



**Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE)  
Government of Sierra Leone  
New England Ville, Freetown, Sierra Leone**

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The Registrar, WAEC

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CEO, MBSSE

SPS, MBSSE

Dear Sir'

**Re: Creation of Government's Result Checker and Request of WASSCE Results in both Soft and Hard Copy**

Over the past couple of years, the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE) has been accelerating activities that push Sierra Leone towards meeting some of its global, regional and national learning benchmarks. Along those lines, we have deployed what the Sierra Leone National Innovation and Digital Strategy calls "Hybrid Technologies" to enhance quality education service delivery for all. Some examples include mobile-based learning technologies like the USSD/SMS Result Checker, Dictionary, and Placement Checker for students and parents. **These solutions have been used by citizens over 3 million times. Further, we publish detailed analyses of our examination results for public consumption.** This has had a major impact on the welfare and quality of education service delivery for all.

As such, I was surprised that in your letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021, you asked us to "immediately shut down the MBSSE result checker platform". We have looked into the reasons given to support your position and we have a different opinion. We have also read the WAEC Convention closely and we don't believe we are in any breach when we make available our citizen's data to them.

Below are initial responses to specific issues raised in your letter:

- Integrity of Council Data: Since the Council has the original examination data, which is not linked to our database, the integrity of the Council's data remains unaffected by what we do with our own copy. Note that nothing is changed in the data we receive from WAEC before we publish on our platforms.
- Stakeholders' confusion: while we thank you for the concern, stakeholders have not raised an issue yet with us. It seems clear to them that the Result Checker is not a final result they can use for other purposes like admissions, but rather it serves as a quick means of knowing their results.
- We are aware that we are not a results or certificates issuing platform. All we do is publish the results for our students. We consider this similar to what happens when we copy the results and paste them on notice boards in hard copy. We only publish.



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- Litigation: We are sorry to hear that you are expecting some kind of litigation. Unfortunately, MBSSE is not a party to any of WAEC's agreements and the data we publish are owned by the Government of Sierra Leone. Let me also note that some of the same service providers who work with WAEC, also work with the GoSL building digital services.
- Level of Security: while the only breach so far experienced with exams has come from WAEC's server room where results were changed by your staff, we have not had any issues yet to contend with on our end. That said, since cyber security is important for all, we will make sure to provide utmost security.
- Re: Provisional results- they are labelled as such and they get updated the minute we get an update from WAEC. Thank you for constantly providing us with updated results.
- Re: non-conduct of examinations until government pays- we have noted this condition. As you are aware, Government recently paid the full arrears for the WASSCE 2021 examinations. We thank you for your patience and understanding and we apologize for the delays.

We look forward to engaging with you and your leadership team on these and other matters in the new year. However, at this juncture, I would kindly ask for the **immediate release of all soft and hard copies of WASSCE Results to MBSSE**. This data belongs to the Government of Sierra Leone and to enhance our drive to improving quality education through detailed analyses, we require soft copies of the data. Furthermore, this will allow us to process and make it available to the citizens of the country both in physical and digital means.

Thank you for your kind understanding and for treating this request with urgency.

Season Greetings and Happy New Year.

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Minister, MBSSE