

COMMUNIQUE

NEW GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES (LAUREATE SCHEMES)

1. The Public is hereby informed that, as announced on **19 November 2010** in the Budget Speech 2011, the Government Scholarship Schemes, also known as the Laureate Schemes, have been reviewed. The number of scholarships has now been increased from **30** to **68**.
2. The new schemes will apply to students who will have sat for HSC examinations **as from 2012**. Details of the new schemes and the attached conditions are given below.

SN	SCHOLARSHIPS	CURRENT (No)	NEW SCHEMES (No)
1.	SSR National Scholarship Scheme	2 (1 boy and 1 girl on science side)	2 (unchanged) except that the award will be made under the SSR Foundation)
2.	State of Mauritius Scholarship Scheme <i>Science</i> <i>Economics</i> <i>Arts</i> <i>Technical</i>	16 <i>8 (4 boys & 4 girls)</i> <i>4 (2 boys & 2 girls)</i> <i>2 (1 boy & 1 girl)</i> <i>2 (1 boy & 1 girl)</i>	16 (unchanged) as per current allocation stream-wise and gender-wise but with option to study either abroad or locally)
3.	Additional Scholarship Scheme (a) Academic Merit Only	12 (total) <i>Science 4 (2 boys & 2 girls)</i> <i>Economics 4 (2 boys & 2 girls)</i> <i>Arts 1 (girl)</i> <i>Technical 1 (boy)</i> <i>Rodrigues open Scholarships 2 (1 boy & 1 girl)</i>	50 (total) (with option to study abroad or locally) 26 for those ranked after beneficiaries of State of Mauritius scholarships. <i>Science 8 (4 boys & 4 girls)</i> <i>Economics 6 (3 boys & 3 girls)</i> <i>Arts 4 (2 boys & 2 girls)</i> <i>Technical 4 (2 boys & 2 girls)</i> <i>Rodrigues 4 (2 boys & 2 girls)</i> <i>(as per merit list for Rodrigues)</i>
	(b) Academic Merit & Social Criteria	Nil	a) 16 for those ranked among first 500 in Cambridge International Examination Scholarship Rank order with family income not exceeding Rs12,000 per month. <i>Science 6 (3 boys & 3 girls)</i> <i>Economics 4 (2 boys & 2 girls)</i> <i>Arts 2 (1 boy & 1 girl)</i> <i>Technical 2 (1 boy & 1 girl)</i> <i>Rodrigues (any field) 2 (1 boy & 1 girl)</i> b) 8 based on the results of the Cambridge Higher School Certificate (any field) with family income not exceeding Rs 6,200 per month
	TOTAL	30	68

3. The benefits and conditions attached to each scheme are specified under the respective schemes in paragraph 4 while the benefits and the conditions applicable to all the schemes (Undertaking, Service to Mauritius, Postgraduate Scholarships, Conditions for study of Medicine and Medicine-related subjects) are spelt out in paragraphs 5 to 7 below.

All beneficiaries of scholarships have the option to study either locally or abroad. However, only those who choose to study locally and who have not opted for studies in Medicine or Medicine-related fields will be eligible to a postgraduate scholarship.

4. The benefits and conditions attached to each scheme are as follows:

(1) SSR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME-(2 Scholarships)

The Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Foundation will award a **scholarship** to **one boy and one girl ranked first on the Science Side who opt for a first degree** of 5-year duration in **Medicine**. In case a student ranked first does not opt for a first degree in Medicine, he/she will be awarded a scholarship under the State of Mauritius Scholarship Scheme. The SSR National Scholarship will then be awarded to the next best ranked student on the Science side who opts for a first degree in Medicine.

The scholarship covers tuition fees and related charges, a living allowance at approved rates, and economy class air fares to the place of study on departure and final return to Mauritius on completion of the course or internship as the case may be.

(2) STATE OF MAURITIUS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME-(16 Scholarships)

16 Scholarships will be allocated **as per the existing allocation criteria**, i.e. gender-wise and stream-wise as specified in the **table at paragraph 2(2) above**, to the **best students (8 boys and 8 girls) ranked after the beneficiaries of the SSR National Scholarships**.

Beneficiaries will have the option of studying **abroad or locally**.

Those who choose to study **abroad** will get fully funded scholarships for a **first degree of up to 4 years' duration**, covering tuition fees and related charges, a living allowance at approved rates and economy class air fares to the place of study on departure and final return to Mauritius on completion of the course.

