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## Media Statement

### MATSEC September 2017 Examination Results

- **68% of 18-year-old cohort awarded Matriculation Certificate**

The MATSEC Examinations Board announces that the Matriculation Certificate results and the SEC examination results were issued today. The target date (which is the last week of September) for publication of results for the September MATSEC examinations has been met consistently since 1994. This is no easy feat considering that the number of Matriculation candidates has tripled since the change in regulations in 2012 with most candidates under 18 years of age now sitting for particular exams in September. The current set-up is quite unique as it also allows candidates the possibility of re-sitting certain subjects in the September session, thus paving the way for successful candidates to enrol for their preferred tertiary course at the University of Malta.

This year, 4270 candidates sat for the September SEC and Matriculation examinations in a total of 65 subjects. Of these 2754 candidates sat for at least one Matriculation Certificate examination.

In Malta, the resit September examination for SEC gives candidates the possibility of securing a pass qualification within six weeks after the publication of the results of the May/June examination session in mid-July. As a result of this possibility, computing the May and September 2017 results together yields the following outcomes:

- 74.9% of the candidates obtained grades 1 to 5 in English Language,
- 72.9% in Maltese,
- 70.0% in Physics and
- 61.9% in Mathematics.

These results compare well with those of previous years.

Applicants for the Matriculation examination have an added opportunity in September to upgrade their results and qualify for the Matriculation Certificate. When considering the two sessions of examinations in 2017, 1873 18-year-old candidates registered for Matriculation examinations and a total of 1276, that is equivalent to 68%, were awarded the Matriculation Certificate.

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