

Nursing and Midwifery Programmes

1. Bachelor of Nursing Sciences
2. B. Nursing Completion\ Extension
3. BSc. Midwifery

Agriculture & Forestry Programmes

1. Bachelor of Sustainable Agric & Extension
2. Bachelor of Agricultural Entrepreneurship & Farm Mgt
3. BSc Agricultural Land use and Management
4. Bachelor of Science in Horticulture
5. BSc Fisheries and Aquaculture
6. BSc. Agriculture
7. BSc. Food Science & Technology
8. BSc Fisheries and Water Resource Management
9. B. Agriculture & Entrepreneurship
10. Bachelor of Agribusiness Management
11. Bachelor of Agricultural and Rural Innovation
12. Bachelor of Agribusiness Mgt & Community Dev't
13. Bachelor of Conservation Forestry and Products Technology
14. Bachelor of Social and Entrepreneurship Forestry
15. Bachelor of Community Forestry

Computer Science & ICT Programmes

1. Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence & Machine learning
2. Bachelor of Science in Animation and Visual Effects
3. Bachelor of Science in Networking and Cyber Security
4. BSc. Information Technology
5. Bachelor of Information Technology and Computing
6. Bachelor of Information Systems
7. BSc. Computer Networks & Systems Administration
8. BSc. of Information & Communications Technology
9. BSc. Computer Science

Statistics and Applied Economics Programmes

1. B. Statistics
2. BSc Applied Mathematics and Statistics
3. BSc Quantitative Economics
4. BSc Actuarial Science
5. BSc Statistics & Computer Science
6. BSc Statistics & Economics
7. BSc Statistics & Mathematics
8. BSc Statistics & Planning
9. Bachelor of Science in Population Studies
10. Bachelor of Business Statistics

Education Programmes

1. Bachelor of Science with Education
2. B. Vocational Studies in Technological Studies with Education
3. B. Agricultural Extension Education
4. B. Voc. Studies in Agric. with Educ.
5. B. of Medical Education
6. B. Technical Teacher Education Electrical Engineering
7. B. Technical Teacher Education Mechanical Engineering
8. B. Technical Teacher Education -Mechanical & Production Eng
9. B. Technical Teacher Education- Civil & Building Eng
10. B. Technical Teacher Education -Electrical Eng
11. BSc Information Technology with Education
12. BSc. Laboratory Science Education & Industry

Animal Science Programmes

1. B. Veterinary Medicine
2. BSc. Animal Production Technology & Management
3. BSc. Wildlife Health and Management
4. Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Industry and Business

Engineering & related Programmes

1. BSc in Mechanical & Automotive Engineering
2. BSc Land Economics
3. BSc. Agriculture Mechanization
4. BSc. Bio Systems Engineering
5. BSc. Telecommunications Engineering
6. Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering
7. Bachelor of Mechatronics & Biomedical Engineering
8. Bachelor of Environmental Design
9. B. Architecture
10. BSc. Electrical, Electronics & Communications Eng
11. B. Eng in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
12. BSc. Surveying
13. BSc Survey and Land Formation
14. B. Engineering in Civil and Building Engineering
15. Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying
16. Bachelor of Industrial Engineering and Management (IEM)
17. Bachelor of Surveying and Land Information Systems
18. Bachelor of Science in Land Surveying & Geomatics
19. B. Agricultural Mechanization & Irrigation Engineering

20. BSc. Computer Engineering
21. BSc. Software Eng and Application Development
22. B. Engineering in Automotive & Power Engineering
23. Bachelor of Industrial Engineering & Management
24. BSc. Software Engineering
25. BSc. Construction Management
26. BSc. Textile Engineering & Clothing Technology
27. BSc. Chemical Engineering
28. Bachelor of Material and Ceramic Science Technology
29. BSc. Water Resource Engineering
30. BSc. Mining Engineering
31. BSc. Civil, Building & Environmental Engineering
32. BSc. Agro Processing Engineering
33. BSc. Civil Engineering
34. BSc. Electrical Engineering
35. BSc. Mechanical Engineering
36. Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Communication
37. Bachelor of Science in Textile Engineering
38. Bachelor of Land Use Planning and Management
39. Bachelor of Science in Building Economics
40. Bachelor of Engineering in Environmental Engineering and Management (EEM)
41. B. of Urban & Regional Planning

Petroleum and Geological Programmes

1. BSc. Geological Resources
2. BSc. Petroleum & Geoscience Engineering
3. BSc. Oil & Gas Management

Health Care Management Programmes

1. BSc. Optometry
2. Bachelor of Cytotechnology
3. B. Physiotherapy
4. Bachelor of Science in Public Health
5. Bachelor of Environmental Science
6. Bachelor of Environmental Health Science
7. Bachelor of Dental Laboratory Technology
8. BSc Human Nutrition
9. BSc. Palliative Care
10. BSc. Medical Radiography
11. BSc Health Administration

