

## **STATEMENT ON INADEQUATE AWARENESS OF SENSITIZATION OF PROSPECTIVE BENEFICIARIES OF THE STUDENTS LOAN SCHEME UNDER THE HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS FINANCING BOARD**

**Rt Hon Speaker,** The Higher Education Students' Financing Board (HESFB) was established in February, 2014 by an Act of Parliament HESFB Act No. 2 of 2014, with a mandate to provide loans and scholarships to Ugandan students to pursue Higher Education.

HESFB's Mandate includes the provision of loans and scholarships to Ugandan students who have qualified to pursue accredited courses of study in recognized Higher Education Institutions but are unable to support themselves financially.

In the last 5 years, HESFB has awarded loans to 8,190 beneficiaries mainly in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programmes apart from learners with Special Needs who can access loans to pursue Business and Humanities Programmes.

Through HESFB, the Government is supporting training in courses whose graduates are currently needed by the local job market.

### **Student Loan Applications 2019**

1. On Thursday, **April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports, Mrs. Janet K. Museveni while launching the Online Portal for Student Loan Applications ([www.ilmis.hesfb.go.ug](http://www.ilmis.hesfb.go.ug)), announced the **6<sup>th</sup> Call for Student Loan Applications** which was to commence on **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019** and end on **15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**.

The call was highly publicized with over 40 mainstream and local media houses covering the story and publicizing the same.

2. On **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019** the **Official Call for Student Loan Applications 2019** was advertised in the New Vision Newspaper (*See Page 38*). This was followed up with the advert in *Daily Monitor* on **Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019** and **Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019** in *The Observer Newspaper*.

HESFB started to receive filled applications on the same date, **Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

3. In **May, 2019** HESFB also launched advertisement about the Loan Scheme and the Call for Student Loan Applications across the Country on **16 community radio stations**. These went on for a period of **60 days**, ending in June. These too were supplemented by **Talk Shows** on the same media stations to help clarify on different issues including the deadline.

To supplement this, adverts were also run on **NTV and Bukedde TV** during Prime News in the same period and HESFB also extensively utilized all the available Social Media Platforms to send out the necessary information.

- a) The **adverts** carried information about the Call for Student Loan Application, eligibility, coverage, how to apply, Programmes supported, institutions where programmes can be attained and the **Deadline**.
- b) HESFB also sent information at all the notice boards of the Participating institutions across the Country with all the application information and the deadline.
- c) In order to ease access to the Loan Application process, the Board established four areas from which students could access application forms or apply, from their remote locations;
  - (i) HESFB Partnered with **Centenary Bank** where at any of the **74 Branches** of the bank across the Country, one could pick and submit filled application forms.
  - (ii) HESFB had on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 launched the **Online Loan Application System** ([www.ilmis.hesfb.go.ug](http://www.ilmis.hesfb.go.ug)) where students could easily apply and submit at any location of their convenience as long as they had access to internet. This follows the new online system that universities are using for student applications which are currently compulsory.

- (iii) On the HESFB Website, [www.hesfb.go.ug](http://www.hesfb.go.ug) one could download forms, fill them and submit them at any Centenary Bank Branch across the Country.
- (iv) HESFB also placed advertisement banners at all the **20 Universities** and **36 Other Tertiary Institutions** with which programmes are supported. HESFB also worked with all these institutions throughout the admission process to popularize the Student Loan Opportunities which was consequently captured in most Universities' advertisements.

### **Deadline for Application**

Madam Speaker, as communicated above the deadline for application was set for **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019** and communicated widely on all platforms as discussed. The reason for setting this deadline was informed by the following;

- a) All Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions had advertised and released lists of students for private admissions in time (*except for Soroti University, Makerere University released the list on June 11<sup>th</sup>, Kyambogo on June 21<sup>st</sup>, Mbarara University on June 26<sup>th</sup>, Busitema on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lira University on June 20<sup>th</sup>*).
- b) The Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions have a strict timeline for the opening of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester for the Academic Year 2019/2020 (*Makerere University opens on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kyambogo University on August 7<sup>th</sup>, Busitema on August 6<sup>th</sup>, while others fall within the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August*). Other Tertiary Institutions such as the **Uganda Institute of Allied Health & Management Sciences – Mulago** open their 1<sup>st</sup> Semester on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- c) In accordance to the provisions of **Section 21 (2)** of *The Higher Education Students Financing Act, 2014*;

“Upon receipt of the application, the Board shall investigate and verify the information contained in the application.”

