

COMMUNIQUE

AYUSH SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED BY INDIA TO NON-BIMSTEC MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR ACADEMIC SESSION 2011-2012

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian nationals for the award of scholarships at undergraduate and postgraduate levels for the study of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy under the Ayush Scholarship Scheme offered by Government of India to Non-Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (NON-BIMSTEC) Member Countries.

1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(A) For Undergraduate

- (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 in Physics, Chemistry and Biology at Principal Level and a pass in GP.

(B) For a 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 in Physics, Chemistry and Biology obtained at Principal level and a pass in GP; and
- (iii) A minimum standard of Upper Second Class Honours Bachelor's degree in the relevant field.

(C) For Doctoral Programmes

- (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 in Physics, Chemistry and Biology obtained at Principal level and a pass in GP;
- (iii) A Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in the relevant field; and
- (iv) A good Master's degree in the field.

(D) An alternative qualification acceptable and equivalent to the above.

2. Age Limit

Candidates should **not be more than 25 years** of age for Undergraduate Level and **35 years** of age for Postgraduate Level studies as at closing date.

3. Conditions of Scholarship

- 3.1 The scholarship provides for tuition fees and appropriate allowances as approved by the Indian Authorities. Air tickets are **not** provided under this scheme. **Hostel accommodation is not guaranteed.** An accommodation allowance will however be provided by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) enabling 2 to 3 students to share a small flat.
- 3.2 Candidates should ensure that the courses applied for are available at the Indian Universities of their choice by consulting the "Universities Handbook" at the Indian High Commission or the websites of the Universities concerned.
- 3.3 Nominated candidates will **not** have the possibility of changing either the selected course of study or University once admission has been finalized. Candidates are **strongly advised** to ensure that the course of study applied for is available in the Universities/Institutions of their choice. They also need to ascertain that Institutions chosen are affiliated to Indian Universities. **The Universities and Programmes identified must be indicated in the applicant's motivation letter.** Relevant information **must** be secured from the websites of the Universities concerned or the Indian High Commission in Mauritius.
- 3.4 Students will not be allowed to **shift or change** the campuses/towns of allotted institutions without the knowledge and **prior** permission of the ICCR. **The Scholars will have to inform/take permission from the ICCR before they leave the country as per scholarship norms. The stipend of the ex-India period will not be paid to them.**
- 3.5 Priority will be given to students who have never studied in India before. Students who have formerly studied on Indian Council for Cultural Relations Scholarships would be given second preference.
- 3.6 Any request for adjusting of self-financing scheme against unutilized slots will not be entertained.
- 3.7 Candidates are requested to produce a certificate that they are free from HIV/AIDS and same should be submitted together with the application. In case the result of the test cannot be provided by the closing date, same should be submitted at the time of interview. **Failure to submit this certificate by the interview date will entail elimination from the competition.** Candidates are reminded that they would have to undergo an HIV/AIDS Test even in India before admission is finally given. In case a nominee is found HIV/AIDS positive in India, he/she will be repatriated immediately at his/her own cost.

- 3.8 Only the best-qualified candidates will be called for interview. Candidates who will not have been informed of their shortlisting within six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been shortlisted.
- 3.9 In case of selection of a candidate for the scholarship, an undertaking would be taken from the latter to the effect that, in the case of failure to complete the course after joining the relevant course in India, he/she would refund to the Government of India the full expenditure of scholarship amount and other expenses, paid by the Government of India or its agencies incurred on his/her behalf, within a period of 30 days after his/her return to Mauritius.
- 3.10 Candidates should ensure that originals, along with copies of 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 same in due time will result in elimination from the selection exercise. Certified copies of all documents should be accompanied by English translation (where applicable). A syllabus of the qualifying examination should be enclosed with the Application.
- 3.11 Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign a bond, thereby committing themselves to return to Mauritius immediately after completion of their studies and work for at least five years in the public or private sector.

4. Mode of Application

- 4.1 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.gov.mu>

Applicants may also submit applications on-line on the following website:

<http://www.gov.mu>

- 4.2 However, applicants should submit certified copies of all supporting documents on the next working day after online application for the scholarship.
- 4.3 The completed forms along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by ***Tuesday 8 March 2011 at 14.00 hours at latest.***

- 4.5 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards. However, applicants are reminded that no application will be considered "in absentia" and that they should be present for the interview.
- 4.6 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 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 together with the applications. In case an applicant has not received his release letter, same can be produced at the time of interview.***
- 4.7 A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.
- 4.8 Applicants are reminded that being nominated by the Ministry does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award. **The final decision to award the scholarship rests with institutions of the donor country. The Indian Authorities will not entertain applications which are sent directly by the potential students to the High Commission of Mauritius in India.**

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