

COMMUNIQUE

PART - COSTS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MAURITIAN STUDENTS IN INSTITUTIONS OF PAKISTAN UNDER PAKISTAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (PTAP) ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

Under the Pakistan Technical Assistance Programme (PTAP), the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is offering seats on a part-costs basis for the 2023-2024 Academic Year to suitably qualified Mauritian candidates for admission in undergraduate programmes at D. Pharmacy and BSc Engineering levels:

2. Eligibility Requirements

2.1 Minimum Qualifications

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in at least 5 subjects including English Language; and
- (ii) Higher School Certificate or equivalent as follows:-

For D. Pharmacy

HSC with at least grade 'C' in each of Physics, Chemistry, Biology at main Level and at least a 'c' in General Paper.

For BSc Engineering

HSC with at least grade 'C' in each of Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and at least a 'c' in General Paper at one and the same sitting.

Note 1: With regard to D Pharm above, for candidates not having **either** Physics **or** Chemistry **or** Biology as part of their HSC combination at main level, a minimum of grade 'C' in the respective disciplines at GCE Advanced Level would be required, in addition to their HSC qualification.

Preference will be given to the best qualified candidates.

The scholarship is not tenable for offers in Medicine or Medicine-related fields.

2.2 Age Limit

Candidates should not have reached **25** years of age by the closing date.

3. Conditions and criteria governing admission

- (i) All admissions are subject to availability of seats and eligibility of nominated students.
- (ii) Eligibility of students in terms of equivalence of certificates and grades will be determined by Inter Board Committee of Chairman (IBCC), Islamabad. Once nominated, concerned Embassies/students will be expected to submit their equivalence certificates issued by IBCC, Islamabad.
- (iii) The students admitted under the PTAP will be required to pay the prescribed fee applicable under the Programme to the institution concerned. The prescribed fees under this programme are comparable to local fees prescribed by Universities in Pakistan. Expenses on travelling, boarding and lodging (in University hostels) etc., are also to be borne by the students themselves.
- (iv) After admission, application for the following will be governed by the relevant policy of the institution concerned:
 - Migration from one institution to another.
 - Exemption from tuition fee and other dues.
- (v) A person who reaches Pakistan on Entry/Tourist or Visit visa will not be eligible for admission to any educational institution in Pakistan. It is, therefore, imperative that the candidates should go to Pakistan with student visa issued by the High Commission for Pakistan, Mauritius
- (vi) Seats for foreign students are available in the institutions throughout Pakistan and the placement of students, which is the sole prerogative of the authorities concerned in Pakistan, would be made as and when admission starts in the institutions concerned subject to the availability of slots. Moreover, institutions are not bound to entertain the students after expiry of their prescribed deadline.
- (vii) Applicants are reminded that being nominated by the Ministry does not automatically guarantee selection for an award. The final decision to award the admission rests with the Donor Country.

Note: (1) Candidates are informed that a copy of their valid passport, 4 recent passport - size photographs and the equivalence of certificates (if applicable) will have to be submitted to the Ministry in case of nomination.

- (2) The list of Universities that are open to students for enrollment under this scholarship programme may be consulted at **www.ead.gov.pk**. The list may be consulted on the website of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology at **<http://education.govmu.org/>**

- (3) Candidates are advised to consult the relevant professional Councils in Mauritius regarding their choice of Universities.

4. Mode of Application

- 4.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, 1st Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix, or downloaded from the Ministry's website:

<https://education.govmu.org/>

- 4.2 All candidates should ensure that certified copies of certificates, transcripts of final university results/mark sheets and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications are submitted to the Scholarships Section by **the closing date. Non-submission of these documents may result in their elimination from the selection exercise.** Certification of documents may be done at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, 1st Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix, or at the Careers Guidance Service in Rose Hill.
- 4.3 The completed Application Forms along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section, 1st Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix by **Friday 04 August 2023 at 14 00 hours at latest.**
- 4.4 Responsible parties of students who are not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 4.5 Applicants already in employment, whether public or private, must fill in the application forms in duplicate. One copy thereof along with the relevant supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section, and one copy to the applicant's employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of applicant for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. ***Such information should be made available at the time of submission of application.***
5. Candidates who would not have been informed of their nomination after six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been selected. 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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