



PRESS RELEASE

RELEASE OF STUDENTS' LOAN BENEFICIARIES AND EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR APPLICANTS

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The Higher Education Students' Financing Board (HESFB) advertised and commenced receiving applications for study loans under the Students' Loan Scheme on October 11th 2021.

The applications are from eligible Ugandan students who have been admitted under the listed Undergraduate Diploma and Degree programmes for the Academic Year 2021/22 in Public Universities, Private Chartered Universities and the listed Other Tertiary Institutions but have a financial need.

For the first time, this year's window also included applicants in their final year of study under the new Continuing Students' Loan product.

Also for the first time, the Loan Application process has been solely online, available through our website www.hesfb.go.ug and over 4000 applicants have successfully applied while the system indicates that over 5000 applications are yet to be submitted. This has also been due to the 20 Application Support Centers that were created in every region in the Country.

The Board commends Higher Education Institutions for expediting the applications process and issuing admission letters which are prerequisite to applications for study loans.

While the Board had set the deadline for applications for midnight, 30th November, 2021, it has been established that some Higher Education Institutions for instance Lira University have just concluded their admissions process while others like

Makerere University, Kyambogo University, Gulu University, Soroti University and Other Tertiary Institutions under the Joint Admissions Board (JAB) have yet to complete or even start the admissions process.

The Board also notes that some Higher Education Institutions already finalized the admission process and in some institutions students already commenced their 1st semester studies with a number of them hoping to be supported under the Students' Loan Scheme. Also, the final year students applying under the Continuing Students' Loan are either due or have commenced their studies.

In light of this, the Higher Education Students' Financing Board (HESFB) has resolved the following;

1. The Board will proceed to process and issue out study loans to all applicants who have applied by the deadline timeline of midnight, 30th November, 2021. The list of successful beneficiaries will be released on 20th December, 2021.
2. The Board is extending the deadline for applications for applicants awaiting admissions from Makerere University, Kyambogo University, Gulu University, Lira University, Soroti University and Other Tertiary Institutions under the Joint Admissions Board to 15th January, 2022. The list of successful beneficiaries in this category will be released on 4th February, 2022.
3. To complement the Board's affirmative action programme, the extension will also cater for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and applicants from the Karamoja Region. These can submit applications in all the listed Higher Education Institutions till 15th, January 2022.

Applicant who may encounter challenges in the application process can seek help by calling our Call Center on 0392174999 or 0414255300 or could visit our Application Support Centers located at; Muni University, Gulu University, Uganda Technical College Lira, Soroti University, Islamic University in Uganda - Mbale, Busitema University, Jinja District Offices, Kyambogo University, Ndejje University – Kampala Campus, Masaka School of Nursing, Bishop Stuart University, Kabale University, KIU – Ishaka Campus, Fort Portal College of Health Sciences, RCC's Office – Hoima, RDC's Office Moroto and HESFB Offices

The Higher Education Students' Financing Board hopes that this intervention will ably cater for all applicants on either horizon of the admission process, a challenge that can only be solved with the synchronization of the admissions dates between public and private Higher Education Institutions.

Applicants are strongly warned of Fraudsters who masquerade as HESFB agents. No payment should be made to any individual for purposes of securing the student loan.

About HESFB

The Higher Education Students' Financing Board (HESFB) is a body Corporate established by an Act of Parliament, No. 2 of 2014, to provide Loans and Scholarships to Ugandan Students who wish to pursue Higher Education in recognized Ugandan Higher Education Institutions, but are unable to support themselves financially.

The Board has so far awarded loans to a total of 11,187 Beneficiaries (9,632 undergraduate degrees and 1,555 undergraduate diplomas) Beneficiaries to study 130 degree programmes and 76 undergraduate diploma courses mainly in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programmes except PWDs who are able to study any course of their choice.

These courses are currently tenable at 22 Chartered Universities (10 Publics and 12 Private Chartered Universities) and 36 Other Tertiary Institutions (OTIs) in Uganda.

The Scheme has added to the national stock of applied scientists in the four major areas of the Economy where in Health, the Scheme has supported the training of over 3,100 Health and Medical personnel, over to 2,000 Science Teachers, 1,000 Agricultural Experts and close to 3,000 Engineers among others.

The Students' Loan shall cover tuition fees, functional fees, Research Fees and Aids and Appliances for PWDs. In the AY2021/22, the Board will issue out 1600 study loans to successful Beneficiaries.

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