

*Regulation 1 amended*

2. Regulation 1 of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting “Agent” and substituting “Agents”.

*Regulation 2A deleted*

3. The Principal Regulations is amended by deleting regulation 2A.

Made this 26th day of January 2024.

M. S. N. KAMIKAMICA  
Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister for Trade, Co-operatives and  
Small and Medium Enterprises, and  
Communications

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[LEGAL NOTICE NO. 7]

TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS SERVICE ACT 2014

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## **Tertiary Scholarships Schemes (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

IN exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 25(1) of the Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Service Act 2014 and on the recommendation of the Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Service, I hereby make these Regulations—

*Short title and commencement*

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Tertiary Scholarships Schemes (Amendment) Regulations 2024.
- (2) These Regulations come into force on the date of publication in the Gazette.
- (3) In these Regulations, the Tertiary Scholarships Schemes Regulations 2022 is referred to as the “Principal Regulations”.

*Regulation 2 amended*

2. Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations is amended by—

- (a) in the definition of “priority area”, deleting “and for the National Toppers Scholarship Scheme.”; and
- (b) deleting the definition of “Scheme” and substituting the following—

““Scheme” means the Higher Education (Level 7) with minimum cut off Mark Scheme, In-service Scheme, Masters and PhDs by Research Scheme, Merit Based Higher Education – Level 7 Local Scheme, Merit Based Overseas Scheme, Merit Based Skills Qualification Scheme, Students with Special Needs Scheme, Skills Qualification Based on Offer Letter Scheme, or Tuition Only Hardship Assistance Scheme; and”.

*Regulation 5 amended*

3. Regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting subregulation (4) and substituting the following—

“(4) An application made under this regulation for a Scheme must be made in accordance with the requirements outlined in Schedule 5.”.

*Regulation 7 amended*

4. Regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations is amended by—

- (a) deleting “provisional” wherever it appears; and
- (b) in subregulation (1), deleting “A” and substituting “An”.

*Regulation 8 amended*

5. Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulations is amended by—

- (a) deleting “7” wherever it appears and substituting “3”; and
- (b) deleting “provisional” wherever it appears.

*Regulation 10 amended*

6. Regulation 10(1) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting “program” and substituting “programme”.

*Regulation 11 amended*

7. The Principal Regulations are amended by deleting regulation 11 and substituting the following—

*“Scholarship privileges*

11. The scholarship privileges are outlined in Schedule 7 as follows—

- (a) for Masters and PhDs by Research Scheme, in Part A;
- (b) for Merit Based Overseas Scheme, in Part B;
- (c) for Merit Based Higher Education – Level 7 Local Scheme, in Part C;
- (d) for Higher Education (Level 7) with minimum cut off Mark Scheme, in Part D;
- (e) for Merit Based Skills Qualification Scheme, in Part D;
- (f) for Students with Special Needs Scheme, in Part D;
- (g) for Skills Qualification Based on Offer Letter Scheme, in Part D;
- (h) for In-service Scheme, in Part E; and
- (i) for Tuition Only Hardship Assistance Scheme, in Part F.”.

*Regulation 14 amended*

8. Regulation 14 of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting “where applicable, Schedule 9” and substituting “the terms and conditions of the Schemes offer letter and bond.”.

*Regulation 15 amended*

9. Regulation 15 of the Principal Regulations is amended by—

(a) deleting subregulation (1) and substituting the following—

“(1) Any academic or disciplinary action taken by an eligible institution on a student may result in a parallel action by the Service in terms of sponsorship after—

(a) the eligible institution has notified the Service about the academic or disciplinary action; and

(b) the eligible institution has submitted an investigative report on the academic or disciplinary action, to the Service.”; and

(b) in subregulation (2)(b), deleting “1” and substituting “one”.

