmost importance to the Examinations Council and the nation at large. The conduct of examinations must reflect the highest standards of fairness, transparency, and professionalism.

All those entrusted with the management of the examination process must familiarize themselves with the Council's Examination Conduct and Invigilation Guidelines, as outlined in the official guidebooks. These must be strictly adhered to, to ensure that examinations are conducted in a secure and conducive environment for all candidates.

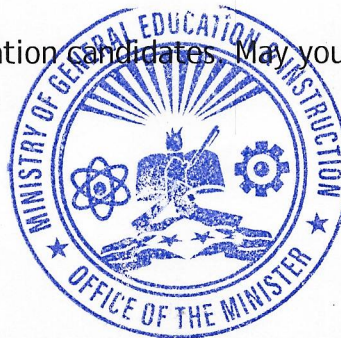
Finally, I wish to extend my deepest appreciation to His Excellency, General Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan, for his unwavering support to the education sector and particularly the work of the National Examinations Council.

Congratulations to all 2026 examination candidates. May your hard work yield success and make our nation proud.

Thank you.


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