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SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Education and Skills Development is pleased to announce the availability of **Undergraduate Scholarship** slots, both within and outside the country for the academic session 2023. As such, all class XII graduates of 2022 (not repeaters) from both within and outside the country meeting the eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply online from February 06 to 20, 2023 at <https://www.citizenservices.gov.bt> and follow: **Education and** click **application for scholarship link**.

There are 111 undergraduate scholarship slots available for bachelor's degree programmes in various professional courses under different funding schemes as mentioned below.

Ex- country scholarship eligibility criteria, funding source, likely place of study and agency requirement are specified hereunder:

Availability of slots and shortlisting criteria

Sl.	Discipline	Slots	Eligibility criteria	Funding	Place of study and agency	Professional area
1	MBBS/APEMS	70	Minimum average of 81% and above in English plus three relevant subjects. (Min.65% marks each in Physics, Chemistry & Biology with 55% in English)	RGoB	Bangladesh Cuba, Sri Lanka (RCSC) & KGUMSB (Bhutan)	Medical
2	B. Sc Nursing	25		GoI & RGOB	India & RTC (RCSC)	
3	B. Medical Lab Technology	3		GoI	India (RCSC)	



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4	B. Radio Imaging Technology	1		GoI	India (RCSC)	
5	BE/B Tech. Biomedical Engineering	2	Min. average of 81% and above in English plus three relevant subjects. Min. 65% Marks each in Mathematics, Biology, Physics and Chemistry with 55% in English (Biology is required for eligibility)	GoI	India (RCSC)	
6	B. Sc. Meteorology	1	Min. average of 81% and above in English plus three relevant subjects. (Min.65% marks each in Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics with 55% in English)	RGoB	UK (RCSC)	Engineering
7	BE/B. Tech Survey Engineering/Geomatics	1		RGoB	Canada (RCSC)	
8	BE Computer Systems	1		RGoB	Australia (RS STEM)	
9	BE Mechatronics	1		RGoB	Australia (RS STEM)	
10	B. Sc Mathematics	2	Min. average of 81% and above in English plus three relevant subjects. (Min. 81% in Mathematics, 65% each in Chemistry & Physics with 55 % in English)	RGoB	US (RCSC)	
11	B. Sc Chemistry	2	Min. average of 81% and above in English plus three relevant subjects. (Min. 81 % in Chemistry, 65% each in	RGoB	Canada (RCSC)	Teaching



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			Physics & Mathematics with 55 % in English)			
12	Bachelors in SEN	2	Min. average of 81% and above in English plus three relevant subjects. Min. 65% Marks each in Mathematics, Biology, Physics and Chemistry with 55% in English (Biology is required for eligibility)	RGoB	Malaysia (RCSC)	
	Total	111				

Selection process

Shortlisting: Total average of 81 percent and above (English and three relevant subjects)

Final selection: 70% of Academic and 30% of interview

Interview components

1. Demonstrate CCA Records - 5 points
2. Awards & Achievements - 5 points
3. Leadership Track Record - 5 points
4. Scholarship Interview & Presentation - 15 points

Rubrics of awarding marks for certificate/s

(1) DEMONSTRATE CCA RECORDS		WEIGHT AGE	Maximum	Score per certificate	Total score
MEASURE CRITERIA EXAMPLES	Sports	5	1	0.25	0
	Music		1	0.25	0
	Arts & Literature		1	0.25	0
	Technology & Computing		1	0.25	0
	Others		1	0.25	0
Sub Total					00



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(2) AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS		WEIGHT AGE	Maximum	Score per certificate	Score
MEASURE CRITERIA EXAMPLES	School	5	0.5	0.25	0
	Dzongkhag/Thromde		1	0.5	0
	National		1.5	0.75	0
	International		2	1	0
Sub Total					00

(3) LEADERSHIP TRACK RECORD		WEIGHT AGE	Maximum	Score per certificate	Score
MEASURE CRITERIA EXAMPLES	School clubs, associations, chapter organizations	5	0.75	0.25	0
	Class leader management		0.75	0.25	0
	Outward bound activities		0.75	0.25	0
	Community service contributions		0.75	0.25	0
	Others (School Captain)		2	1	0
Sub Total					00

(5) SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW & PRESENTATION		WEIGHT AGE	Maximum
MEASURE CRITERIA EXAMPLES	Confidence	15	2
	Originality with right use of vocabulary		5
	Organization of thoughts & control of speech		5
	Manner & Disposition		1
	Language Proficiency		2
Sub Total			

NOTE:

- The shortlisted candidates will be announced on the website: www.education.gov.bt
- The shortlisted candidates are required to submit the following documents;
 - Citizenship Identity Card/Passport



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- Class X & XII - Mark Sheets & Certificates
- Certificates of leadership, CCAs, Volunteerism, Special Academic achievement and others for pre-populated scores.

