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From: Secretary for Public Service

To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/ Departments

Australia Awards - Short Courses 2020

The Government of Australia is offering training opportunities to Mauritian candidates to attend short courses in Australia in 2020 as detailed below:

Sector	Course Name	Delivery location	Provider
Policy	Trade Policy and Negotiations	South Africa	University of Adelaide
Public Policy	Public-Private Infrastructure Partnerships (PPIP)	South Africa, Brisbane	University of Queensland
TVET	Technical Vocational Education & Training (TVET) Trainer Development	Kenya, Brisbane	Queensland University of Technology

2. Australia Awards Scholarships demonstrate Australia's commitment to the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and its contribution to the long-term development needs of Australia's partner countries in line with Australia's aid priorities and bilateral and regional agreements.

3. The Australian Government will cover the costs of tuition fees, return air travel, establishment allowance and living expenses as well as costs related to an introductory Academic Program, Overseas Student Health Cover and visa expenses.

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4. Applications are invited from suitable candidates who wish to be considered for the above scholarships during the academic year 2019. For more information regarding the course requirements, course contents and online application form, applicants may access the website of the Australia Awards on the following link: <https://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/awards/apply/>. The eligibility criteria for Australia Awards Short Courses set out by the Australian Authorities are at **Annex**.

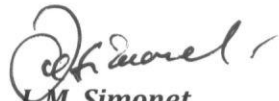
5. Applications should be submitted electronically to the Managing Contractor for the Australia Awards-Africa as per the instructions available on the website www.australiaawardsafrica.org.

6. **Applicants are strongly recommended to submit a copy of their application, through their respective Supervising Officers, to the Human Resource Development Division of this Ministry (attention Mrs J. Narayanasami Reddi). The closing date for submission of applications is 17 January 2020.**

7. Since **nominations for any of the above mentioned programmes are subject to the exigencies to the service**, applicants should imperatively seek and obtain confirmation 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 4.10.1(b) of the Human Resource Management Manual (HRMM) where he is nominated for an open scholarship which is considered as in-service training and the course is a priority field of study as determined by the Tertiary Education Commission. 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 the HRMM; and
- b) 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 18.4.82G of the 2016 PRB Report.

8. It would be appreciated if the contents of this Circular Letter could be brought to the attention of all eligible officers serving in the different Divisions of your Ministry/Department, as well as those in Statutory Bodies falling under the purview of your Ministry.


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Secretary for Public Service

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