



HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS' FINANCING BOARD

Increasing Access to Higher Education

REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**AT THE RELEASE OF LOT II OF THE APPROVED SUCCESSFUL
STUDENT LOAN BENEFICIARIES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

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RELEASE OF LOT II APPROVED STUDENTS' LOANS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022.

- **THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION – HON
DR JOYCE MORIKU KADUCU**
 - **THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
AND SPORTS**
 - **THE DIRECTOR HIGHER, TECHNICAL, VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION AND TRAINING, DR JANE EGAU**
 - **BOARD MEMBERS OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS'
FINANCING BOARD**
 - **STAFF OF HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS' FINANCING
BOARD**
 - **OUR DEAR FRIENDS – THE MEDIA FRATERNITY**
 - **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**
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1.0 Introduction

On behalf of the Higher Education Students' Financing Board, we welcome you all to the release of the approved list of the second lot of the 8th Cohort of the Successful Continuing Students' Loan Scheme Beneficiaries.

As you recall we were here on the 10th of January 2022, when we released the First Cohort of the Continuing Students' Loan together with the List of "**Lot 1**" of the 8th Cohort of Students' Loan Scheme Beneficiaries for the Academic Year 2021/22.

Today, we are releasing the Lot 2 list of successful applicants and the consolidated report of the Loan Awards for the Academic Year 2021/22.

In a special way, I would like to welcome you Hon Minister, to this occasion, the Board Members and staff of the Ministry of Education and Sports and of the Board.

Hon Minister, through you, I convey my sincere appreciation to HE the President of Republic of Uganda Gen Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, and the Minister of Education and Sports Mama Janet Kataha Museveni and the entire political leadership of the Ministry of Education and Sports for the support to the Board and the entire Ministry staff for the cordial working relationship.

Hon Minister, on behalf of the Board, we appreciate your continued support which mainly comes as financial appropriations to facilitate the activities of the Scheme by the Ministry of Education and Sports – please convey our sincere appreciation to the Political Leadership of Government and of the Ministry of Education and Sports. We applaud the Government of Uganda

for its commitment towards the Education of all the people of Uganda and most importantly about the Education of the needy students in Higher Education. At HESFB, we would like to re-assure Government of our commitment towards the achievement of our core objective of widening and broadening access to Higher Education in Uganda.

On behalf of the Higher Education Students' Financing Board, we welcome you all to this function as we release the list of Lot 2, successful Student Loan Applicants for the Academic Year 2021/22.

Hon Minister allow me recognize and thank the members of our pioneer Board, It was inaugurated in March 2014, under the Chairmanship of Rev. Fr. Prof. Callisto Locheng (A.J). The Board's second and last term is due to expire in April this year. We would like to appreciate them for the great job done in establishing and shaping both the strategic and policy requirements of the Scheme for the last eight (8) years. We thank them for their great contribution, their selfless sacrifices towards the work of the Board.

To our dear Media friends, I would like to welcome and pay special tribute to you for your continued support for covering our events. The media has been our good allies and reported widely on the Board activities. It is our sincere hope that you continue to report accurately on matters of Financing Higher Education in the Country.

2.0 Background

The Higher Education Students' Financing Board is established by an Act of Parliament No. 2 of 2014, as a body corporate mandated to provide Loans and Scholarships to eligible citizens of Uganda to enable them access

Higher Education and to increase equitable access to Higher Education in the Country.

3.0 Call for Applications

The Board made the call for loan applications to the 8th Cohort under the Students' Loan Scheme on 11th October 2021 and closing on 30th November 2021. At the end of the application window, only 4 Public Universities (Muni University, Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Kabale University and Busitema University) and All the Private Chartered Universities had completed the admission processes.

The Private Chartered Universities are; African Bible University, Bishop Stuart University, Bugema University, ISBAT University, Islamic University in Uganda, Kampala International University, Kampala University, Mountains of the Moon University, Ndejje University, Nkumba University, Uganda Christian University and Uganda Martyrs University.

The Board then extended the Loan Application period for Makerere University, Kyambogo University, Soroti University, Lira University, Gulu University and all the Listed Other Tertiary Institutions. The new deadline was set as 15th January 2022. Following a request from the Ministry of Education and Sports, the deadline for Other Tertiary Institutions was extended further to 21st, February, 2022.

