



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

**Public Notice**

**PAYMENT OF EXAMINATION FEES TO THE WEST AFRICAN EXAMINATION COUNCIL (WAEC) FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE 2023 WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SECONDARY CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (WASSCE)**

The Ministry of Finance (MoF), in collaboration with the Ministries of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE) and Technical and Higher Education (MTHE), wishes to inform the General Public that the Government has disbursed the sum of NLe45,192,624 to the West Africa Examination Council (WAEC) as exams fees for the 2023 West Africa Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination (WASSCE). The public is further informed that this payment represents 50% of the total initial entries of 220,721 candidates.

Additionally, the Ministry has disbursed the sum of NLe12,050,446.55 to various Sierra Leone Missions abroad and the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education as stipends payments to 451 Sierra Leonean students pursuing various courses in universities worldwide. The table below summarises the payments made in respect of the students:

No.	Country	Number of Students	AMOUNT (Nle)
1	CUBA (MTHE)	12	444,331.97
2	CHINA (MTHE)	64	2,369,770.50
3	HUNGARY (MTHE)	7	259,193.65
4	VENEZUELA	11	407,304.30
5	TURKEY	11	407,304.30
6	TUNISIA	2	74,055.33
7	SERBIA	5	185,138.32
8	PAKISTAN	10	370,276.64
9	MORROCCO	27	999,746.93
10	ALGERIA	10	370,276.64
11	RUSSIA	109	1,978,922.50
12	SOUTH KOREA	1	37,027.66
13	CHINA	70	2,057,092.00
14	CHINA	70	534,843.92
15	MALAYSIA	2	74,055.33
16	HUNGARY	40	1,481,106.56
	<b>Total</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>12,050,446.55</b>

Government reiterates its commitment to fully implementing its flagship programme, Free Quality Education.



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