

COMMUNIQUE

STATE OF MAURITIUS POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME 2011

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian candidates for **nine** scholarships offered by the Government of Mauritius under the above-mentioned scheme to undertake a **Master's degree** in a **recognised University abroad**. The scholarship will cover expenses **for one year only**.

2. Field of Study

2.1 Preference will be given to candidates whose fields of study appear on the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study available for consultation on the Notice Board, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or on the following website:

<http://ministry-education.gov.mu>

3. Eligibility Requirements

3.1 Qualifications

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' Level with credits in five subjects including English at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC/GCE 'A' Level in three subjects at Principal level obtained at one and the same sitting; and
- (iii) a minimum standard of upper 2nd class Bachelor's degree or equivalent from a recognised University.

3.2 Age Limit

Candidates should not have reached **35** years of age by the closing date.

3.3 Conditions of Scholarships

3.3.1 The scholarship will cover tuition fees, a monthly living allowance at the approved rates and airfares to and from the place of study.

3.3.2 **Candidates having previously benefitted from a scholarship through the Government of Mauritius will not be eligible to apply for this scholarship.**

3.3.3 Candidates who are already holders of a Master's degree or a higher qualification will not be considered for this scholarship.

- 3.3.4 **Applicants should seek admission in a recognized university of their choice and should submit proof of offer of seat (firm or conditional) from the University together with their application form.**
- 3.3.5 Beneficiaries of scholarships must enter into a bond, thereby committing themselves to return to Mauritius immediately after completion of the sponsored course and work for at least five years in the public or private sector.
- 3.3.6 Only the best qualified candidates satisfying the various criteria will be selected.
- 3.3.7 Candidates who have not been informed of their selection within eight weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been so selected. A Communiqué will be placed on the website of the Ministry to inform applicants when the selection exercise has been completed.

4. Mode of Application

4.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available

- (i) at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix,

OR

- (ii) on the Ministry's website:

<http://ministry-education.gov.mu>

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

<http://www.gov.mu>

In this case, however, applicants should submit certified copies of all supporting documents within **three working days after the online application, failing which the application will be rejected.**

- 4.2 The completed Application Form (including that forwarded on-line) along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry at latest by ***Monday 15 August 2011 at 14 00 hours at latest.***
- 4.3 All 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 the above documents in due time will result in elimination from the selection exercise.**

N.B. Provisional Certificate from local Universities only will be exceptionally accepted.

- 4.4 Responsible parties of applicants 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 the applicant for the course and the terms and conditions for the release. **Such information should be made available at the time of submission of application.**

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