

COMMUNIQUE

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DIPLOMA/DEGREE COURSES – 2011/2012 **UNDER THE SUGAR INDUSTRY VRS/ERS SCHOLARSHIPS** **SCHEME**

Applications for the award of scholarships are invited from children of retired workers of the Sugar Industry under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)/Early Retirement Scheme (ERS) and who have been admitted to any accredited Post Secondary Institution in Mauritius in January 2011.

2. Course of Study

Preference will be given to candidates whose Fields of Study are specific to the prevailing scarcity areas and market demands of the country and to courses appearing on the List of Indicative Priority Fields of Study available for consultation at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources and at Ground Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or on the following website:

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

3. General conditions

- (i) Only two candidates will be eligible per Sugar Estate.
- (ii) Priority will be given to candidates who have enrolled for a full-time undergraduate course (Diploma/Degree).
- (iii) Selected candidates will be required to sign a contract with the sugar company to the effect that they will:
 - (a) submit documents as required by the Mauritius Sugar Authority (MSA) and inform the sugar company/MSA of any change;
 - (b) submit their progress reports to their respective Sugar Estate; and
 - (c) inform the MSA and their respective Sugar Estate of the completion date of their courses. In the event a candidate discontinues with his/her course, he/she shall inform the MSA and sugar company giving the reasons thereof.
- (iv) Scholars will receive a yearly allowance of Rs 18,000 for a maximum of four years. The modalities of payment will be mutually agreed upon between the student and the respective Sugar Estate.

4. **Mode of application**

- (i) Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix and also downloaded from the Ministry's website:

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

Applicants may equally submit applications online on the following website:

<http://www.gov.mu>

However, applicants should submit certified copies of all supporting documents within three working days after application of the scholarship.

- (ii) Along with their applications the candidates should also submit certified copies of the following documents:-

- (a) Their Birth Certificates and National Identity Cards;
- (b) Birth Certificates and National Identity Cards of Parent(s);
- (c) **Copy of signed option form and "Quittance" of Parents having retired under VRS/ERS Scheme.**

- (iii) The completed Application Forms along with all supporting documents should be returned to the *Scholarships Section, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix* **by 15 June 2011 at 14.00 hours at latest.**

5. Candidates are strongly advised not to wait for the last day to submit their application.

6. Candidates who have not been informed of their nomination within two months as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been selected.

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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