Also **Section 21 (3)** stipulates that;

The Board shall within **twenty one working days** determine the application and —

(a) notify the applicant of the decision of the Board;

(b) publish the list of all approved applicants on the website of the Board, in the gazette and at least two newspapers of wide national coverage.

Considerably, **Section 21 (5)** provides that a person aggrieved by a decision of the Board may appeal to the Minister within seven days after receipt of the notification of which in **Section 21 (6)**, the Minister shall determine the appeal within **fourteen days** after receiving the appeal.

The other key consideration was made from **Section 22 (1)** which states that; *“The Board shall within seven days after the notification and publication referred to in Section 21 invite the approved applicants to enter into an undertaking with the Board.”*

Therefore in accordance with the information above, the deadline was set in consideration of the timelines provided in the HESFB Act while also taking into consideration the reporting dates set by the different Higher Education Institutions.

### **Challenges with the set Deadline**

**Rt Hon Speaker**, the Board noted with concern that some Public Universities (particularly Makerere University, Kyambogo University and Gulu University) while they released the lists of admission on time, the process of issuing admission letters was slow and irregular with some extending to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July.

In mitigating this challenge, we communicated to some of the applicants to attach evidence of being on the admission lists along with the application form.

### **Extension of Deadline for Diploma Programmes and Applicants Joining Soroti University**

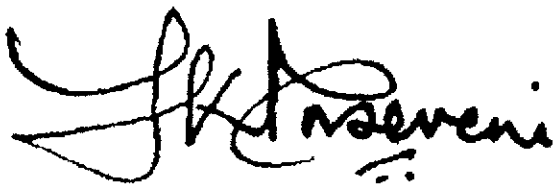
**Rt Hon Speaker**, as the deadline came closer, the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors noted that;

1. The Joint Admissions Board (JAB) commenced their national selection exercise for Government Sponsorship for different Business Technical Vocational Education and Training (BTVET) Institutions on June 9, 2019 ending on June 12, 2019.
2. The closing date for applications to the maiden Undergraduate Admissions to Soroti University ended on Friday July 12, 2019.

Therefore, the Board made a decision to extend the deadline to **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019** to cater for these two categories.

However, the Board decided to stay the deadline for the rest of the undergraduate degree applications to July 15<sup>th</sup> 2019 to provide for the designated time for the attendant processes and procedures for the HESFB Secretariat to investigate, verify information presented by applicants and determine the successful student loan beneficiaries.

This was also to avoid the unnecessary delay on the start of programmes for benefitting students.



Janet K. Museveni

**FIRST LADY AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS**



# HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS' FINANCING BOARD

Increasing Access to Higher Education

## EXTERNAL ADVERT

### CALL FOR LOAN APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

**1.0 Background**

The Higher Education Students' Financing Board (HESFB) was established by an Act of Parliament to administer the Students' Loan Scheme. The Board has received funds from the Government of Uganda to be used for financing Ugandan students who are pursuing studies in Higher Education Institutions in Uganda.

The objectives of the Student's Financing Scheme are: (1) to increase equitable access to Higher Education in Uganda; (2) to support highly qualified students who may not afford Higher Education; (3) to ensure regional balance in Higher Education services in Uganda; (4) to create a revolving fund.

The Board invites applications for loans from eligible Ugandan students who have been admitted for Diploma and Undergraduate programmes listed in tables 2 and 4 for the academic year 2019/20 in the Public Universities, Private Chartered Universities and the listed Other Tertiary Institutions in Tables 1 and 3.

