

HESFB FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

LIST OF PARTICIPATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CHARTERED UNIVERSITIES

Public Universities

1. Busitema University
2. Gulu University
3. Kabale University
4. Kyambogo University
5. Lira University
6. Makerere University
7. Makerere University Business School
8. Mbarara University of Science & Technology
9. Mountains of the Moon University
10. Muni University
11. Soroti University

Private Universities

1. Bishop Stuart University
2. Bugema University
3. Islamic University in Uganda
4. Kampala International University
5. Kampala University
6. Ndejje University
7. Nkumba University
8. Uganda Christian University
9. Uganda Martyrs University

LIST OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES FOR SUPPORT

Human Medicine Programmes

- B. Medicine & B. Surgery
- B. Dental Surgery
- B. Clinical Medicine & Comm. Health

Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science Programmes

- B. Pharmacy
- B. Pharmaceutical Sciences

Laboratory Programmes

- B. Biomedical Laboratory Technology
- B. Medical Lab. Completion
- B. Biomedical Laboratory Science & Technology
- Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science
- Bachelor of Bio Technology

Nursing and Midwifery Programmes

- Bachelor of Nursing Sciences
- B. Nursing Completion\ Extension
- BSc. Midwifery

Agriculture & Forestry Programmes

- Bachelor of Sustainable Agric & Extension
- Bachelor of Agricultural Entrepreneurship & Farm Mgt
- BSc Agricultural Land use and Management
- Bachelor of Science In Horticulture
- BSc Fisheries and Aquaculture
- BSc. Agriculture
- BSc. Food Science & Technology
- BSc Fisheries and Water Resource Management
- B. Agriculture & Entrepreneurship
- Bachelor of Agribusiness Management
- Bachelor of Agricultural and Rural Innovation
- Bachelor of Agribusiness Mgt & Community Dev't
- Bachelor of Conservation Forestry and Products Technology
- Bachelor of Social and Entrepreneurship Forestry
- Bachelor of Community Forestry

Computer & ICT Programmes

- BSc. Information Technology
- Bachelor of Information Technology and Computing
- Bachelor of Information Systems
- BSc. Computer Networks & Systems Administration
- BSc. of Information & Communications Technology
- BSc. Computer Science

Statistics and Applied Economics Programmes

- B. Statistics
- BSc Applied Mathematics and Statistics
- BSc Quantitative Economics
- BSc Actuarial Science
- BSc Statistics & Computer Science
- BSc Statistics & Economics
- BSc Statistics & Mathematics
- BSc Statistics & Planning
- Bachelor of Science in Population Studies
- Bachelor of Business Statistics

Education Programmes

- Bachelor of Science with Education
- B. Vocational Studies in Technological Studies with Education

- B. Agricultural Extension Education
- B. Voc. Studies in Agric. with Educ.
- B. of Medical Education
- B. Technical Teacher Education Electrical Engineering
- B. Technical Teacher Education Mechanical Engineering
- B. Technical Teacher Education - Mechanical & Production Eng
- B. Technical Teacher Education- Civil & Building Eng
- B. Technical Teacher Education - Electrical Eng
- BSc Information Technology with Education
- BSc. Laboratory Science Education & Industry

Animal Science Programmes

- B. Veterinary Medicine
- BSc. Animal Production Technology & Management
- BSc. Wildlife Health and Management
- Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Industry and Business
- Petroleum and Geological Programmes
- BSc. Geological Resources
- BSc. Petroleum & Geoscience Engineering

Engineering & related Programmes

- BSc in Mechanical & Automotive Engineering
- BSc Land Economics
- BSc. Agriculture Mechanization
- BSc. Bio Systems Engineering
- BSc. Telecommunications Engineering
- Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering
- B of Mechatronics & Biomedical Engineering
- Bachelor of Environmental Design
- B. Architecture
- BSc. Electrical, Electronics & Communications Eng
- B. Eng in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
- BSc. Surveying
- BSc Survey and Land Formation
- B. Engineering in Civil and Building Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying
- Bachelor of Industrial Engineering and Management (IEM)
- Bachelor of Surveying and Land Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science in Land Surveying & Geomatic
- B. Agricultural Mechanization & Irrigation Engineering
- BSc. Computer Engineering
- BSc. Software Eng and Application Development
- B. Engineering in Automotive & Power Engineering
- Bachelor of Industrial Engineering & Management
- BSc. Software Engineering
- BSc. Construction Management
- BSc. Textile Engineering & Clothing Technology
- BSc. Chemical Engineering

