

COMMUNIQUE

OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

The Government of Brunei Darussalam is inviting applications from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of scholarships for programmes under Diploma, Bachelor and Masters Courses tenable in Brunei Darussalam for the academic session 2023/2024 with the opportunity to study at any one of the following higher education institutions:

- (i) Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD)
- (ii) Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA)
- (iii) Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB)
- (iv) Politeknik Brunei (PB)
- (v) Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama Seri Begawan (KUPUSB)

2. Fields of Study

2.1 Applicants are required to consult the following websites regarding information on the Programmes offered and eligibility requirements before applying:

- (i) Universiti Brunei Darussalam - www.ubd.edu.bn
- (ii) Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali - www.unissa.edu.bn
- (iii) Universiti Teknologi Brunei - www.utb.edu.bn
- (iv) Politeknik Brunei - www.pb.edu.bn
- (v) Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama Seri Begawan – www.kupu-sb.edu.bn

2.2 Candidates are also advised to consult the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study for Mauritius (2021-2023) available on the Ministry's website or on the Notice Board, Ground Floor of the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix.

2.3 The scholarship is **not** tenable for undergraduate studies in medicine.

3. Eligibility Requirements

A. Bachelor's Degree

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting; and
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level with three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting.

B. Master's Degree

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level with three subjects at Principal Level obtained at one and the same sitting; and
- (iii) A Bachelor's degree of at least Second Class level in the corresponding field.

Note: For a Master's degree by Research, the applicant must submit a research proposal along with the application.

C. Diploma Courses (Politeknik Brunei)

SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in at least five subjects including Mathematics, Science and English Language.

Or

An alternative qualification acceptable and equivalent to A, B & C. It is the responsibility of the candidates to provide evidence of equivalence of certificates.

- D.** Candidates should ensure that their proposed field of study is relevant to the qualifications already possessed.

4. Age Limit

Candidates should be between 18 to 25 years of age for the Diploma and Bachelor Courses and not more than 35 years of age for Master's Degrees by the closing date for applications.

5. Application Details

Relevant information on the scholarship is also available on the following website:

<https://www.mfa.gov.bn/online-bdqs>

- 6.** Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign an undertaking, thereby committing themselves to returning to Mauritius immediately after completion of their studies and work for at least two years in the public or private sector.

7. Only the best qualified candidates will be selected. Candidates who would not have been informed of their nomination within eight weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been selected.
8. Applicants are reminded that, being nominated by the Ministry does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award. The final decision to award the scholarships and the choice of Universities rest with the Brunei Authorities.

9. **Mode of Application**

9.1 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-73544 or downloaded from the Ministry's website:-

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

- 9.2 Applicants are advised that, in case they are nominated by the Ministry, they would have to submit a Certificate of Character from the Mauritian competent authorities. It is recommended that applicants initiate early procedures for them to obtain the required document.
- 9.3 Applicants must provide evidence of being medically fit to undertake the scholarship and to study in Brunei Darussalam by a registered medical practitioner prior to arrival in Brunei Darussalam. Any costs incurred in obtaining this certification are to be borne by the applicant.
- 9.4 Candidates should ensure that originals along with certified copies of Birth Certificate/Identity Card/Passport and other educational certificates, transcripts of final university results/marksheets 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 or at the Career Guidance Service,
2nd Floor, Social Security House, Old Moka Road, Rose Hill.
- 9.5 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Friday 03 February 2023 at 14.00 hours at latest.** Where original documents are not in English, certified true copies of official English translations should be provided at the time of application.
- 9.6 Responsible parties, of applicants who are not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.

- 9.7 Applicants already in employment, whether public or private, must fill in the application form 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 who has to confirm, in writing, whether the applicant would be released for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. ***Such information should be made available by the closing date.***
- 9.8 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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