**2.0 Vision and Mission of HESFB**  
 Vision: "Equitable Financing of Higher Education for Ugandans"  
 Mission: "To Provide Sustainable Financing for Equitable access in Higher Education to all eligible Ugandans"

Motto: "Increasing access to Higher Education"

**3.0 Eligibility into the Scheme**  
 Pursuant to Section 20 (1) of the Higher Education Students' Financing Act 2014, the scheme is for Ugandan students seeking to pursue Higher Education in accredited institutions of higher learning recognized by National Council for Higher Education and also pursuing programmes shown in tables 2 and 4.

**4.0 APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. **Lean Applications**
2. **Offline Application:** Eligible applicants should get hard copy of the application form from any of the participating Higher Education Institutions or Office of the Academic Registrar or from any Centenary Bank Branch across the country or download and print a copy from the HESFB website [www.hesfb.go.ug](http://www.hesfb.go.ug)
3. **On line Application:** All eligible applicants can also apply online for the Higher Education Students' Financing Loan using the HESFB website <http://www.hesfb.go.ug> and click on APPLY NOW to start the online application process. Applicants using the website shall be required to print the last 3 pages of the Application form, collect the required recommendation signatures and attach all the required documents in the Loan Application Form including the Bank pay-in-slip then submit their application to the nearest Centenary Bank Branch.

**4.2 Submission of application forms**

1. **Submission of the Offline Loan Application Form:** All the completed hard copies of the Loan Application Form together with the required attachments should be submitted to the nearest Branch of Centenary Bank upon payment of Ushs 52,200 (Uganda Shillings Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred Only) inclusive of Bank Charges as non-refundable processing fees.
2. **Submission of the Online Loan Application Form:** On receiving the relevant recommendation signature online applicants shall attach all the required documents to the Loan Application Form together with the Bank pay-in-slip of Ushs 52,200 (Uganda Shillings Fifty Two Thousand Two Hundred Only) inclusive of Bank Charges as non-refundable Loan processing fees and submit them to the nearest Centenary Bank Branch.

Please note that the Pay-in-Bank Slip should be properly kept and will form the first level Loan Application acknowledgement receipt.

Applicants are encouraged to read the application form carefully and attach all the relevant documents as specified in the form before submitting them to the Bank.

**5.0 Participating Universities and programmes supported by the Students' Financing Scheme**

5.1 The participating Universities in the Students' Loan Scheme in the academic year 2019/20 are the following:

Table 1 - The Participating Universities

S/No	Public Universities
1	Busembe University
2	Gulu University
3	Kabale University
4	Kyambogo University
5	Mbarara University
6	Mbarara University of Science & Technology
7	Muramba University of the Moon
8	Partur University
9	Saboti University
10	Sironko University
11	Uganda Martyrs University
12	Uganda State University
13	Uganda Women's University
14	Uganda Wildlife Research & Training Institute - Kasesa
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**5.2 The Approved Degree Programmes for support in the Academic Year 2019/20**

The following undergraduate programmes have been approved for financing in the academic year 2019/20

Table 2. University Programmes for loan support for the academic year 2019/20

S/No	Programmes
1	Bachelor of Agriculture
2	Bachelor of Animal Production Technology and Management
3	Bachelor of Applied Mathematics and Statistics
4	Bachelor of Applied Science
5	Bachelor of Applied Science in Food Processing
6	Bachelor of Applied Science in Horticulture
7	Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Systems
8	Bachelor of Applied Science in Land Surveying
9	Bachelor of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering
10	Bachelor of Applied Science in Metallurgical Engineering
11	Bachelor of Applied Science in Mining Engineering
12	Bachelor of Applied Science in Petroleum Engineering
13	Bachelor of Applied Science in Quantity Surveying
14	Bachelor of Applied Science in Textile Engineering
15	Bachelor of Applied Science in Transport and Logistics
16	Bachelor of Applied Science in Urban and Environmental Planning
17	Bachelor of Applied Science in Welding Engineering
18	Bachelor of Applied Science in Wood Technology
19	Bachelor of Applied Science in Food Science and Technology
20	Bachelor of Applied Science in Food Safety and Quality Management
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33 BSc. Computer Networks & Systems Administration  
 34 BSc. of Information & Communications Technology  
 35 BSc. Computer Science