- Bachelor of Material and Ceramic Science Technology
- BSc. Water Resource Engineering
- BSc. Mining Engineering
- BSc. Civil, Building & Environmental Engineering
- BSc. Agro Processing Engineering
- BSc. Civil Engineering
- BSc. Electrical Engineering
- BSc. Mechanical Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering in Environmental Engineering & Mgt
- Bachelor of Science in Textile Engineering
- Bachelor of Land Use Planning and Management
- Bachelor of Science in Building Economics
- Bachelor of Engineering in Environmental Engineering and Management (EEM)
- B. of Urban & Regional Planning

Petroleum and Geological Programmes

- BSc. Geological Resources
- BSc. Petroleum & Geoscience Engineering
- BSc. Oil & Gas Management

Health care Management Programmes

- BSc. Optometry
- Bachelor of Cytotechnology
- B. Physiotherapy
- Bachelor of Science in Public Health

LIST OF OTHER PARTICIPATING TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

UGANDA ALLIED HEALTH INSTITUTIONS (Examined by UAHEB)

- Uganda Institute of Allied Health & Mgt Sciences (Mulago Paramedical School)
- Health Tutors' College - Mulago
- Fort Portal College of Health Sciences
- Gulu College of Health Sciences
- Mbale College of Health Sciences
- Butabika School of Psychiatry Clinical Medicine
- Jinja School of Ophthalmic Clinical Medicine
- Mbale School of Hygiene / Environmental Health Science
- Jinja Medical Laboratory Training School

NURSING & MIDWIFERY INSTITUTIONS (Examined by UNMEB)

- Arua School of Comprehensive Nursing
- Butabika Psychiatric Nursing School
- Jinja School of Nursing & Midwifery
- Kabale School of Comprehensive Nursing
- Soroti School of Comprehensive Nursing
- Mulago School of Nursing & Midwifery
- Public Health Nurses College
- Lira School of Comprehensive Nursing
- Masaka School of Comprehensive Nursing

TECHNICAL COLLEGES, METEOROLOGICAL & SURVEY INSTITUTIONS (EXAMINED BY UBTEB)

- Institute of Survey and Land Management
- National Meteorological Training School
- Uganda Institute of Information and Communications Technology
- Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba
- Uganda Technical College, Bushenyi
- Uganda Technical College, Elgon
- Uganda Technical College, Kicwamba
- Uganda Technical College, Kyema
- Uganda Technical College, Lira

NATIONAL TEACHERS' COLLEGES (whose Diplomas are awarded by KYAMBOGO UNIVERSITY)

- National Teachers' College, Kabale
- National Teachers' College, Kaliro
- National Teachers' College, Mubende
- National Teachers' College, Muni
- National Teachers' College, Unyama

AGRICULTURAL & CONSERVATION COLLEGES

- Bukalasa Agricultural College
- Uganda Wildlife Research & Training Institute - Kasese
- Fisheries Training Institute
- Nyabyeya Forestry College

- Bachelor of Environmental Science
- Bachelor of Environmental Health Science
- Bachelor of Dental Laboratory Technology
- BSc Human Nutrition
- BSc. Palliative Care
- BSc. Medical Radiography
- BSc Health Administration

Pure Science Programmes

- BSc. Industrial Chemistry
- BSc. Microbiology
- BSc. Biochemistry
- Bachelor of Science in Marine Science
- Bachelor of Conservation Biology

Special Needs Education Programmes

- BSc. Speech & Language Therapy
- B. Education, Special Needs Education
- B. of Teacher Education with Special Needs Education.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OTHER PROGRAMMES TARGETING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Arts with Education
- Bachelor of Social Sciences
- Bachelor of Psychology
- Bachelor of Social Work & Social Administration
- Bachelors courses in Business Studies

