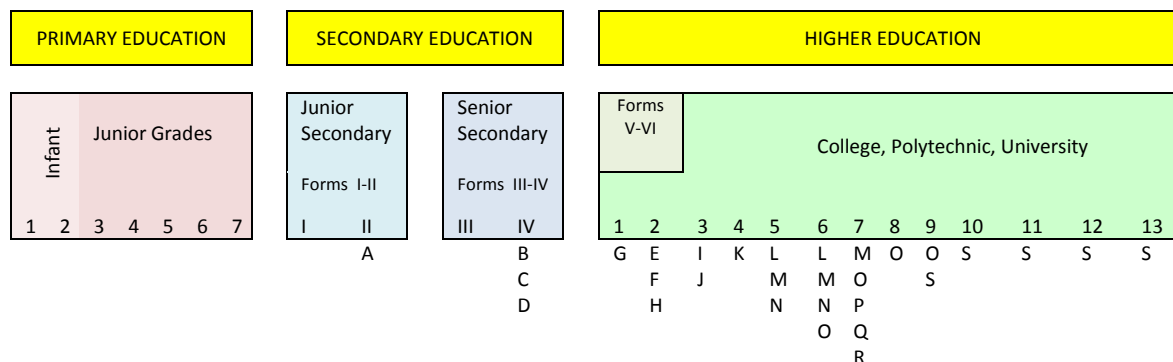


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Educational Diagram of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Years of education →



Secondary Education

- A** Zimbabwe Junior Certificate
- B** General Certificate of Education - Ordinary Level, awarded by the University of Cambridge
- C** Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level
- D** International General Certificate of Secondary Education, awarded by the University of Cambridge¹
- E** General Certificate of Education - Advanced Level, awarded by the University of Cambridge
- F** Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Advanced Level

Postsecondary Education

- G** National Certificate: one-year program requiring credential **B** or **C** for admission, awarded by the ministry responsible for higher education
- H** National Diploma: two-year program requiring credential **B** or **C** for admission, awarded by the ministry responsible for higher education
- I** Higher National Diploma: one-year program requiring credential **H** for admission, awarded by the ministry responsible for higher education
- J** Diploma in Education (also known as the Certificate in Education): three-year program requiring credential **B** or **C** for admission, awarded by the University of Zimbabwe, offered for teaching at the primary or secondary level
- K** Graduate Certificate in Education: one-year program requiring credential **J** for admission
- L** Bachelor: three- or four-year program requiring credential **E** or **F** for admission

¹ While the International General Certificate of Secondary Education is not recognized as an official qualification for admission to higher education within Zimbabwe, students, especially in private secondary schools, have been taking this examination instead of the Zimbabwean curriculum.

- M** Honours Bachelor: three- to five-year program requiring credential **E** or **F** for admission, can be completed as a year-long capstone program to credential **L**
- N** Bachelor of Education: two-year program requiring credential **J** for admission or four-year program requiring credential **E** or **F** for admission
- O** Master: one- or two-year program requiring credential **L** or **M** for admission
- P** Bachelor of Dental Surgery: five-year program requiring credential **E** or **F** for admission
- Q** Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery: five-year program requiring credential **E** or **F** for admission
- R** Bachelor of Veterinary Science: five-year program requiring credential **E** or **F** for admission
- S** Doctor of Philosophy: three- or four-year program requiring credential **O** for admission

Grading Scales

Secondary

Number	Letter	Description
1-2	A	Highest Passing Grade
3-4	B	
5-6	C	
7	D	
8	E	Lowest Passing Grade
9	U	Failing