Pure Science Programmes

1. BSc. Industrial Chemistry
2. BSc. Microbiology
3. BSc. Biochemistry
4. Bachelor of Science in Marine Science
5. Bachelor of Conservation Biology

Special Needs Education Programmes

1. BSc. Speech & Language Therapy
2. B. Education, Special Needs Education
3. B. of Teacher Education with Special Needs Education.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OTHER PROGRAMMES TARGETING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Persons with Disabilities can apply to Pursue any accredited Programme of their choice from any of the listed Higher Learning Institutions.

ELIGIBLE DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

Human Medicine Programmes

1. Diploma in Clinical Psychiatry
2. Diploma in Mental Health
3. Diploma in Ophthalmology
4. Diploma in Orthopaedic Medicine
5. Diploma in Clinical Medicine & Community Health
6. Advanced Diploma in Child and Adolescent Mental Health

Laboratory Programmes

1. Diploma in Science Laboratory Technology
2. Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology

Nursing & Midwifery Programmes

1. Diploma in Nursing
2. Diploma in Comprehensive Nursing
3. Diploma in Public Health Nursing
4. Diploma in Clinical Mentoring
5. Advanced Diploma in Paediatric Nursing
6. Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing
7. Diploma in Midwifery

Agriculture Programmes

1. Diploma in Sustainable Agriculture
2. Diploma in Fisheries Management and Technology
3. Diploma in Crop Production and Management
4. Diploma in Food Processing Technology

Engineering & Engineering related Programmes

1. Diploma in Ceramics
2. Diploma in Ceramics Technology
3. Diploma in Civil and Building Engineering
4. Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
5. Diploma in Building & Construction Engineering
6. Diploma in Electrical Engineering
7. Diploma in Mechanical and Production Engineering.
8. Diploma in Building Engineering
9. Diploma in Ginning Engineering
10. Diploma in Refrigeration and Air

- Conditioning
11. Diploma in Telecommunications Engineering
12. Diploma in Water Engineering
13. Diploma in Automobile Engineering
14. Diploma in Architecture
15. Diploma in Textile Design and Surface Design
16. Diploma in Computer Engineering
17. Diploma in Biomedical Engineering
18. Diploma in Physical Planning
19. Diploma in Metrology
20. Diploma in Agricultural Engineering
21. Diploma in Electrical and Electronics Engineering
22. Diploma in Textile Design and Technology
23. Diploma in Civil Engineering Surveying / Land Surveying
24. Diploma in Land Management and Evaluation
25. Diploma in Cartography

Computer and Information & Communication Technology Programmes

1. Diploma in Computer Science
2. Diploma in Hardware and Networking
3. Diploma in Information Technology

Health Care Management Programmes

1. Diploma in Medical Entomology & Parasitology
2. Diploma in Medical Radiography
3. Diploma in Occupational Therapy
4. Diploma in Ear, Nose & Throat, Head and Neck Surgery
5. Diploma in Orthopaedic Technology
6. Diploma in Anaesthesia
7. Diploma in Palliative Care
8. Diploma in Physiotherapy

9. Diploma in Community HIV/AIDS Care
10. Diploma in Occupational Therapy
11. Diploma in Health Management & Leadership
12. Advanced Diploma in Health Services Management
13. Diploma in Environmental Health Science
14. Higher Diploma in Clinical Instruction
15. Diploma in Dental Technology
16. Diploma in Public Health Dentistry
17. Diploma in Clinical & Community Nutrition
18. Diploma in Medical Audiology

Health Records Management

1. Diploma in Medical Records and Health Informatics

Pharmacy Programmes

1. Diploma in Pharmacy

Education Programmes

1. Diploma in Physical Education and Sports Management
2. Diploma in Education Secondary (Technological Studies)
3. Diploma in Clinical Instruction
4. Diploma in Health Tutorship
5. Diploma in Science Education

Animal Science

1. Diploma in Animal Production and Management
2. Diploma in Wildlife Health and Management
3. Diploma in Wildlife & Natural Resource Management

Petroleum Programmes

1. Diploma in Upstream Petroleum Operations
2. Diploma in Downstream Petroleum Operations

STUDENTS' LOAN SCHEME

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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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, Wandegaya, Kampala-Uganda.
Tel: +256 392 174 999 Email: info@hesfb.go.ug
<http://www.hesfb.go.ug>



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, 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. HESFB implements the Higher Education Students' Financing Scheme which includes both the Students' Loan Scheme and the Students' Scholarship Scheme.