LIST OF DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES FOR SUPPORT

Human Medicine Courses

- Diploma in Clinical Psychiatry
- Diploma in Mental Health
- Diploma in Ophthalmology
- Diploma in Orthopedic Medicine
- Diploma in Clinical Medicine & Community Health
- Advanced Diploma in Child and Adolscent Mental Health

Laboratory Courses

- Diploma in Science Laboratory Technology
- Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology

Nursing & Midwifery Courses

- Diploma in Nursing
- Diploma in Comprehensive Nursing
- Diploma in Public Health Nursing
- Diploma in Clinical Mentoring
- Advanced Diploma in Paediatric Nursing
- Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing
- Diploma in Midwifery

Agriculture Courses

- Diploma in Sustainable Agriculture
- Diploma in Fisheries Management and Technology
- Diploma in Crop Production And Management
- Diploma in Food Processing Technology

Engineering & Engineering related courses

- Diploma in Ceramics
- Diploma in Ceramics Technology
- Diploma in Civil and Building Engineering
- Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- Diploma in Building & Construction Engineering
- Diploma in Electrical Engineering
- Diploma in Mechanical and Production Engineering.
- Diploma in Building Engineering
- Diploma in Ginning Engineering
- Diploma in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
- Diploma in Telecommunications Engineering
- Diploma in Water Engineering
- Diploma in Automobile Engineering
- Diploma in Architecture
- Diploma in Textile Design and Surface Design
- Diploma in Computer Engineering
- Diploma in Biomedical Engineering
- Diploma in Physical Planning
- Diploma in Metrology
- Diploma in Agricultural Engineering
- Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- Diploma in Textile Design and Technology
- Diploma in Civil Engineering Surveying / Land Surveying
- Diploma in Land Management and Evaluation
- Diploma in Cartography

Computer and Information & Communication Technology Courses

- Diploma in Computer Science / Information Technology

Health Care Management Courses

- Diploma in Medical Entomology & Parasitology
- Diploma in Medical Radiography
- Diploma in Occupational Therapy
- Diploma in Ear, Nose & Throat, Head and Neck Surgery
- Diploma in Orthopedic Technology
- Diploma in Anaesthesia
- Diploma in Palliative Care
- Diploma in Physiotherapy
- Diploma in Community HIV/AIDS Care
- Diploma in Occupational Therapy
- Diploma in Health Management & Leadership
- Advanced Diploma in Health Services Management
- Diploma in Environmental Health Science
- Higher Diploma in Clinical Instruction
- Diploma in Dental Technology
- Diploma in Public Health Dentistry
- Diploma in Clinical & Community Nutrition
- Diploma in Medical Audiology

Health Records Management

- Diploma in Medical Records and Health Informatics

Pharmacy Courses

- Diploma in Pharmacy

Education Courses

- Diploma in Physical Education and Sports Management
- Diploma in Education Secondary (Technological Studies)
- Diploma in Clinical Instruction
- Diploma in Health Tutorship
- Diploma in Science Education

Animal Science

- Diploma In Animal Production And Management
- Diploma in Wildlife Health and Management
- Diploma in Wildlife & Natural Resource Management

Petroleum Programmes

- Diploma in Upstream Petroleum Operations
- Diploma in Downstream Petroleum Operations



HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS' FINANCING BOARD (HESFB)

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Falsification of documents by the student on discovery leads to automatic disqualification and refund of any amounts spent.

Question: WHERE IS HESFB LOCATED?

Answer: We can be reached using the following address:

Higher Education Students' Financing Board
Plot No.1 Lourdel Road, Lourdel Towers, 7th Floor
P. O. Box 16810,Wandegeya,Kampala-Uganda.

Tel: +256 392 174 999 Email: E-mail: info@hesfb.go.ug

<http://www.hesfb.go.ug>

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Question: What is Higher Education Students' Financing Board?