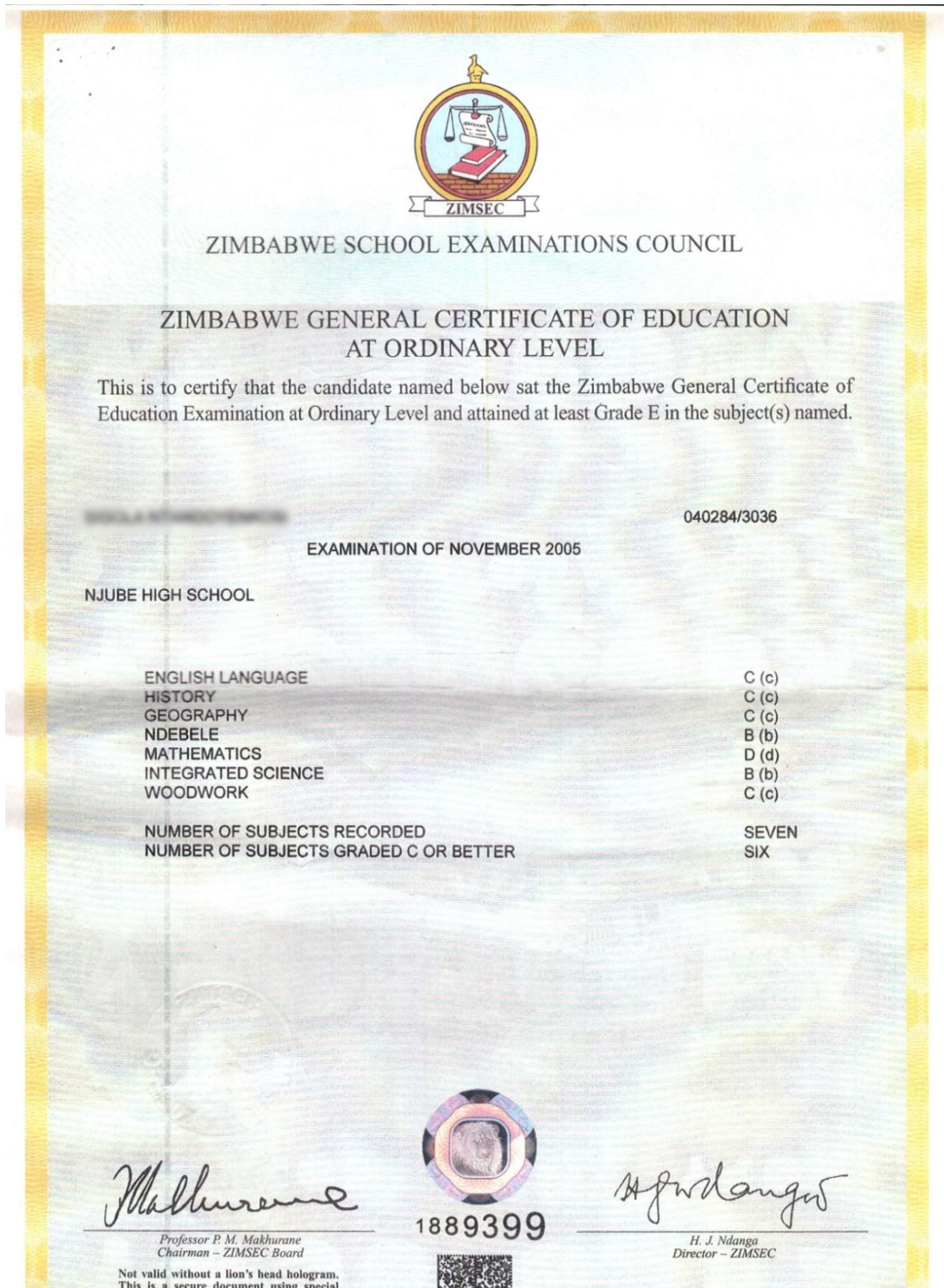
Postsecondary²

Percentage	Number Grade	Letter Grade	Degree Classification	Division
80-100	1	A+, A, A-	Distinction	First Class
70-79	2.1	B++, B+	Merit	Upper Second
60-69	2.2	B, B-	Pass	Lower Second
50-59	3	C+, C	Pass	Third division/Pass
0-49	F	D, E, F	Fail	Fail


² The grading scales change over time. The current scale tends to be listed on the bottom or reverse of university transcripts.

Sample Credentials

Credential C: Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level



Credential G: National Certificate


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B N° 74533
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C. USHAPAIDE
COMMISSIONER OF OATHS
15 MAR 2008
No 2
PARK ST. (IND. MAIL)
CELL: 0912 977 925

MINISTRY OF HIGHER AND TERTIARY
EDUCATION

This is to certify that

has been awarded the

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

in

APPLIED ART AND DESIGN


on the **31ST** *day of* **DECEMBER** **2005**

Having satisfied the Examiners in the designated areas, and
is therefore entitled to the professional privileges and
responsibilities emanating there-to.

Secretary for Higher and Tertiary Education

Credential L: Bachelor of Science

UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE



FACULTY OF SCIENCE


Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Degree


WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT

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having completed an approved programme and having satisfied the
Examiners has this day been awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition
Degree in the LOWER SECOND Division


Vice-Chancellor


Registrar

Date: 16TH SEPTEMBER 2003

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Postsecondary Institution Recognition

Ministry of Education, Sport, and Culture (secondary) <http://www.moesc.gov.zw/>

Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education (postsecondary) <http://www.mhet.ac.zw/>

The Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education is currently responsible for accreditation of higher education. The Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education, established via the Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education Act 2006 is a subdivision within the ministry tasked with future accreditation responsibilities. First Council members were appointed in 2009. The name of this ministry has changed several times.

Resources for Additional Information

Zimbabwe Secondary Education Council
<http://www.zimsec.co.zw/>

University of Zimbabwe
<http://www.uz.ac.zw/>

National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition. 1993. *Country Education Profiles: Zimbabwe*. Canberra: Australian Government Printing Service. Current profile available online by subscription
<https://aei.gov.au/AEI/CEP/Zimbabwe/default.htm>

UNESCO: Directory of World Higher Education Systems - Zimbabwe
http://www.unesco.org/iau/onlinedatabases/systems_data/zw.rtf

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