

COMMUNIQUE

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DIPLOMA/DEGREE COURSES – 2017 **UNDER THE SUGAR INDUSTRY - VRS/ERS SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME**

Applications for the award of scholarships are invited from children of retired workers of the Sugar Industry under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)/Early Retirement Scheme (ERS) and who have been admitted to:

- (i) any locally recognized Tertiary Education Institution in 2017 (January or August intake); and
- (ii) any local training institution duly registered with the Mauritius Qualification Authority.

2. **Course of Study**

Preference will be given to candidates whose Fields of Study are specific to the prevailing scarcity areas and market demands of the country and to courses appearing on the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study 2017/2019 available for consultation at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research and also at Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or on the following website:

<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>

3. **Eligibility Criteria**

A. **For Undergraduate**

- (i) Candidates should have obtained admission for diploma/degree courses for intake of January or August 2017 in any locally recognized Tertiary Education Institution.

B. **For Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) Courses**

Candidates should have secured a seat for a **fully accredited full time/part time** National Diploma/Higher National Diploma in a **local** training institution duly registered with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority.

C. **For Professional Courses**

Candidates should have secured a seat in a fully accredited full-time professional programme of not less than one full year of study at a recognized local training institution duly registered with the Tertiary Education Commission.

Note:

- I. Candidates who have enrolled form apart-time diploma/degree course may also apply. However, **priority will be given to full-time students.**
- II. Foundation courses will **not** be covered under the Scholarship Scheme.
- III. The list of recognised accredited courses in registered TVET institutions is available on the MQA website www.mqa.mu and affixed at the seat of the respective institutions.
- IV. The list of fully accredited courses at undergraduate level is available on the Tertiary Education Commission website www.tec.mu

3.1 Candidates should show evidence that their parent(s) were:

- (i) workers in a Sugar Factory or Company; and
- (ii) have benefited from the VRS/ERS within a period of 10 years.

3.2 Students should not be more than **30 years old** on the closing date for submission of application.

4. **General conditions**

- (i) Selected candidates will be required to:
 - (a) sign a contract with the Sugar Company/Sugar Factory;
 - (b) submit relevant documents as required by the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority (MCIA)/Policy Planning Unit (PPU);
 - (c) submit their progress reports to the Sugar Company/Sugar Factory and MCIA/PPU; and
 - (d) inform the MCIA/PPU and the Sugar Company/Sugar Factory of the completion date of their courses.
- (ii) Beneficiaries will receive a yearly allowance of **Rs 18,000** for a maximum of **four years**. The modalities of payment will be mutually agreed upon between the student and the Sugar Company.
- (iii) In the event a candidate discontinues his/her course, he/she shall inform the MCIA/PPU and the Sugar Company giving the reasons thereof.

5. **Mode of application**

- (i) Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix and can also be downloaded from the Ministry's website:

<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>

- (ii) Along with their applications the candidates should **also** submit **certified** copies of the following documents:-

- (i) Their Birth Certificate and National Identity Card;
- (ii) Birth Certificate(s) and National Identity Card(s) of Parent(s);
- (iii) **Copy of signed option form and "Quittance" of Parents having retired under VRS/ERS Scheme;**
- (iv) SC or GCE 'O' Level Certificate;
- (v) HSC or GCE 'A' Level Certificate; and
- (vi) Evidence of enrolment in a recognized Post-Secondary Education Institution in Mauritius.

- (iii) Candidates should ensure that certified copies of certificates and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications are submitted to the Scholarships Section by **the closing date**. **Non-submission of these documents on time will result in their elimination from the selection exercise**. Certification of documents may be done at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry.

- (iv) The completed Application Forms along with all supporting documents should be returned to the Scholarships Section, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix by ***Friday 29 September 2017 at 14.00 hours at latest.***

6. Candidates are strongly advised not to wait for the last day to submit their application.

7. Candidates who have not been informed of their nomination within two months as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been selected.

8. A Communiqué will be placed on the Website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

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