Answer:

Higher Education Students' Financing Board (HESFB) is a body Corporate established by an Act of Parliament, number 2 of 2014, to provide Loans and Scholarships to Ugandan Students to pursue Higher Education. HESFB is intended to provide Loans and Scholarships to Ugandan students who have qualified for Higher Education in recognised Higher Education Institutions but are unable to support themselves financially.

Question: Why Higher Education Students' Financing Scheme?

Answer:

It is intended to address the following objectives:-

1. To increase equitable access to Technical and Higher Education;
2. To support highly qualified Ugandan students who may not afford Higher Education;
3. To ensure regional balance in Higher Education services in Uganda;
4. To support courses critical to national development.
5. To ensure a sustainable revolving loans fund.

Question: Who is eligible for the loans?

Answer:

HESFB supports students pursuing diploma and undergraduate programmes. Plans are underway to finance Post graduate programmes and Doctoral Studies in the near future.

The scheme is meant for Ugandan students seeking financial assistance to pursue an accredited programme of Higher Education in an accredited Higher Education Institution recognized by the National Council for Higher Education.

The Board determines the Students' eligibility into the scheme and takes into consideration regional balance, gender, social economic needs and equity.

The Board approves the programmes of study to be funded every academic year.

Question: What does the Loan cover?

Answer:

A loan covers the following:-

Tuition fees; Functional fees, Research fees, Aids and Appliances for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics(STEM) programmes. For persons with disability they are eligible to pursue either Sciences or Humanities programmes.

Note. At present HESFB finances the academic component only.

Question: What does the students/guardian /parent pay for?

Answer: The students must meet their expenses for:-

- Accommodation
- Feeding
- Medical care
- Other Scholastic needs and any other expenses required by the student outside what HESFB finances.

Question: What level of education does the loan cover?

Answer:Currently the scheme supports students pursuing selected Diploma and Undergraduate Programmes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). In future with additional financial resources, the scheme may cover other disciplines and also consider

funding post graduate programmes and Doctoral Studies.

Question: Will the Government employ loan beneficiaries after study?

Answer:

No, however, the programmes financed under the Loan Scheme are marketable and highly demanded by both the public and private sectors, so upon graduation the student must seek for any income generating activity quickly and use the acquired skills to get or create employment.

Question: Can a student work abroad after the study period?

Answer:Yes, However, to facilitate the loan recovery, the beneficiary shall furnish the Board with a proper repayment plan and accurate present residential address while abroad.

Question:Can a student acquire a bank loan while still repaying HESFB loan?

Answer:Yes, the student Loan repayment will take not more than 30% of the Loan beneficiary's net pay but the repayment of the student's loan takes priority over any other loan. However, noncompliance with the student's loan repayment may affect this person's credit worthiness with the Commercial Banks in view of their credit ratings.

Question: What is the repayment period?

Answer:

It shall not exceed twice the course period plus the grace period of one year. There is room to negotiate favourable payment terms, including early repayments.

Question: What is the grace period?

Answer:

According to the HESFB Act, the grace period is 12 months after completing the study programme for which the loan was awarded. A person who has received a student loan starts repaying the loan with the specified interest (value retention fee) a year after completing the programme for which the loan was given .

Question: Is it possible to change my Higher Education Institution(HEI)?

Answer:Yes but seek approval from your HEI and HESFB.

Question: What happens upon death of a Loan beneficiary?

Answer: In this case, HESFB must be notified immediately.

The Board will write off the outstanding loan amount against the loan protection fund.

Question : What is the Loan Protection Fund?

Answer:

A Student is charged 1 % of the annual gross Loan Amount as Loan Protection Fee. The borrower of the funds shall subscribe to a loan protection fee which shall indemnify them against payment of outstanding debt to the fund as a result of death or permanent incapacitation.

Question : Does the loan attract Interest (Value retention fee)?

Answer:

Every student loan is repayable with value retention fee.

The value retention fee (interest) is determined by the Minister of Education and Sports in consultation with the Minister responsible for Finance and upon

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the recommendation of the Board. Currently the value retention rate is 7% per annum charged on reducing balance.

Question: Can I access the Loan money on my personal account?

