

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF ADULT AND HIGHER EDUCATION  
THIMPHU: BHUTAN  
(Scholarship Division)

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

In continuation to the earlier Undergraduate Scholarships announced vide Kuensel issue of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010, the Ministry of Education is pleased to announce the availability of **20 In-country Undergraduate Scholarships (ICUGS)** available for placement to Royal Thimphu College for the *academic session 2010* subject to fulfilling the eligibility criteria and such other conditions laid down in the rules. This *ICUGS* to be implemented by the Scholarship Division, Department of Adult & Higher Education has been approved vide the Government Order No. NO.E-4/767 dated 5<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and the subsequent approval Note No. SD/ DAHE/NS/16/2010/6307 dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

For information and benefit of the concerned students, parents and general public, please note that the rules on *ICUGS* are announced as follows:

**RULES ON SELECTION OF IN-COUNTRY UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADMISSION TO PRIVATE COLLEGES/INSTITUTIONS & UNIVERSITIES**

**1. GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

- 1.1 In keeping with the Government's policy to support private sector participation in tertiary education towards making Bhutan into world class education hub and to augment the human resource development in the critical areas of higher education within the country and to encourage private institutions/colleges and universities.
- 1.2 For the fair and equitable execution of the in-country government scholarship scheme, the following rules and selection criteria are issued.
- 1.3 The Scholarship Division shall oversee the application procedures, eligibility criteria and completeness of the required documents.
- 1.4 The students shall be placed to college/institute as deemed reputable by the Scholarship Division, Department of Adult & Higher Education, Ministry of Education.
- 1.5 The Ministry of Education and the Royal Civil Service Commission shall together assess and determine the in-country private colleges/institutions/universities of repute to ensure quality and standard of undergraduate programmes.

**2. APPLICABILITY:**

- 2.1 Candidates who completed the Class XII examinations in 2009 from both within and outside the country shall be eligible subject to producing the required documents as announced earlier in the Kuensel issue 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010.
- 2.2 The in-country undergraduate scholarship scheme shall be in operation initially for a fixed duration of three years. However, students covered by this undergraduate programme during this 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan shall continue to receive the grant as spill over until the completion of their degree courses as per the stipulated duration of the college/institute.
- 2.3 This in-country scholarship scheme approved by the Royal Government is outside the funding provision of the existing undergraduate scholarship programme of the 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan.

**3. ELIGIBILITY:**

- 3.1 Students shall secure a minimum of **55% qualifying marks each (in English & Dzongkha)** for all undergraduate courses with a minimum of **60-65% in majors and 55% each in 3 other subjects**, unless otherwise specified.
- 3.2 The required marks/criteria in the relevant subjects for selection to the respective undergraduate study/courses shall be as specified hereunder:-

B. Comp. Application (BCA)	4	Min. 60 % marks each in (Maths/B. Maths and English) with 55% each in 2 other subjects.
B. Business Admn. (BBA)	3	Min. 60% marks in English with 55% each in three other subjects including Accounts & Maths/or B. Maths
B. Commerce (B. Com)	3	Min. 60% marks in Accounts with 55% each in (English, Commerce and B. Maths).
BA (English & Dzongkha)	2	Min. 65% marks each in (English & Dzongkha) with 55% each in 2 other subjects
BA (English & Economics)	2	Min. 65% marks in English and 60% in Economics with 55% each in 2 other subjects including Maths.
BA (Env. Studies & English)	2	Min. 65% marks in English with 55% each in 3 other subjects, preferably Bio-Science
BA (Env. Studies & Economics)	2	Min. 60% marks in Economics with 55% each in 3 other subjects including English & Maths, preferably Bio-science
BA (Sociology & Pol. Science)	2	Min. 60% marks in English with 55% each in 3 other subjects

**4. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION:**

- 4.1 Fresh Class XII passed-students meeting the cut-off points as per section No. 3.2 and registration requirement as announced earlier on January 23rd **Kuensel issue** may apply to Scholarship Division latest by **16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 before 4.00 pm.**

**5. IN-COUNTRY UG-SCHOLARSHIP GRANT SCOPE:**

- 5.1 The scholarship fund shall cover actual tuition fees, hostel fees plus all other related college fees as per the fee structure of the college. This provision shall however, not cover any miscellaneous payments including caution deposits or security deposits.
- 5.2 The student/college shall submit the original money receipts of all **paid fees** as per section No. 5.1 duly endorsed by the college/institute and university.
- 5.3 The scholarship fund shall not cover personal expenses such as pocket money other than actual living cost which the scholarship division shall pay directly to the college/ institutions.
- 5.4 In case of enhanced or revised fees, the college shall provide an official intimation to the Scholarship Division well in advance.

**6. CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT:**

- 6.1 Tuition fees (actual) and related college fees shall be directly paid based on the official fee structure of the college/institute and universities.
- 6.2 Any case of field attachment (practical training) shall not be entertained except if the college/institute prescribes as a compulsory part of the study course leading towards awarding of points to the degree programme.

- 6.3 The academic performance of the scholarship students shall be periodically monitored by the Scholarship Division. The college/institute shall be required to submit the academic performance (or progress report) of each student to the Division on a half yearly (semester wise) or annual basis depending on the examinations module followed.
- 6.4 Students availing themselves of *ICUGS* who are unsuccessful in one particular semester/year shall have to repeat the course at their own expenses. However, scholarship shall be continued from the following semester/academic year subject to having cleared the previous semester papers/examination and on being allowed to register for the next (consecutive) level of the course.
- 6.5 The scholarship students shall not be allowed any change of course or discontinue the study programme for any reason except on genuine medical (health) ground or unforeseen reasons beyond the control of individual student. As such, the affected students shall be permitted to continue or discontinue the study programme upon production of documents (*proof and relevant supporting documents*) duly endorsed by the college/institute and universities.

## **7. SERVICE BOND**

- 7.1 Students availing themselves of scholarship shall sign a *Service Bond (legal undertaking)* with the Ministry of Education countersigned by the Royal Civil Service Commission, whereby the period required to serve the Government shall be equal the duration of the course.
- 7.2 In the event that particular student is unsuccessful (incompletion of the course) due to irregular attendance, discontinuation of studies without prior information and permission to/from the Ministry of Education, such other misconduct leading to discontinuation of the course, the actual (full) expenditure incurred on the student shall be refunded to the Government as per the section 7.1.
- 7.3 All the students availing themselves of *ICUGS* and admitted to a college/institute by the Scholarship Division shall be accommodated in the college hostel as boarders. As such, they shall not be allowed to stay as day scholars under any circumstance outside the College/Institute or University campus.
- 7.4 In the event if any student opts to remain as a day scholar, he or she shall bear all the expenses related to his/her food and hostel accommodation, and sign an undertaking to this effect with the Scholarship Division.

Therefore, those interested and eligible candidates wishing to pursue the *ICUGS* during the academic year 2010 at the Royal Thimphu College may apply to the Scholarship Division subject to meeting the above set of criteria and conditions. Students/candidates whose academic standard does not meet the specified criteria for the *In-country Undergraduate Scholarships* shall not be entertained.

The selection of candidates to *ICUGS* shall be done on the same day, immediately after the selection of candidates for ex-country programme at YDF Conference Hall on February 25, 2010.

The applications along with the relevant required documents must be submitted to the Scholarship Division, Department of Adult and Higher Education, Ministry of Education, latest by 16<sup>th</sup> February 2010 before 4:00 pm.

For further clarification, please contact at **335833/332248** and also visit the Education website at [www.education.gov.bt](http://www.education.gov.bt)

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