*Schedule 2 amended*

10. The Principal Regulations are amended by deleting Schedule 2 and substituting the following—

“SCHEDULE 2  
(Regulation 2)

PRIORITY AREAS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Higher Education (Level 7) with minimum cut off Mark Scheme (2200 Awards)

Discipline of Funding	Programmes	Proposed Quota	Qualifying cut off Mark for Non-Rural and Maritime Students	Qualifying cut off Mark for Rural and Maritime Students
<b>Engineering Services</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Civil Engineering, Electrical/ Electronic Engineering, Energy Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Physics, Electrical/ Electronic Engineering and Physics, Electrical/ Electronic Engineering and Computer Science, Instrumentation and Control System, Electronic/Instrumentation and Control, Telecommunication and Networking, and Electronics Telecommunication and Networking.	80	300 Marks or GPA of 3.38/4.5 or 3.75/5.0	300 Marks or GPA of 3.38/4.5 or 3.75/5.0
<b>Medical and Health Services</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Dietetics and Nutrition, Health Environment, Nursing, Health Promotion, Health Services Management, Medical Imaging Science, Medical Lab Sciences, Pharmacy, Public Health and Primary Health Care and Physiotherapy.	400 (of which 300 is for Nursing)	250 Marks or GPA of 2.81/4.5 or 3.13/5.0	245 Marks or GPA of 2.76/4.5 or 3.06/5.0
<b>Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Agribusiness, Veterinary Sciences, Forestry, Fisheries, Aquaculture, Fish Technology and Food Technology, Sustainable Fisheries, Animal Science, and Animal Husbandry.	40	250 Marks or GPA of 2.81/4.5 or 3.13/5.0	245 Marks or GPA of 2.76/4.5 or 3.06/5.0

<b>Discipline of Funding</b>	<b>Programmes</b>	<b>Proposed Quota</b>	<b>Qualifying cut off Mark for Non-Rural and Maritime Students</b>	<b>Qualifying cut off Mark for Rural and Maritime Students</b>
<b>Information Technology Services</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Telecommunications Networking, Cyber Security, Networks and Security, Software Development/Engineering, Programming, Library Sciences, Media and Journalism, Information System, Computing Science, Information Technology and Applied Computing, Computing, Computer Studies, and Media and Communication.	250	250 Marks or GPA of 2.81/4.5 or 3.13/5.0	245 Marks or GPA of 2.76/4.5 or 3.06/5.0
<b>Social Work</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Social Work, Social Policy and Policy Administration, Social and Community Work, Sociology, and Applied Social Science.	40	250 Marks or GPA of 2.81/4.5 or 3.13/5.0	245 Marks or GPA of 2.76/4.5 or 3.06/5.0
<b>Science and Innovation</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Environmental Science, Environmental Management, Climate Change, Marine Management, Ocean Resources Management, Ocean Resource Management and Policy, Marine Science, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Food Technology.	130	250 Marks or GPA of 2.81/4.5 or 3.13/5.0	245 Marks or GPA of 2.76/4.5 or 3.06/5.0
<b>Land/Town Planning</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Land Surveying, Urban and Regional Planning, Real Estate and Property Management, Geo-Spatial Engineering, GIS/Land Acquisition, Real Estate and Property Valuation, Land Management, and Land Management and Development.	60	250 Marks or GPA of 2.81/4.5 or 3.13/5.0	245 Marks or GPA of 2.76/4.5 or 3.06/5.0
<b>Business and Commerce</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Accounting, Economics, Finance, Official Statistics, Project Planning and Management, Property Management and Valuation, Occupational Health and Safety, Information Systems, Professional Accounting, HRM and Industrial Relations, Public Administration and Management, Business Studies, Management, Marketing, Business Informatics, Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, HRM and ER, International Business and Marketing, and Banking and Library.	350	280 Marks or GPA of 3.15/4.5 or 3.50/5.0	280 Marks or GPA of 3.15/4.5 or 3.50/5.0

