

Communiqué

Scholarships to Learners with Disabilities

With a view to providing higher learning opportunities and fostering equity in the education system, Government has set up a new Scholarship Scheme for learners with disabilities.

Five (5) scholarships will be awarded under this scheme.

A. Eligibility for Scholarship

1. The scholarship is open to learners with disabilities of the Republic of Mauritius. The aim is to support and encourage learners with disabilities to achieve their higher education aspirations.

2. Candidates need to have:

(a) for Undergraduate Courses

secured a seat in a **fully accredited undergraduate full-time /Part time/Distance Learning academic** programme of not less than the equivalent of one academic/full year of study at a recognised **local** university/training institution duly registered with the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) and preferably in one of the **priority fields of study (2014/2015)** as determined by the TEC.

(b) for professional courses

secured a seat in a **fully accredited full-time /Part time/Distance Learning professional programme** of not less than one full year of study at a recognised **local** training institution duly registered with the Tertiary Education Commission.

(c) for Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) Courses

Secured a seat for a **fully accredited full-time /Part time/Distance Learning** by National Diploma/Higher National Diploma in a **local** training institution duly registered with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority.

Note

- I **Candidates are strongly advised to ascertain that the course they are applying for is duly accredited with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority (MQA) / Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) as appropriate and is listed on the MQA/TEC website.**
 - II The list of recognised accredited courses in registered TVET institutions is available on the MQA website www.mqa.mu .
 - III The list of fully accredited courses by the Tertiary Education Commission is available on the Tertiary Education Commission website:- www.tec.mu
 - IV The list of priority fields of study for undergraduate courses as determined by the Tertiary Education Commission is available on the following websites:-
www.tec.mu
<http://ministry-education.govmu.org>
3. The Candidate should **not** be beneficiary of any other education grant or scholarship for Undergraduate Courses or Professional Courses or Technical and Vocational Educational Training (TVET) Courses.
 4. A documentary evidence of the type of disability from a Government Medical Practitioner should be provided.
 5. Candidates/awardees will be eligible to follow only one course under this scheme.
 6. Students should **not be more than 30 years old** on date of submission of application.
 7. This scholarship is open to students enrolled in their **1st year of study only**.
 8. Applicants are informed that their applications would be screened by a panel to assess the severity of their disability.

B. Scope of the Scholarship

1. The scholarship will be for one year, renewable for further period/s of one year, subject to submission of documentary evidence of having been promoted to the next level of the course. In the case of distance learning programmes, the scholarship will be renewable subject to submission of evidence of having cleared

previous modules/level/year/semester. The scholarship will be renewable for a maximum of 4/5 years. Any resit/repeat year/semester/modules will be at the cost of the student.

2. The scholarship will cover the costs of all appropriate fees payable to the university/training institution and a monthly stipend of Rs 5,000.
3. As for beneficiaries from Rodrigues and the outer islands they would for their part receive, in addition to tuition fees payable to UNI/ TEI, a monthly stipend of Rs 8,000 and a return airfare/ship travel (economy) from their place of residence to Mauritius and back when possible, only once for each academic year.

C. Conditions for disbursement of funds

1. A first payment of the monthly stipend will be made for the first semester upon the institution confirming the enrolment of the student for the approved course. A second payment will be effected on presentation of the relevant documentary evidence of having proceeded to the second semester.
2. Renewal of scholarship will be made on presentation of documentary evidence of having passed the end of year examinations and having been promoted to the next level. Documentary evidence, together with details of fees payable to the institution, should be submitted within two weeks of resumption of studies.

D. Undertaking to complete the course

The selected candidate will have to sign an Undertaking with the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research to follow the course regularly and complete it within the agreed minimum duration, failing which the scholarship will be stopped forthwith.

E. Application Procedure and deadline

1. Application Form

Application must be made on the prescribed form available at the Reception Desk of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, Ground Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix or downloaded from the Ministry's website:

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

2. **List of certified copies of documents to be submitted along with the completed application form**

(i) Birth certificate of applicant.

(ii) National Identity Card of applicant

(iii) Educational Certificates (SC/GCE 'O' level/HSC/GCE Advanced Level).

(iv) Evidence of enrolment or offer of a seat in a fully accredited and on campus academic undergraduate full-time /Part time/Distance Learning academic programme of not less than the equivalent of one academic/full year of study at a recognised local university/training institution duly registered with the Tertiary Education Commission including details of enrolment fees, tuition fees and any other associated costs.

OR

Evidence of enrolment or offer of a seat in a fully accredited full time /Part time/Distance Learning professional programme of not less than one full year of study at a recognised local training institution duly registered with the Tertiary Education Commission including details of enrolment fees, tuition fees and any other associated costs.

OR

Evidence of enrolment or offer of a seat for a fully accredited full-time /Part time/Distance Learning National Diploma/ Higher National Diploma course in a local training institution, duly registered with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority, including details of enrolment fees, tuition fees and any associated costs.

(v) Evidence of any basic invalid pension received.

(vi) Evidence of any Scholarship/Sponsorship being received/to be granted for course applied for (if applicable).

In the absence of certified photocopies applicants should bring along their originals to enable this Ministry to certify copies of documents.

3. Date limit for submission of application

Completed application form must be submitted by **Friday 16 December 2016** at latest to:

The Scholarships Section (SRM)
Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education
and Scientific Research
1st Floor, MITD House
Pont Fer
Phoenix.
Post code: 73544

- (i) Candidates should ensure that certified copies of all relevant documents relating to their application are submitted along with application form.**

**Ministry of Education and Human Resources,
Tertiary Education and Scientific Research**

Date: 17 November 2016