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Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms
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From: Secretary for Public Service

To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

Australia Awards Scholarship – Masters Degree 2025

The Government of Australia is offering scholarships leading to the award of Masters Degree from Australian Tertiary Institution under the Australia Awards Africa Programme, the Australian Government's flagship bilateral development programme in Africa. The priority fields of study for eligible African countries are –

- (a) Agriculture and Food security;
- (b) Climate change;
- (c) Foreign Policy and International Security;
- (d) Gender, disability and social inclusion; and
- (e) Mining and Energy.

2. The study and research opportunities provided by the Australia Awards Scholarships aim at developing the skills and knowledge of participants so that they can drive change and contribute to development of their respective countries. Successful applicants will start their studies in Australia in 2025.

3. The eligibility criteria, required documents as well as the application and selection processes for the Australia Awards Masters Degree are set out in the brochure at Annex. For more information regarding course requirements and online applications, applicants may access the website of the Australia Awards on the following link: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/how-to-apply-for-an-australia-awards-scholarship>.

4. The Australian Government will meet costs relating to full tuition fees, return air travel, a one-off establishment allowance on arrival, contribution to living expenses, introductory academic programme, overseas student health cover for the duration of the scholarship, supplementary academic support and fieldwork allowance for research students.

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5. Interested candidates should –

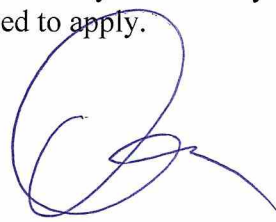
- (a) seek clearance as mentioned at paragraph 6 below and, thereafter, submit their applications electronically on the Online Australia Scholarships Information System (OASIS) at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/> . **The closing date for submission of online application is Tuesday 30 April 2024;** and
- (b) submit, through their respective Supervising Officers, a printed copy of their application to the Human Resource Development Division of this Ministry (attention: Mrs. J. Narayanasami Reddi).

6. In view of the fact that **nominations for any of the programmes are subject to exigencies of the service, applicants should imperatively seek and obtain approval from their respective Responsible Officers that they would be released in the event they are awarded the scholarship.** The conditions for the release of an officer are as follows:-

- (a) an officer shall be eligible for study leave with pay in accordance with paragraph 16.4.81 of the PRB Report 2021, where he is nominated for an open scholarship which is considered as in-service training and the course is a priority field of study;
- (b) where an officer is granted study leave with pay, he will be required to enter into a bond with the Government of Mauritius in accordance with the provisions laid down in this Ministry's Circular Letter No. 1 of 2022; and
- (c) where the officer does not satisfy the conditions for the grant of study leave with pay, he may take advantage of leave without pay for study purposes in accordance with paragraph 16.4.94 (G) of the PRB Report 2021.

7. For all overseas (face to face) training, the conditions imposed by the Ministry of Health and Wellness and issued in this Ministry's Circular Letter No. 50 of 2021, should be strictly complied with.

8. You are requested to ensure that the contents of this Circular Letter are brought to the attention of all eligible public officers serving in your Ministry/Department, including those in Local Authorities, Statutory Bodies and State-Owned enterprises falling under the purview of your Ministry/Department. Female candidates and persons with disabilities should be encouraged to apply.



K. Conhye
Secretary for Public Service

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