Answer: No, the Loan money is remitted directly to the Higher Education Institution. However funds for aids and appliances may be deposited directly onto the beneficiary's account.

Question: Where do I apply for the Loan?

Answer: Hard copies of Application forms are made available at all Branches of Centenary Bank country wide, at the participating Higher Education Institutions(HEIs) and on the HESFB website; <http://www.hesfb.go.ug>. Students are encouraged to apply online. Students are further advised to apply for the loan after being admitted at any of the participating HEI but before the opening date to allow ample time for processing and remittance of fees. Applicants are required to pay processing fee as determined by the Board.

Question: What does one require to apply for a loan?

Answer:

Application for a student loan requires the following:-

1. A copy of admission letter from any of the participating HEI
2. A copy of the National ID
3. Copies of academic certificates or result slips and transcripts
4. A copy of birth certificate
5. Three(3) most recent passport photos
6. Proof of payment of the Prescribed processing fees
7. A copy of the Financial card
8. A sketch map of applicant's current address/residence
9. Fully filled loan application form submitted to the Board through any branch of Centenary Bank or online.

Question: How will disbursement of the loan be made?

Answer: Upon receipt of an invoice from the Higher Education Institution, HESFB processes and remits, the student fees to the Institutions fees collection account, in accordance with the amounts applied for by the students but on a Semester basis.

Question: Does the Board allow early repayments?

Answer: Yes, early re-payments are highly encouraged and the funds are deposited directly into HESFB account. Presently the account is in Centenary Bank.

Question: Can a student who has already gotten the loan be disqualified?

Answer:

Yes, a loan beneficiary can be disqualified on the following grounds:

- Discovery of document falsification/Provision of false information at the time of loan application.
- Failure to progress academically
- Change of citizenship from being a Ugandan National
- When a student is convicted of a crime
- When a student is dismissed by the HEI

Question: Can one get a Loan and then exit the scheme during the time of study?

Answer: Yes, the student can "Stagger" the fees requisitions, by applying for the fees only in those semesters or years when they are "needy" and vice

versa.

The scheme is a multi - entry and multi exit, such that one can apply for the loan ONLY AND ONLY IF THEY NEED IT. One should apply for the loan only when they need it during the time of study.

Question: Is one required to pay back the loan if they fails to complete the course of study?

Answer:

Yes, all Loan beneficiaries are obliged to pay back all amounts advanced to them irrespective of failure to complete the course of study except where;

- i. The loan beneficiary has got a permanent incapacitation.
- ii. Upon death of the Loan beneficiary. In the above cases, the Board shall recover the outstanding amount from the loan protection fund. On failure to complete your course of study, the loan shall be re-called immediately and the beneficiary shall be required to pay the outstanding amount.

Question: Will HESFB offer scholarships?

Answer: At present, NO scholarships are being offered.

In future, funds allowing, the Board will from time to time award scholarships to eligible students pursuing education in a field of study determined by the Board as critical to national and economic development.

Question: What type of scholarships shall be attainable under HESFB?

Answer: At present, NO scholarships are being offered. The Board's financial capacity can only support loans.

Question: What will the scholarship cover?

Answer: It will cover the following; Tuition fees, Functional fees, Books and reading materials, Accommodation fees, Meals, Research fees, Appliances for Persons with Disabilities, other expenses as may be determined by Board and approved by the Minister.

Question: Who is eligible for a scholarship?

Answer: Any Ugandan student pursuing Higher Education in a field of study deemed as critical to National and Economic Development and also addressing human capital gaps as approved by the Board.

Question: Is the scholarship repayable?

Answer: No, however it can be repaid where;

a student does not complete the course of study for any unconvincing reasons as determined by the Board, the scholarship is re-called and the student is required to pay back all the money spent on him/her.

Question: What happens if I change the course of study?

Answer: A student loan or scholarship shall only be used for the course for which the loan or scholarship was awarded and shall not be transferred.

Under Scholarships arrangement, a student who changes course of study forfeits their Scholarship. But a loan beneficiary can change course or Higher Education Institution under a HESFB policy of lending. Further details on this can be obtained from the office.