<b>Discipline of Funding</b>	<b>Programmes</b>	<b>Proposed Quota</b>	<b>Qualifying cut off Mark for Non-Rural and Maritime Students</b>	<b>Qualifying cut off Mark for Rural and Maritime Students</b>
<b>Education</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Counselling.	10	250 Marks or GPA of 2.81/4.5 or 3.13/5.0	245 Marks or GPA of 2.76/4.5 or 3.06/5.0
	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Special and Inclusive Education.	5		
	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Early Childhood Education.	80		
	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Primary Education.	260		
	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Secondary Education: Mathematics and Physics, and CS.	100		
	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Secondary Education: Industrial Arts.	30		
	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Secondary Education: Accounting, Economics, Computer Science and Technology.	30		
<b>Education</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Secondary Education: History, and Geography.	30	250 Marks or GPA of 2.81/4.5 or 3.13/5.0	245 Marks or GPA of 2.76/4.5 or 3.06/5.0
	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Secondary Education: Biology, Chemistry, Home Economics, and Food and Nutrition.	40		
	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Secondary Education: English Language and Literature, Hindi Language and Indian Culture, iTaukei Studies, iTaukei/Fijian Language, Literature and Language, Hindi Studies, and English.	50		
	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Secondary Education: Physical Education and Music, Physical Education, and Art and Craft.	50		
	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Secondary Education: Agriculture.	20		
<b>Arts</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Language, Literature and Culture, Hindi Language and Indian Culture, iTaukei Language, Hindi Language, Justice, Policing, Population Studies and Demography, Multilingual Studies, Communication, Media Studies and Journalism, Police Management, Prosecution, History, Linguistic, Policing, Heritage and Arts, Politics, Geography, and Non-Formal Education.	90	250 Marks or GPA of 2.81/4.5 or 3.13/5.0	245 Marks or GPA of 2.76/4.5 or 3.06/5.0
	LLB including PDLP/GDLP.	30		

Discipline of Funding	Programmes	Proposed Quota	Qualifying cut off Mark for Non-Rural and Maritime Students	Qualifying cut off Mark for Rural and Maritime Students
<b>Hotel and Tourism</b>	Level 7 Certificate, Level 7 Diploma and Level 7 Degree in Tourism Studies, Hotel Management, Tourism and Hospitality, Tourism Hospitality Management, Tourism Management, and Hospitality and Hotel Management.	25	250 Marks or GPA of 2.81/4.5 or 3.13/5.0	245 Marks or GPA of 2.76/4.5 or 3.06/5.0

## 2. In-service Scheme

Discipline	Area of Study	Level of Study	Quota
<b>Medicine and Health services</b>	Dermatology	Post-Graduate Diploma	2
	Anesthesia	Post-Graduate Diploma	5
	Epidemiology	Post-Graduate Diploma	2
	Midwifery	Post-Graduate Diploma	5
	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Post-Graduate Diploma	2
	Emergency Nursing	Post-Graduate Diploma	5
	Surgery	Post-Graduate Diploma	5
	Pathology	Post-Graduate Diploma	3
	Mental Health	Post-Graduate Diploma	2
	Eye Care	Post-Graduate Diploma	2
<b>Education</b>	Special and Inclusive Education	Degree	5
	Early Childhood Education	Degree	5
	Counselling and Psychology	Diploma or Degree	3
<b>Land/Town Planning</b>	Urban and Regional Planning	Degree	2
<b>Information Technology Services</b>	Cyber Security	Post-Graduate Diploma	2
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>50</b>

## 3. Masters and PhDs by Research Scheme

### Scheme Priority Disciplines

1. Medical and Health Services
2. Engineering Services
3. Climate Change/Environmental Science
4. Marine Science
5. Forestry
6. Public Policy and Analysis
7. Economic Modelling and Policies
8. Public Financing
9. Information Technology Services
10. Social Science Field