Hon Minister, for this reason we released the names of the successful applicants for Lot I on 10th January, and today, 8th February, we are releasing the List of the Lot II successful Loan Applicants for the academic year 2021/22.

4.0 Number of Applications Received and Awarded Loans

To recap, in Lot 1, we received 4,797 Loan applications, and of these 3,926 were appraised and found eligible for support and the Board awarded Loans to 920 Successful Beneficiaries on 10th January, 2022.

In Lot 2, that we are releasing today, the Board received a total of 1,226 Loan Application, of which 198 were rejected as they were falling outside the eligibility criteria and 1,028 were processed. Owing to the available budget, the Board is awarding financial support to 610 successful loan Applicants. of these 385 (63.1%) are males while 225 (36.9%) are females.

Therefore, in the Academic Year 2021/22, the Board received a total of 6,023 Loan applications from both Lots of applications, a total of 4,873 Applicants were appraised and found eligible for support. The remaining 1,150 applications were rejected as they were found to lie outside the eligibility criteria. Of the processed total of 4,873 applications, 3,528 (72.4%) were male applicants while 1,345 (27.6%) were female applicants.

Hon Minister, this means that this academic year 2021/22, the Higher Education Students' Financing Board shall support a total of 1,530 students where 849 (55.5%) are males while 671 (44.5%) are females. This represents an overall performance of 25.4%, a sign that the Students' Loan Initiative has become popular and needs extra support.

Regardless of the performance, we are happy that this academic year, the Board has achieved more in terms of Gender equity and other aspects as highlighted in this report.

5.0 The Loan Awards

5.1 The Funds of the Board

Hon Minister, the Government through Parliament appropriated at total of UGX 6,050,000,000 towards funding Loans for the academic year 2021/22 inclusive of UGX 500 million for the continuing students.

These funds have been scientifically allocated to fund both Lot I and Lot II equitably and in accordance with the Higher Learning Institutions that fall in the different Lots.

Lot I where the 920 students were initially awarded Loans, utilized UShs. 3,802,500,000, of which 120 were final year students under the Continuing Students Loan product, 735 were undergraduate Degree students while 65 students were pursuing undergraduate Diplomas.

In Lot 2, the 610 successful Loan Applicants shall utilize Ushs. 2,247,500,000.

We are pleased to report Hon Minister that while Board had estimated to support a total of 300 Diploma students this academic year, the same resource has been prudently distributed to support a total of 381 Diploma Students.

5.2 Loan Awards to continuing Students

Hon Minister, the Loan awards to continuing students, is a new loan product. it started this academic year and Government supported the Scheme with a startup fund of UShs 500 Million for the continuing students. The Board approved that this resource be earmarked to support at least 100 final year students who were on the brink of dropping off yet they had reached the end of their Education cycle. To this end, Hon Minister under this Loan product, we received only 130 eligible applications.

The Board approved the award of Loans to 120 of these final year students. Of the 120 students, 85 (71%) are male while 35 (29%) are female. This was reported during the Lot I Loan Awards.

Hon. Minister, our desire and prayer is that more funds are allocated to this product in the subsequent years such that we are able to cater for all Continuing Students who encounter financial challenges at any stage of their education.

6.0 Affirmative Action

The Higher Education Students' Financing Board runs a policy on affirmative action for different parameter and these are considered in the Loan award process.

In terms of policy support for Persons with Disabilities, in the first Lot, 20 students with disabilities were supported. Of these 4 are female while 16 are males. In this Lot 22 students with disabilities shall be awarded with Loans, of the 7 are female while 15 are males.

Hon Minister, this category of learners is the only group allowed to pursue degrees or diplomas in both Science and Humanities Programmes. In addition, we support them with Aids and Appliances to pursue their studies without interruptions. In the Loan award process, Persons with Disabilities have extra 15 points, but also an applicant can earn extra points if any or both of their parents are Persons with Disabilities.

Hon Minister, to further to support PwDs, we offered an extension for PwDs to apply to all institutions in both Lot 1 and Lot 2 till January

15th, 2022. It's this affirmative action which has yielded this additional 42 PwDs to be supported by the Scheme in this academic year.

7.0 Regional Distribution

One of our objectives is to ensure regional balance. In 2019, the Board approved affirmative action for the Greater Northern Region owing to the fewer number of applicants that were being received.