3. **Under MBBS**, 10 students will be placed in Bangladesh, 25 in KGUMSB (Bhutan), 01 in Cuba & 14 in Sri Lanka. However, the placement to Cuba is subject to approval by the host country. In such a case, if the admission is not secured, the candidate will be sent to Sri Lanka.

The candidates selected for MBBS courses in Bangladesh & Sri Lanka will have to wait until September/October of 2024 & January/February of 2024 respectively due to admission deadlines and requirements set by the institutions and universities in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

4. **Assistance to Privately Enrolled Medical Students (APEMS)** scholarship is a medical scholarship grant funded by the Royal Government of Bhutan. The grant shall be up to a maximum ceiling of Nu. 300,000. 00 (Ngultrum three hundred thousand) per student per annum to cover the tuition fee. However, if the tuition fee is less than Nu. 300,000, the government will pay as per the APEMS scholarship entitlement. **20 students will be placed in Bangladesh (10) and Sri Lanka (10) respectively.**

5. The In-country scholarship at the Royal Thimphu College is funded by the Royal Government of Bhutan and shall cover actual tuition, accommodation and mess fees and other related college fees as per the fee structure of the college. However, any miscellaneous payments including security deposits will have to be borne by the candidates. **10 students for B.Sc nursing shall be placed at the Royal Thimphu College.**

6. The choice of courses and placement shall be done as per the final result in order of merit ranking from the category following the same eligibility criteria.

7. The selection of two engineering candidates at ECU, Australia must fulfill the separate requirement determined by the agency concerned.

8. The selected candidates must fulfill the requirements (IELTS/TOEFL/Duolingo, NEET and others) to get final admission to the colleges and universities. The Ministry shall not be responsible for rejection of admission in the event of candidates not meeting the requirements.



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Application and Selection Interview:

1. **The online Undergraduate Scholarship application will be opened from February 06 to 20, 2023.** Application after this deadline shall not be accepted by the system. Please note that candidates should apply/register online using the prescribed Application Form available at <https://www.citizenservices.gov.bt> and follow; **Education and** click **application for scholarship link**
2. For online application/registration, the following documents must be ready:
 - Online approved valid security clearance
 - Scanned copy of class X mark sheet (front page only) to upload in the system
3. The following documents must be produced in **ORIGINAL** during the selection interview, failing which the candidate shall be disqualified.
 - BCSE result and pass certificate
 - BHSEC result and pass certificate
 - CID
 - School Leaving and Character Certificate
 - All merit certificates in original for validation
4. Candidates shall be disqualified if any discrepancy is found while cross-checking the documents on the day of the selection interview. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.
5. Once the choice of study in a particular discipline is made during the selection interview, **no further change shall be entertained** except on grounds of admission/placement difficulties.
6. If any candidate withdraws after the selection, he/she will not be allowed to participate for any subsequent scholarships announced.
7. Candidates selected to undergo the courses must fulfill the requirements of the host colleges/universities to be eligible for admission, failing by which, the Department shall not be responsible (NEET for medical students, IELTS, physical fitness and others as deemed appropriate).
8. Any expenses related to pre-admission requirements other than the prescribed entitlement in the undergraduate scholarship guidelines shall be borne by the individuals.



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10. As per the circular issued by the Ministry of Education vide reference No. DAHE/SSSD/OO (24)/ 2017-2018/182 dated September 28, 2017; all students selected for undergraduate scholarships will have to undergo mandatory drug testing. If the selected candidates are tested positive, it will be dealt as per the SOP for Drug Testing.
11. Any changes in marks after the recheck (BHSEC) will have to be notified to the Scholarship Programme at least two days before the selection interview date for incorporating changes in the final shortlisting.

For any clarifications, please call 332248/332101/335833/346848 or visit the website:
www.education.gov.bt