## 4. Merit Based Higher Education – Level 7 Local Scheme

<b>Disciplines</b>	<b>Programmes</b>	<b>No. of Awards</b>	<b>Qualifying cut off Mark for Non-Rural and Maritime Students</b>	<b>Qualifying cut off Mark for Rural and Maritime Students</b>
<b>Engineering Services</b>	Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering, Electrical/Electronic Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.	30	Aggregate score of 330/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English, Mathematics, Physics and one more subject meeting the HEI's requirements.	Aggregate score of 320/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English, Mathematics, Physics and one more subject meeting the HEI's requirements.
<b>Medical and Health Services</b>	Bachelor's Degree in Dietetics, Nursing, Public Health, Medical Lab Sciences, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Medical Imaging Science, MBBS and BDS.	155 (of which 45 is MBBS, 5 BDS and 50 Nursing)	Aggregate score of 330/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and the area specialisation subjects. For MBBS cut off mark will be 350 in Year 13. For Nursing cut off mark will be 310 in Year 13.	Aggregate score of 320/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and the area specialisation subjects. For MBBS cut off mark will be 340 in Year 13. For Nursing cut off mark will be 300 in Year 13.
<b>Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries</b>	Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Agribusiness, Forestry, Fisheries, Agriculture Economics, and Animal Science.	30	Aggregate score of 310/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and Agriculture.	Aggregate score of 300/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and Agriculture.
<b>Arts</b>	Media, Journalism and Communication.	20	Aggregate score of 310/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English.	Aggregate score of 300/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English.
<b>Information Technology Services</b>	Bachelor's degree in Telecommunications Networking, Networks and Security, Software Development, Programming, Information System, Computing Science, and Information Technology.	130	Aggregate score of 320/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and Mathematics.	Aggregate score of 310/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and Mathematics.
<b>Social Work</b>	Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Social Policy and Policy Administration, and Psychology.	20	Aggregate score of 310/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English.	Aggregate score of 300/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English.
<b>Science and Innovation</b>	Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science, Environmental Management, and Marine Management.	40	Aggregate score of 310/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English.	Aggregate score of 300/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English.

Disciplines	Programmes	No. of Awards	Qualifying cut off Mark for Non-Rural and Maritime Students	Qualifying cut off Mark for Rural and Maritime Students
<b>Land/Town Planning</b>	Bachelor's Degree in Land Surveying, Urban and Regional Planning, Real Estate and Property Management, GeoSpatial Engineering, GIS/Land Acquisition and Real Estate and Property Valuation.	40	Aggregate score of 310/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English.	Aggregate score of 300/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English.
<b>Business and Commerce</b>	Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting, Economics, Finance, Official Statistics, Information Systems, Professional Accounting, HRM and Industrial Relations, and Public Administration and Management.	110	Aggregate score of 340/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and Mathematics for Accounting, Economics, Finance and Official Statistics.	Aggregate score of 330/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and Mathematics for Accounting, Economics, Finance and Official Statistics.
<b>Education</b>	Bachelor of Education Secondary (Pre-Service)	125	Aggregate score of 310/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and the subject area of specialisation.	Aggregate score of 300/400 in Year 13 with a pass in English and the subject area of specialisation.
	1. Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science (35)			
	2. Industrial Arts (20)			
	3. Bachelor of Education Primary (60)			
	4. Bachelor of Education ECE (10)			

### 5. Merit Based Overseas Scheme

Disciplines	Programmes (Bachelors — 20 Awards)
<b>Engineering Services</b>	1. Energy Engineering
	2. Hydrology Engineering
	3. Manufacturing Engineering
	4. Road Engineering
	5. Chemical Engineering
	6. Structural Engineering
	7. Building Service Engineering
	8. Plant Engineering
	9. Mining Engineering
	10. Environmental Engineering



<b>Disciplines</b>	<b>Programmes (Bachelors – 20 Awards)</b>
<b>Medicine and Health Services</b>	1. Bio Medical Engineering
	2. Speech Therapists
	3. Clinical Psychology/Counselor
	4. Sports Medicine
	5. Sports Science
<b>Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries</b>	1. Veterinary Sciences
	2. Aquaculture
	3. Fish Technology
	4. Food Technology
	5. Plant Pathologist
	6. Biosecurity
	7. Seafood Science and Technology
	8. Virologist - Livestock
	9. Microbiologist
	10. Agricultural Irrigation
<b>Information Technology Services</b>	1. Data Science
	2. Software Development
	3. Cyber Security
	4. Geographical Information System
	5. Business Analytics
	6. Geological Information System
<b>Science and Innovation</b>	1. Meteorology
<b>Business and Commerce</b>	1. Productivity Analyst
	2. Actuarial Finance/Science
	3. Public Policy Specialist
<b>Special Areas</b>	1. Forensic Science
	2. Quantity Surveying
	3. Architectural Design

