

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 programs under Bachelor, Masters, Doctoral and Diploma Courses tenable in Brunei Darussalam of the academic session 2017/2018 with the opportunity to study at anyone of the following institutions of higher education:

- (i) University Brunei Darussalam (UBD)
- (ii) University Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA)
- (iii) University Teknologi Brunei (UTB)
- (iv) Politeknik Brunei (PB)

2. Fields of Study

The fields of study as applicable especially for the scholarships from the Government of Brunei Darussalam are available for consultation on the website of the Ministry at:

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

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

- (i) www.ubd.edu.bn
- (ii) www.unissa.edu.bn
- (iii) www.utb.edu.org
- (iv) www.pb.edu.bn

Candidates are also advised to consult the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study for Mauritius available on the Ministry's website or on the Notice Board, Ground Floor of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education & Scientific Research, MITD House, Phoenix.

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. Doctoral 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;
- (iii) A Bachelor's degree in the corresponding field; and
- (iv) A Master's degree in the corresponding field.

Note: Applicants for PhD are also required to submit a detailed research proposal.

D. Diploma in Health Sciences (Politeknik Brunei)

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

Or

- E.** An alternative qualification acceptable and equivalent to A, B, C & D. If the responsibility of the candidates to provide evidence of equivalence of certificates.
- F.** 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 Diploma and Bachelor Course and not more than 35 years of age for Master's and Doctoral Degrees on the 31st of July 2017.

5. **Application Details**

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

www.mofat.gov.bn/Pages/BDScholarship.aspx

6. Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign an undertaking, thereby committing themselves to return 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. The final decision to award the scholarships and the choice of Universities rests 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 and Human Resources, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or downloaded from the Ministry's website:

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

9.2 Applicants are advised that, in case they are selected by the Brunei Darussalam authorities, they would have to submit a "Certificat de Moralité" from the Mauritian competent authorities. It is recommended that applicants initiate early procedures for them to obtain the required document.

9.3 Candidates should ensure that originals along with certified copies of Birth Certificates/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 in Rose Hill.

- 9.4 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by ***Friday 17 March 2017 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.
- 9.5 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.
- 9.6 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.***
- 9.7 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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