



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Public Notice

PAYMENT OF THIRD TERM TUITION FEES AND 2021 EXAMINATION FEES FOR NPSE AND BECE FOR PUPILS IN GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED SCHOOLS

The Ministry of Finance, in collaboration with the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, announces for the attention of the General Public that, as part of commitment to financing the Free Quality Education Programme, Government has paid the total amount of **Le72,417,130,000** to beneficiary schools for pupils in Pre-Primary, Primary, Junior and Senior Secondary Schools and to the West Africa Examination Council (WAEC) for the conduct of 2021 NPSE and BECE exams.

Of this amount, the sum of **Le51,925,870,000** was in respect of tuition fees for **2,190,844** pupils in Government and Government-assisted schools for the third term of the 2020/2021 academic year. The sum of **Le20,491,260,000** was also paid to WAEC; of which **Le10,491,260,000** represents 100% payment for the 2021 National Primary School Examination (NPSE) for **161,404** candidates and **Le10,000,000,000**, being 55% payment for the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) for **130,898** candidates.

The table below provides details of schools enrollment and payments made

SUMMARY OF TUITION AND EXAM FEES PAYMENTS BY LEVEL			
TUITION FEES			
SCHOOL LEVELS	NO. OF SCHOOLS	NO. OF PUPILS	AMOUNT PAID (LE)
Pre-Primary	386	41,685	416,850,000.00
Primary	5,130	1,469,346	14,693,460,000.00
JSS	1,103	397,322	19,866,100,000.00
SSS	466	282,491	16,949,460,000.00
Sub Total	7,085	2,190,844	51,925,870,000.00
EXAMINATION FEES			
EXAM LEVELS	NO. OF CANDIDATES	AMOUNT PAID (LE)	
NPSE (100%)	161,404	10,491,260,000.00	
BECE (55%)	130,898	10,000,000,000.00	
Sub Total	292,302	20,491,260,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL PAID IN LEONES			72,417,130,000.00

The General Public is also informed that these payments are made directly into the bank accounts of beneficiary schools and WAEC based on the list of approved schools and enrolment data submitted by the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education. Hence commercial and Community banks are encouraged to credit the accounts of the schools. Government once again, reiterates its commitment to the full implementation of its Flagship Programme; the Free Quality Education programme.

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