**Statistics and Applied Economics Programmes**

- 36 B. Statistics
- 37 BSc Applied Mathematics and Statistics
- 38 BSc Quantitative Economics
- 39 BSc Actuarial Science
- 40 BSc Statistics & Computer Science
- 41 BSc Statistics & Economics
- 42 BSc Statistics & Mathematics
- 43 Bachelor of Science in Population Studies
- 44 Bachelor of Business Statistics

**Education Programmes**

- 46 Bachelor of Science with Education
- 47 Vocational Studies in Technological Studies with Education
- 48 B. Agricultural Extension Education
- 49 B. Soc. Studies in Agric. with EdSc
- 50 B. of Higher Education
- 51 Technical Teacher Education
- 52 Electrical Engineering
- 53 Technical Teacher Education
- 54 Technical Teacher Education - Civil & Building Eng.
- 55 Technical Teacher Education - Mechanical Engineering
- 56 Electrical Eng.
- 57 BSc Information Technology with Education
- 58 BSc Laboratory Science Education & Industry

**Animal Science Programmes**

- 59 B. Veterinary Medicine
- 60 BSc Animal Production Technology & Management
- 61 BSc Wildlife Health and Management
- 62 Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Industry and Business
- 63 BSc Geological Resources
- 64 BSc Petroleum & Geoscience
- 65 BSc Oil & Gas Management
- 66 BSc Mechanical & Automotive Engineering
- 67 BSc Land Economics
- 68 BSc Agriculture Mechanization
- 69 BSc Bio Systems Engineering
- 70 BSc Telecommunications Engineering
- 71 Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering
- 72 B. Mechanical & Domestic Engineering
- 73 Bachelor of Environmental Design
- 74 B. Architecture
- 75 BSc Electrical Electronics & Communications Eng.
- 76 B. Eng in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- 77 BSc Surveying
- 78 BSc Survey and Land Formation
- 79 B. Engineering in Civil and Building Engineering
- 80 Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying

**Engineering & related Programmes**

- 81 Bachelor of Industrial Engineering and Management (IEM)
- 82 Bachelor of Surveying and Land Information Systems
- 83 Bachelor of Science in Land Surveying & Geomatics
- 84 B. Agricultural Mechanization & Irrigation Engineering
- 85 BSc Computer Engineering
- 86 BSc Software Eng and Application Development
- 87 B. Engineering in Automotive & Power Engineering
- 88 Bachelor of Industrial Engineering & Management
- 89 BSc Software Engineering
- 90 BSc Construction Management
- 91 BSc Textile Engineering & Clothing Technology
- 92 BSc Chemical Engineering
- 93 Bachelor of Mineral and Ceramic Science Technology
- 94 BSc Water Resource Engineering
- 95 BSc Mining Engineering
- 96 BSc Civil Building & Environmental Engineering

- 97 BSc Agro Processing Engineering
- 98 BSc Civil Engineering
- 99 BSc Electrical Engineering
- 100 BSc Mechanical Engineering
- 101 Bachelor of Engineering in Environmental Engineering & Mgt
- 102 Bachelor of Science in Textile Engineering
- 103 Bachelor of Land Use Planning and Management
- 104 Bachelor of Science in Building Economics
- 105 Bachelor of Engineering in Environmental Engineering and Management (EEM)
- 106 B. of Urban & Regional Planning
- 107 Health care Management Programmes
- 108 BSc Optometry
- 109 Bachelor of Cytotechnology
- 110 B. Physiotherapy
- 111 Bachelor of Science in Public Health
- 112 Bachelor of Environmental Health Science
- 113 Bachelor of Environmental Health Science
- 114 Bachelor of Dental Laboratory Technology
- 115 BSc Human Nutrition
- 116 BSc Palliative Care
- 117 BSc Medical Radiography
- 118 BSc Health Administration
- 119 Pure Science Programmes
- 120 BSc Industrial Chemistry
- 121 BSc Microbiology
- 122 BSc Biochemistry
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**Health care Management Programmes**

- 131 Bachelor of Health Administration
- 132 BSc Speech & Language Therapy
- 133 B. Education: Special Needs Education
- 134 E. of Teacher Education with Special Needs Education
- 135 Bachelor of Arts with Education
- 136 Bachelor of Social Sciences
- 137 Bachelor of Psychology
- 138 Bachelor of Social Work & Social Administration
- 139 Bachelor courses in Business Studies