Those who choose to study **locally** will:

- (i) get fully funded scholarships for a **first degree of up to 4 years' duration** in any approved local tertiary education institution, covering tuition fees and related charges, plus an annual allowance of Rs 200,000. Those who choose to study **Medicine or medicine-related fields** in a recognised local tertiary education institution will get an annual allowance of Rs 200,000 **plus** tuition fees and related charges for a maximum of **five** years; and
- (ii) be eligible for a **fully funded scholarship for postgraduate studies** of 1 year abroad or not exceeding 2 years locally, except for those having opted for Medicine or medicine-related fields.

(3) ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME-(Total of 50 Scholarships)

This Scheme has been broadened to make provision for some scholarships to be awarded on a combination of **academic merit** and **social criteria**. The total number of scholarships has accordingly been increased from **12** to **50**.

All 50 beneficiaries of Additional Scholarships will have the **option of studying abroad or locally**.

The breakdown is as follows:

(a) Academic Merit-(26 Scholarships)

26 students ranked immediately after Laureates of the State of Mauritius Scholarship Scheme will be awarded a scholarship as per allocation (gender-wise and stream-wise) specified in the **table at paragraph 2(3) above**.

Those who choose to study **abroad** will get **an annual all-inclusive grant of a maximum of Rs 300,000** for a first degree of a maximum duration of **4 years**. However, they will not be eligible to a postgraduate scholarship awarded by the Government of Mauritius.

Those who choose to study **locally** will:

- (i) get an annual allowance of Rs 96,000 **plus** tuition fees and related charges up to Rs 150,000 per year for a **first degree of up to 4 years' duration**. Those who choose to study **Medicine or medicine-related fields** in a recognised local tertiary education institution will get an annual allowance of Rs 96,000 **plus** tuition fees and related charges up to Rs 150,000 per year for a maximum of **five** years; and
- (ii) be eligible for **a fully funded scholarship for postgraduate studies** of 1 year abroad or not exceeding 2 years locally, except for those having opted for Medicine or medicine-related fields.

(b) Academic Merit and Social Criteria-(24 Scholarships)

Under this new Scheme, **24** Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of **both academic merit and approved social criteria**.

Once HSC examinations results are proclaimed, eligible candidates will be called upon to **apply** for these scholarships.

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

(a) 16 Additional scholarships

- (i) **students should be ranked among the first 500 of the Cambridge International Examination Scholarship Rank Orders; and**
- (ii) **their total household (family) income should not exceed Rs 12,000 per month.**

(b) 8 Additional Scholarships

- (i) students should have passed their Higher School Certificate and secured a seat for a first degree in a recognised Tertiary Education Institution; and**
- (ii) their total household (family) income should not exceed Rs 6,200 per month.**

Those who choose to study abroad will get an annual all-inclusive grant of a maximum of Rs 300,000 for a first degree of a maximum duration of 4 years. However, those who choose to study abroad will not be eligible to a postgraduate scholarship awarded by the Government of Mauritius.

Those who choose to study locally will:

- (i) get an annual allowance of Rs 96,000 plus tuition fees and related charges up to Rs 150,000 per year for a **first degree of up to 4 years' duration** in a recognised **local** tertiary education institution. Those who choose to study **Medicine or medicine-related fields** in a recognised local tertiary education institution will get an annual allowance of Rs 96,000 **plus** tuition fees and related charges up to Rs 150,000 per year for a maximum of **five** years; and
- (ii) be eligible for a **fully funded scholarship for postgraduate studies** of one year abroad or not exceeding two years locally, except for those having opted for Medicine or medicine-related fields.

5. Two-Year Local Service under the Service to Mauritius Programme

All beneficiaries of scholarships under the new Government Scholarship Schemes will have to work for **at least 2 years** in a Ministry or Government Department in Mauritius immediately after completion of their first degree.

Beneficiaries who opt for study in Medicine or Medicine-related fields, will have to work for **2 years** in a Ministry or Government Department in Mauritius **after being fully qualified**, that is, after completing their first degree and internship.

6. Undertaking by all Beneficiaries and their sureties

All beneficiaries of scholarships under the new Government Scholarships Schemes will have to sign an undertaking that they will serve the country upon completion of their undergraduate studies.

7. Postgraduate studies

Except for those having opted for Medicine or medicine-related fields, all beneficiaries of the new Government Scholarship who will have done their degree in a locally recognised Tertiary Education Institution will, after having completed the two-year Local Service under the Service to Mauritius Programme, be eligible for a fully funded scholarship for postgraduate studies of a duration of up to one year abroad and not exceeding two years locally.

8. Additional Information

Additional information or clarifications may be obtained from the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, Phone No: 686 0772 and Fax No:686 8581. The Communiqué has also been placed on the Ministry's website which is as follows:

<http://ministry-education.gov.mu>

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