Question: Why Higher Education Students' Financing Scheme?**Answer:**

It is intended to address the following objectives: -

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

Question: Who is eligible for the student loans?**Answer:**

Eligibility to the Student Loan Scheme considers;

- Be a Ugandan Citizen
- Be admitted to pursue an accredited undergraduate diploma or degree programme in a listed Higher Education Institution, private chartered university or public university in Uganda. Accreditation is by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE)
- Have a financial need
- An applicant must be a joining in the first year or Continuing Student. However, the Board currently funds final year students among the continuing students.
- The Board also takes into consideration regional balance, gender, social economic needs and equity.

Question: Where do I apply for the Student Loan?**Answer:**

Application is online through the HESFB Website; www.hesfb.go.ug. Applicants will be required to attach all the listed requirements.

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

Application for a student loan will require one to upload the following;

- A copy of admission letter from any of the participating HEI
- A copy of the National ID
- Copies of academic certificates or result slips and transcripts
- A copy of a birth certificate
- A copy of the recent passport photo
- Proof of payment of the prescribed processing fees
- A copy of the Financial card (Not mandatory at the point of application)
- A sketch map of applicant's current address/residence
- A sketch map of applicant's home of origin (if different from current address)
- Fully filled loan application form submitted online.

Note: Applicants will receive a notification upon successfully submitting the application details through email.

Question: What does the Loan cover?**Answer:**

The Student Loan Scheme is a cost sharing initiative. The Loan strictly covers the academic component, i.e., Tuition fees, Functional fees, Research fees, Aids and Appliances for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). A student loan beneficiary is expected to cater for their welfare expenses (accommodation, feeding, medical care, scholastic materials) 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 Undergraduate Diploma and Degree Programmes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) are eligible to pursue either Sciences or Humanities programmes.

Question: Is it possible to change my course of study or Higher Education Institution(HEI)?**Answer:**

This is possible. However, the student must seek approval from their institution and from the Board. These changes attract fees as stipulated in the tariff guide.

Question: Can a student access the Loan money on their personal account?**Answer:**

The loan amount is remitted directly to the Higher Education Institution on a semester basis upon submission of a Subsequent Loan Application Form (SLAF), by the student. However, funds for aids and appliances applicable to PWDs may be deposited directly onto the Beneficiary's account.

Question: Can a student who has obtained the loan be disqualified?**Answer:**

A Student Loan Beneficiary can be disqualified on the following grounds;

- Discovery of document and information falsification
- Failure to progress academically
- Change of citizenship from being a Ugandan national
- Conviction of a crime
- Dismissal by the Higher Education Institution

Question: Can one get a Loan and Exit the Scheme during the time of study?**Answer:**

A Beneficiary will be required to request for funding only when they need it. A Student can also exit the Scheme if they acquire an alternative source of funding.

Question: What happens upon death of a Loan beneficiary?**Answer:**

In this case, HESFB must be notified immediately on presentation of an authentic death certificate by the family of the Beneficiary or Loanee. The Board shall write off the outstanding loan amount against the Loan Protection Fund.

Question: What is the Loan Protection Fund?**Answer:**

Every Student contributes 1% of the annual gross loan amount as Loan Protection Fee. This indemnifies the borrower against death and permanent incapacitation.

Question: Does the student loan attract Interest?**Answer:**

Every student loan is repayable with a value retention fee. The value retention fee is determined by the Minister of Education and Sports in consultation with the Minister responsible for Finance upon recommendation by the Board. Currently the value retention rate is 7% per annum charged on reducing balance.

Question: What is the loan repayment period?**Answer:**

The maximum repayment period is twice the study period in addition to the grace period of one year. There is also room to negotiate favorable repayment terms, including early repayments.

Question: What is the grace period?**Answer:**

According to the HESF Act, the grace period is 12 calendar months after completing the study programme for which the loan was awarded.

Question: What are the Benefits of Early Loan Repayment?**Answer:**

Early Repayment comprises any amounts paid back to the Board during the period of study and before end of the Grace Period. Amounts paid within this period does not attract Loan Retention Fee/interest. This also facilitates a clean record with the Credit Reference Bureau.

Question: Is a Student required to pay back the Loan if they fail to complete the programme of Study?**Answer:**

All Loan Beneficiaries are obliged to pay back all loan amounts advanced to them irrespective of failure to complete the course of study, except in the case of death or permanent incapacitation of the Beneficiary.

Question: Will the Government employ loan beneficiaries after study?**Answer:**

Government has not designated jobs specifically for loanees. The role of the Board is to enable students acquire knowledge and skills to compete for

available opportunities both in the public and private sector. HESFB will also offer Beneficiaries additional training in competences relevant in the labor market and enterprise development.