<b>Disciplines</b>	<b>Programmes (Postgraduate - In-service – 15 Awards)</b>
<b>Medicine and Health Services</b>	1. Radiology
	2. Critical Care/Acute Care in Nursing
	3. Rehabilitation Medicine
	4. Cardiologist
<b>Engineering Services</b>	1. Structural Engineering
	2. Road Pavement and Highway
	3. Hydrology
	4. Geotechnical Engineering
	5. Water and Sewerage

Disciplines	Programmes (TVET – 5 Awards)
<b>Engineering Services</b>	1. Diploma in Electro Magnetism
	2. Diploma in Mechatronics
	3. Diploma in Hydrological Engineering
	4. Diploma in Road Engineering

### 6. Merit Based Skills Qualification Scheme

Disciplines	Programmes	Award
<b>Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries</b>	Agricultural Engineering, Horticulture, Agro Forestry, Animal Husbandry, Applied Fisheries, Aquaculture, Forestry, Wood Processing and Value Adding.	5
<b>Hotel and Tourism</b>	Baking and Patisserie, Cookery, Front Office Operations, Housekeeping and Accommodation Operations, Restaurant Services, Hospitality and Hotel Management, Culinary Art, Restaurant Operations, Tourism Studies, Food and Beverage, and Kitchen Operations.	25
<b>Business, Commerce and Retails Services</b>	Customs.	5
<b>Engineering Services</b>	Fitting and Machining, Plant Maintenance Engineering, Fabrication and Welding, Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (Avionics), Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (Mechanical), Manufacturing Engineering, Civil Engineering, Renewable and Sustainable Engineering, Plant Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Transport Technology and Management (Roads).	25
<b>Automotive and Heavy Plants</b>	Automotive Body Works, Automotive Engineering, Automotive Engineering (Automotive Electrical and Electronics), Automotive Engineering Heavy Commercial Vehicle, Automotive Engineering Heavy Mobile Plant, Automotive Engineering Light Motor Vehicle, Automotive Engineering Panel and Paint, and Automotive Mechanic.	25
<b>Medical and Health Para-Professionals</b>	Enrolled Nursing, Biomedical Engineering, Ageing and Community Support Care, Dental Assisting, Clinical Laboratory Technology, and Community Nutrition.	10
<b>Construction</b>	Carpentry, Joinery and Cabinet Making, Plumbing and Sheetmetal, Quantity Surveying, and Architectural Drafting.	20
<b>Electrical</b>	Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Refrigeration and Airconditioning, Fitting and Machining, Electronics/ Instrumentation and Control, and Outdoor Powered Equipment.	15
<b>Fashion and Beauty Therapy</b>	Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy and Fashion.	5
<b>Mining</b>	Geology, Mining and Quarrying.	5
<b>Information Technology Services</b>	Programming, Software Development, Website Designing, Graphic Design Electronics/Telecommunication and Networking.	5
<b>Creative Arts and Talents</b>	Film and Television Production, Graphic Arts, Music, and Sports Science.	5
<b>Land/Town Planning</b>	Land Surveying.	10
<b>Science and Innovation</b>	Marine Engineering and Nautical Science.	10
<b>Education</b>	Early Childhood Education.	10
<b>Pilot Training</b>	Commercial Pilot Training.	20

## 7. Students with Special Needs Scheme

Discipline	Programme	Award
Any discipline based on a student's learning ability.	Any programme of choice based on a student's learning ability.	20