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OTHER PROGRAMMES TARGETING OTHER PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

- 140 Bachelor of Laws
- 141 Bachelor of Arts with Education
- 142 Bachelor of Social Sciences
- 143 Bachelor of Psychology
- 144 Bachelor of Social Work & Social Administration
- 145 Bachelor courses in Business Studies

**Other Tertiary Institutions participating in the Students' Loan Scheme in the academic year 2019/20**

- 1. Uganda Institute of Allied Health & Mgt Sciences (Mugego Paramedical School)
- 2. Health Tutors' College - Mubaga
- 3. Fort Portal College of Health Sciences
- 4. Gulu College of Health Sciences
- 5. Nile Valley College of Health Sciences
- 6. Butabika School of Psychiatry Clinical Medicine
- 7. Jinja School of Ophthalmic Clinical Medicine
- 8. Mbarara School of Hygiene & Environmental Health Science
- 9. Jinja Medical Laboratory Training School

**NURSING & MIDWIFERY INSTITUTIONS (Examined by UAEHE)**

- 1. Arua School of Comprehensive Nursing
- 2. Butabika Psychiatric Nursing School
- 3. Jinja School of Nursing & Midwifery
- 4. Kabale School of Comprehensive Nursing
- 5. Soroti School of Comprehensive Nursing
- 6. Mubaga School of Nursing & Midwifery
- 7. Public Health Nurses College
- 8. Leg School of Comprehensive Nursing

- 9. Maraka School of Comprehensive Nursing
- 10. Technical Colleges, Meteorological & Survey Institutions (Examined by URTEB)
- 11. Institute of Survey and Land Management
- 12. National Meteorological Training School
- 13. Uganda Institute of Information and Communications Technology
- 14. Uganda Petroleum Institute Kyambogo
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# PUBLIC NOTICE

## CAUTION AGAINST CONMEN

This It has come to our notice that some unscrupulous agencies / persons ("*bafere*") have taken advantage of the ongoing Loan Application process to defraud innocent Ugandans of their hard earned money purporting to "*help students get on to the Student Loan Scheme.*"

The High Education Students Financing Board (HESFB) wishes to inform all intending Loan Scheme applicants and the general public that selection of Loan Scheme beneficiaries is carried out through a well-established selection criteria that uses a special "*Means Test*" comprising of a combination of indicators and other basic considerations to end up at the final list of only the befitting beneficiaries.

This is also coupled with a robust verification exercise to establish consistency of information and eliminate fraud. The advertisement details and selection procedures are also clearly mentioned on our website [www.hesfb.go.ug](http://www.hesfb.go.ug)  
Therefore, **NO PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL FOR PURPOSES OF SECURING THE STUDENT LOAN.**

This is to warn you of the above and should you have any related information on these fraudsters, call us on **0392 174 999** or send an email to [info@hesfb.go.ug](mailto:info@hesfb.go.ug)

Fraudsters are hereby warned that impersonation and extortion are criminal offences punishable under the laws of Uganda.

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## EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES AND SOROTI UNIVERSITY APPLICANTS

The Higher Education Student's Financing Board (HESFB) takes note that;

1. The Joint Admissions Board (JAB) commenced the national selection exercise for different Business Technical Vocational Education and Training (BTVET) Institutions on July 9, 2019 ending on July 12, 2019, with private admissions commencing thereafter.
2. The closing date for applications to the maiden Undergraduate Admissions to Soroti University is Friday July 12, 2019.

The Higher Education Student's Financing Board (HESFB) therefore informs all intending student loan applicants under the undergraduate diploma category and those intending to join Soroti University that the deadline for applications to the Student Loan Scheme has been extended from **Monday July 15, 2019 to Wednesday July 31, 2019.**

Apply online on [www.hesfb.go.ug](http://www.hesfb.go.ug) or pick and drop application forms at any Centenary Bank branch countrywide. The application attracts payment of a non-refundable loan processing fee of UG.Shs. 50,000/= per form plus a bank charge of Shs.2,500/=

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