Question: What happens when a Loanee takes long to get a source of income or loses one?**Answer:**

Section 23(5) of the HESF Act states that a person who has no income for the repayment of the student loan, shall within fourteen (14) days after receiving a notice under section (4) in the prescribed manner inform the Board accordingly and there after update the Board with information concerning his/her position after every three months. A Loanee can also negotiate a flexible repayment plan within their repayment period but must complete their loan repayment within the stipulated period.

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

Yes, however, to facilitate loan recovery, the beneficiary shall furnish the Board with a proper repayment plan.

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

Answer: Yes, the student loan repayment installment shall not exceed 30% of the Loanee's net pay but repayment of the student's loan takes priority over any other loan. However, non-compliance with the student's loan repayment may affect a Loanee's credit worthiness with Commercial Banks in view of their credit ratings.

Question: Can a loan beneficiary be supported to pursue further studies?

Answer: Once a Loanee has fully paid off their previous loan, they stand an opportunity to apply for a new facility to enable them pursue further education opportunities.

Question: How and Where can I repay my loan?**Answer:**

HESFB has clear channels through which one can repay their loan even if they are working outside Uganda. This can be through the HESFB LOAN RECOVERY AND INTEREST ACCOUNT, 3100045969 CENTENARY BANK or 01363669053652 DFCU BANK. Payments can be channelled through Cash / cheque, Standing Order, Direct Debit, Electronic Transfers [EFT, RTGS], Telegraphic Transfers (TT) or Mobile Money.

Question: What does the loan beneficiary get as evidence on completing loan repayment?**Answer:**

HESFB issues certificates of Loan completion once the borrower has fully repaid their loan.

Student Loan Tariff Guide

Schedule of Fees	
Service	Costs (UgShs)
Loan Scheme Application	50,000/=
Change of Course	10,000/=
Change of Institution	10,000/=
Loan Protection Fees	1% of the total Annual Tution Fees*
Late SLAF Submission Fees	20,000/=*
Value Retention Fee	7% per Annum on reducing balancing balance*

LOAN APPLICATION FEE BANK ACCOUNT

 Centenary Bank	3740300006
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PARTICIPATING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CHARTERED UNIVERSITIES

Public Universities	Private Universities
1. Busitema University	1. African Bible Universit
2. Gulu University	2. Bishop Stuart University
3. Kabale University	3. Bugema University
4. Kyambogo University	4. ISBAT University
5. Lira University	5. Islamic University in Uganda
6. Makerere University	6. Kampala International University
7. Mbarara University of Science & Technology	7. Kampala University
8. Muni University	8. Ndejje University
9. Soroti University	9. Nkumba University
10. Mountains of the Moon University	10. Uganda Christian University
	11. Uganda Martyrs University
	12. Victoria University

OTHER PARTICIPATING TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

UGANDA ALLIED HEALTH INSTITUTIONS (Examined by UAHEB)	NURSING & MIDWIFERY INSTITUTIONS (Examined by UNMEB)
1. Uganda Institute of Allied Health & Mgt Sciences (Mulago Paramedical School)	1. Arua School of Comprehensive Nursing
2. Health Tutors' College – Mulago	2. Butabika Psychiatric Nursing School
3. Fort Portal College of Health Sciences	3. Jinja School of Nursing & Midwifery
4. Gulu College of Health Sciences	4. Kabale School of Comprehensive Nursing
5. Mbale College of Health Sciences	5. Soroti School of Comprehensive Nursing
6. Butabika School of Psychiatry Clinical Medicine	6. Mulago School of Nursing & Midwifery
7. Jinja School of Ophthalmic Clinical Medicine	7. Public Health Nurses College
8. Mbale School of Hygiene / Environmental Health Science	8. Lira School of Comprehensive Nursing
9. Jinja Medical Laboratory Training School	9. Masaka School of Comprehensive Nursing

TECHNICAL COLLEGES, METEOROLOGICAL & SURVEY INSTITUTIONS (Examined by UBTEB)	NATIONAL TEACHERS' COLLEGES (whose Diplomas are awarded by KYAMBOGO UNIVERSITY)
1. Institute of Survey and Land Management	1. National Teachers' College, Kabale
2. National Meteorological Training School	2. National Teachers' College, Kaliro
3. Uganda Institute of Information and Communications Technology	3. National Teachers' College, Mubende
4. Uganda Petroleum Institute Kigumba	4. National Teachers' College, Muni
5. Uganda Technical College, Bushenyi	5. National Teachers' College, Unyama
6. Uganda Technical College, Elgon	
7. Uganda Technical College, Kicwamba	
8. Uganda Technical College, Kyema	
9. Uganda Technical College, Lira	

ELIGIBLE STUDY PROGRAMMES

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