## 8. Skills Qualification Based on Offer Letter Scheme

Disciplines	Programmes	Award
<b>Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries</b>	Agricultural Engineering, Horticulture, Agro Forestry, Animal Husbandry, Applied Fisheries, Aquaculture, Forestry, Wood Processing and Value Adding.	80
<b>Hotel and Tourism</b>	Baking and Patisserie, Cookery, Front Office Operations, Housekeeping and Accommodation Operations, Restaurant Services, Hospitality and Hotel Management, Culinary Art, Restaurant Operations, Tourism Studies, Food and Beverage, and Kitchen Operations.	360
<b>Business, Commerce and Retails Services</b>	Customs.	60
<b>Engineering Services</b>	Fitting and Machining, Plant Maintenance Engineering, Fabrication and Welding, Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (Avionics), Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (Mechanical), Manufacturing Engineering, Civil Engineering, Renewable and Sustainable Engineering, Plant Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Transport Technology and Management (Roads).	360
<b>Automotive and Heavy Plants</b>	Automotive Body Works, Automotive Engineering, Automotive Engineering (Automotive Electrical and Electronics), Automotive Engineering Heavy Commercial Vehicle, Automotive Engineering Heavy Mobile Plant, Automotive Engineering Light Motor Vehicle, Automotive Engineering Panel and Paint, and Automotive Mechanic.	360
<b>Medical and Health Para-Professionals</b>	Enrolled Nursing, Biomedical Engineering, Ageing and Community Support Care, Dental Assisting, Clinical Laboratory Technology, and Community Nutrition.	120
<b>Construction</b>	Carpentry, Joinery and Cabinet Making, Plumbing and Sheetmetal, Quantity Surveying, and Architectural Drafting.	350
<b>Electrical</b>	Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Refrigeration and Airconditioning, Fitting and Machining, Electronics/Instrumentation and Control, and Outdoor Powered Equipment.	350
<b>Fashion and Beauty Therapy</b>	Hairdressing, Beauty Therapy and Fashion.	50
<b>Mining</b>	Geology, Mining and Quarrying.	40
<b>Information Technology Services</b>	Programming, Software Development, Website Designing, Graphic Design Electronics/Telecommunication and Networking.	290
<b>Creative Arts and Talents</b>	Film and Television Production, Graphic Arts, Music, and Sports Science.	60
<b>Land/Town Planning</b>	Land Surveying.	100
<b>Science and Innovation</b>	Marine Engineering and Nautical Science.	100
<b>Education</b>	Early Childhood Education.	100

9. Tuition Only Hardship Assistance Scheme”.

*Schedule 3 amended*

11. The Principal Regulations are amended by deleting Schedule 3 and substituting the following—

“SCHEDULE 3  
*(Regulation 14)*

MINIMUM GRADE POINT REQUIREMENT

1. Merit Based Overseas Scholarships  
A student will be required to attain a minimum of 67% cumulative GPA.
2. Merit Based Local Scholarships  
A student will be required to attain a minimum of 65% cumulative GPA.
3. Other Scholarships  
A student will be required to attain 75% pass rate in the first year of studies and 100% pass rate thereafter.”.

*Schedule 5 amended*

12. The Principal Regulations are amended by deleting Schedule 5 and substituting the following—

“SCHEDULE 5  
*(Regulation 5)*

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SCHEMES

1. A student who intends to apply for a scholarship under a Scheme must apply using the Service’s online application portal, unless exempted by the Service.
2. An application must be submitted to the Service by the application closing date as advertised for each new academic term or academic year.
3. All important dates in relation to applications for each academic term or year, must be published on the Service’s website and official social media pages.
4. A student must submit all the required documents as specified in the application advertisement.
5. The Service may review a scholarship in accordance with the minimum grade point requirements outlined in Schedule 3.”.

*Schedule 6 amended*

13. The Principal Regulations are amended by deleting Schedule 6 and substituting the following—

“SCHEDULE 6  
(*Regulation 6*)

SCHEME ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Scholarships for Higher Education (Level 7) with minimum cut off Mark Scheme

An applicant must—

- (a) be a citizen of Fiji;
- (b) be ordinarily resident in Fiji for at least 3 years before the award commencement date, unless determined by the Service or delegated authority on a case-by-case basis;
- (c) have successfully completed Year 13 Examination in 2011 or Foundation studies thereafter and scored a minimum mark;
- (d) secure a place at an eligible institution by means of a final offer letter; and
- (e) not have a combined parental income or business net worth of more than \$100,000, unless allowed by means testing.

2. Scholarships for In-service Scheme

An applicant must—

- (a) be a citizen of Fiji;
- (b) be ordinarily resident in Fiji for at least 3 years before the award commencement date, unless determined by the Service or delegated authority on a case-by-case basis;
- (c) be employed in a Public Sector organisation;
- (d) not be an existing Service sponsored or funded student, or sponsored through any other agency;
- (e) be nominated by the respective Permanent Secretary or Head of the organisation for sponsorship;
- (f) secure a place at an eligible institution by means of a final offer letter; and
- (g) be paid Tuition only.