Hon. Minister I am also happy to report that generally Northern Uganda was deliberately considered under affirmative action by the Board and has had a good representation of successful loan beneficiaries. Overall we received 708 applications from Northern Uganda and of these 350 (52.3%) have been considered. This is on record the highest number of applicants received from the region owing to our robust awareness campaigns in the region.

The higher performance of the region stems from the decisions of the Board to add applicants from the region extra points far and above other regions and also an offer of an additional 100 Slots in the award process.

This year we are pleased with the participation of the Students from the Karamoja region, In Lot 2, we have awarded support to 92 students from this region. In Lot 1, 350 were awarded Loans Over all, we received 146 applicants from the Karamoja region and 127 were awarded loans. This is the highest recorded number of applicants and Beneficiaries from the region in the last 7 years.

At this juncture, allow me to appreciate the concerted efforts of Members of Parliament under the Karamoja Parliamentary Group and the Offices of the

RDCs in Karamoja for the support they rendered the Board during Loan Applications period.

I am happy to report that in terms of Districts participation all the 136 districts of the country have supported students on this scheme. We are pleased with Nakapripit and Amudat which previously had no learners on this Scheme.

We appreciate the Board for these policy actions which we strongly believe that eventually the entire North shall change in terms of its social economic outlook.

On this note, Hon minister, I am glad to report that the Scheme has continued to portray a national outlook and regional balance.

8.0 Participating Higher Learning Institutions

In the academic year 2014/15, the Board started by supporting 12 Universities, this number increased to 22 Universities in the academic year 2019/20 and 36 Other Tertiary Institutions. All together, the Board supports a total of 56 Institutions.

We hope Victoria University and Busoga University will participate as they get Charter statuses.

9.0 Approved Courses and Programmes for the Academic Year 2021/2022

For this 8th cohort of Loans for the academic year 2021/22, Board approved support for students to pursue any of the listed 136 Undergraduate and 76 Diploma programmes. This has really widened and deepened our scope of coverage. This also comes with the approval that Students with Disabilities can pursue any programme within their abilities.

10.0 Loan Coverage

The loans awarded to students shall cover the students' tuition fees, functional fees, research fees and funds to cover Aids and Appliances for persons with disabilities. These funds shall be directly remitted to the Tertiary institutions.

11.0 Important Notes to the Successful Applicants

- i) All successful Loan Applicants shall be informed today of their fate through SMS messages and on the Website and other social media platforms.
- ii) All successful Loan Applicants shall be required to sign the Loan Agreements. The Loan Agreements shall be dispatched to the respective Tertiary Institutions and administered by staff of Higher Education Students' Financing Board, but care shall be taken to ensure the SOPs of the Ministry of Health.
- iii) Successful Loan Applicants should note that the loan amounts shall be disbursed to the respective Higher Learning Institutions **BUT NOT** to the loan applicants.
- iv) Hon Minister, it is important for our successful Loan Beneficiaries to realize that we emphasize the issue of honesty, discipline and hard work among our terms and conditions. Any successful applicant who will be discovered to have falsified any detail in the application process will have their offer cancelled. Any Successful Loan Beneficiary who does not progress academically will have their offer recalled.
- v) I would like to remind the successful applicants that this is a loan and not a grant and therefore use this support efficiently for your academic advancement.

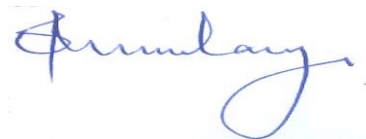
- vi) To those who have missed out the opportunity, there is going to be a window of appeals effective tomorrow Tuesday 8th February 2022 and closing after 7 days. The appeal forms shall be availed online.

12.0 Conclusion

We would like to pay special tribute to the following:

- (i) HE the President of the Republic of Uganda and his Cabinet Ministers for the continued support and guidance.
- (ii) We specifically appreciate all the Ministers of the Education Sector.
- (iii) The Permanent Secretary and staff of the Ministry of Education and Sports for the support and good working relationships.
- (iv) All the participating Universities and the Other Tertiary Institutions for the good and cordial working relationship.
- (v) The Board Members and Staff of the Secretariat for doing their work in time and putting in extra hours to deliver this work.
- (vi) The Press for the continued sensitization of the public and coverage of the activities of the Board

I now take the pleasure to invite the Chairperson of the Board to give his remarks.



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