3. Scholarships for Masters and PhDs by Research Scheme

An applicant must—

- (a) be a Fiji citizen;
- (b) be ordinarily resident in Fiji for at least 3 years before the award commencement date, unless determined by the Service or delegated authority on a case-by-case basis;

- (c) be enrolled for full time studies by research and not be engaging in any form of employment;
- (d) not be an existing student enrolled for a PhD or Masters by research programme;
- (e) secure a candidature confirmation letter in one of the local eligible universities or at an eligible New Zealand university; and
- (f) not be an existing Service sponsored or funded student, or sponsored through any other agency.

#### 4. Scholarships for Merit Based Higher Education – Level 7 Local Scheme

An applicant must—

- (a) be a citizen of Fiji;
- (b) be ordinarily resident in Fiji for at least 3 years before the award commencement date, unless determined by the Service or delegated authority on a case-by-case basis;
- (c) be in Year 13 in 2024 or such equivalent studies as determined by the Service at the time of application. An applicant who has completed Foundation studies or repeats Year 13 is not eligible to apply for the Scheme; and
- (d) secure a place at an eligible institution by means of a final offer letter.

#### 5. Scholarships for Merit Based Overseas Scheme

An applicant must—

- (a) be citizen of Fiji;
- (b) be ordinarily resident in Fiji for at least 3 years before the award commencement date, unless determined by the Service or delegated authority on a case-by-case basis;
- (c) be in Year 13 in 2023 or such equivalent studies as determined by the Service at the time of application. An applicant who has completed Foundation studies or repeats Year 13 is not eligible to apply for the Scheme;
- (d) score 340/400 and above in Year 13 examination and apply in a listed programme for Overseas Scholarship; and
- (e) secure a place at an eligible institution by means of a final offer letter.

#### 6. Scholarships for Merit Based Skills Qualification Scheme

An applicant must—

- (a) be a citizen of Fiji;
- (b) be ordinarily resident in Fiji for at least 3 years before the award commencement date, unless determined by the Service or delegated authority on a case-by-case basis;

- (c) have completed and passed at least Year 13 Examination in 2023 with a minimum score of 250/400 or 240/400 if from rural and maritime school or equivalent as determined by the Service. An applicant who has completed Foundation studies and repeats Year 13 is not eligible to apply for the Scheme or;
- (d) have completed and passed at least Year 12 Examination in 2023 with a minimum score of 270/400 or 260/400 if from rural and maritime school or equivalent as determined by the Service; and
- (e) secure a place at an eligible institution by means of a final offer letter.

#### 7. Scholarships for Students with Special Needs Scheme

An applicant must—

- (a) be a citizen of Fiji;
- (b) be ordinarily resident in Fiji for at least 3 years before the award commencement date, unless determined by the Service or delegated authority on a case-by-case basis;
- (c) have completed and passed at least Year 12 Examination or demonstrated tertiary study ability and endorsed by the National Council for Persons with Disabilities;
- (d) provide a full medical certificate confirming the permanent status of the impairment of the applicant which must be attached with the application;
- (e) not be an existing student or applying to upgrade an existing technical, vocational, or tertiary education; and
- (f) secure a place at an eligible institution by means of a final offer letter.

#### 8. Scholarships for Skills Qualification Based on Offer Letter Scheme

An applicant must—

- (a) be a citizen of Fiji;
- (b) be ordinarily resident in Fiji for at least 3 years before the award commencement date, unless determined by the Service or delegated authority on a case-by-case basis;
- (c) secure a final offer letter from an eligible higher education institution for either Certificate Level III, IV and Diploma Levels 5 and 6 programmes; and
- (d) not have a combined parental income or business net worth of more than \$100,000 unless allowed by means testing.

#### 9. Scholarships for Tuition Only Hardship Assistance Scheme

An applicant must—

- (a) be a citizen of Fiji;

- (b) be ordinarily resident in Fiji for at least 3 years before the award commencement date, unless determined by the Service or delegated authority on a case-by-case basis;
- (c) be a second or third year student with cumulative GPA equivalent to 65% of the total grade point. The Service must make a case by case decision on the real hardship for students below 65% GPA;
- (d) be enrolled for a Higher Education Level 7 programme at an eligible higher education institution;
- (e) submit programme audit clearly indicating successful completion of one year of studies as per full load requirement; and
- (f) not have a combined parental income or business net worth of more than \$100,000 unless allowed by means testing.”.

*Schedule 7 amended*

14. The Principal Regulations are amended by deleting Schedule 7 and substituting the following—

“SCHEDULE 7  
*(Regulation 11)*

SCHOLARSHIP PRIVILEGES

A. For Masters and PhDs by Research Scholarships

1. The scholarship covers the following expenses for the eligible course only—
  - (a) tuition fee;
  - (b) any general service fees;
  - (c) living allowance at a maximum rate of \$23,000 for Masters students and \$26,000 for PhD students per year at a local university and \$47,000 for Masters students and \$50,000 for PhD students per year at a New Zealand university;
  - (d) dependants allowance (legally married spouse and children) of \$10,000 per year at a local university and \$21,000 per year at a New Zealand university; and
  - (e) field grant – only if the student is required and approved to undertake field surveys for primary data collection, up to \$2,500 at a local university and \$5,200 at a New Zealand university.
2. The Service may review the scholarship cover under paragraph 1 and make such changes as may be required.



## B. For Merit Based Overseas Scholarships

1. The scholarship covers the following expenses for the eligible courses or units only—
  - (a) tuition fee;
  - (b) any general service fee;
  - (c) overseas student health cover fee;
  - (d) living out allowance (if not staying on-campus);
  - (e) meal allowance;
  - (f) hostel fee (if staying on-campus);
  - (g) establishment allowance (one-off payment at the beginning of the programme) at a maximum rate of AUD or NZD \$3,500;
  - (h) return airfare (at the beginning and end of the programme – Economy class);
  - (i) book allowance at a maximum rate of AUD or NZD \$2,000 per annum; and
  - (j) excess baggage allowance at a maximum rate of AUD or NZD \$300.
2. The Service may review the scholarship cover under paragraph (1) and make such changes as may be required.

## C. For Merit Based Local Scholarships

1. The scholarship covers the following expenses for the eligible course only—
  - (a) tuition fee;
  - (b) any general service fee; and
  - (c) allowance of \$3,400 per semester and pro-rata for quarter and trimester.
2. The Service may review the scholarship cover under paragraph 1 and make such changes as may be required.

## D. For Other Scholarships

1. The scholarship covers the following expenses for the eligible course only—
  - (a) tuition fee;
  - (b) allowance of \$2,500 per semester and pro-rata for quarter and trimester for away campus; and
  - (c) allowance of \$1,500 per semester and pro-rata for quarter and trimester for home campus.
2. The Service may review the scholarship cover under paragraph 1 and make such changes as may be required.

E. For In-service Scholarships

1. The scholarship will only cover the tuition fee for an eligible course.
2. The Service may review the scholarship under paragraph (1) and make such changes as may be required.

F. For Tuition Only Hardship Assistance Scholarships

1. The scholarship will only cover the tuition fee for any eligible course.
2. The Service may review the scholarship cover under paragraph 1 and make such changes as may be required.”.

*Schedules 8 and 9 deleted*

15. The Principal Regulations are amended by deleting Schedules 8 and 9.

Made this 26th day of January 2024.

V. GAVOKA  
Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister for Education

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[LEGAL NOTICE NO. 8]

TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS SERVICE ACT 2014

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## **Tertiary Education Loans Schemes (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

IN exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 25(1) of the Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Service Act 2014 and on the recommendation of the Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Service, I hereby make these Regulations—

*Short title and commencement*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Tertiary Education Loans Schemes (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

(2) These Regulations come into force on the date of publication in the Gazette.

(3) In these Regulations, the Tertiary Education Loans Schemes Regulations 2022 is referred to as the “Principal Regulations”.

*Regulation 2 amended*

2. Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting “funding” wherever it appears and substituting “a study loan”.

*Regulation 5 amended*

3. Regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations is amended by—

- (a) in subregulation (1), deleting “funding” and substituting “a study loan”;
- and