

BURSARY SCHEME AND PAYMENT OF BURSARIES

1. Eligibility to apply for Bursaries

Any Student shall be eligible to apply for a Bursary if he/she satisfies each of the following conditions.

1.1 The student should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.

1.2 He/she should be registered as an internal student for a full time course of study in a University/HEIs.

1.3 Parental Income ceiling.

(a) Parental income should be equal to or less than Rs.500,000/- per annum with effect from the Academic year 2017/2018 onwards.

(b) The above income ceiling will be effective for the students registered for the academic year 2017/2018 onwards. However, students who are not in receipt of any financial assistance shall also be eligible to apply for Bursary if their parental income falls within the revised limits.

1.4 The following concessions to be added to the income ceiling as specified in 1.3 above.

(a) Rs.24, 000/- per school going sister/brother who is 19 years or under, up to a maximum of three children.

(b) Rs 36,000/- per child following a course of study in any University or Higher Educational Institution (HET) in Si Lanka, to determine the eligibility of the 2nd child and above, provided that the first child is not in receipt of a Bursary/Mahapola.

1.5 At the time of selection of student for Bursaries, if the parents of the students are separated and there is neither documentary evidence to prove it nor legal action initiated in relation to the said separation, the determination of the income ceiling shall be considered after receiving the Grama Niladhari Report with the police report of the respective Police division.

1.6 If the student is employed his/her income from such employment should be added to the Parental Income.

1.7 If the student is employed and married, the student and the spouse should be considered as a separate family and his/her eligibility for Bursaries will be determined according to the rules and regulations specified in Section 3.3 and 3.4 in this Circular.

2. Selection of Students

2.1 Selection of 1st year students.

- a. The Bursary application should be sent to the selected students with the enrolment document by the Universities/HEIs.
- b. The duly filled Bursary application should be received to Universities/HEIs within 3 weeks or with the enrolment application of the student.
- c. The list of qualified students for the Bursaries should be published within one month from closing date as referred in paragraph (b) above.
- d. Payment of Bursaries for the eligible students should be commenced within one month from the commencement of the academic year.

2.2 Annual selection

Annual selection of the Bursaries shall be done by the University / HEIs as per the provisions of this Circular.

3. Value of a Bursary Installment

All the students who have qualified for Bursaries and the students who proposed to receive Bursaries should be selected under one category (without being classified into two groups as merit and ordinary) from the effective date of this circular and accordingly, those students will be entitled to receive a Bursary of Rs.4,000/- per month subject to Maximum of 10 installments per year.

4. Other conditions governing for the payment of Bursaries

- 4.1 Any student who provides false or inaccurate statements or who fails to disclose any material fact in his application shall be liable to cancel his / her internal studentship of the University / HEIs.
- 4.2 Students who have applied for Bursaries or who are in receipt of Bursaries should communicate in writing to the Registrar of the University or to the Director of the Institute in respect of any changes of family income, marital status, employment income etc., as per the instruction given by the Universities/HEIS.
- 4.3 Students who are not in receipt of Bursaries should be given an-opportunity to apply for a Bursary, if his or her parental income changes due to natural or any other reason acceptable to the Registrar of the University or Director of the Institute during his or her academic year.

- 4.4 The Bursaries should be paid only during the period of study in the University/ HEIs. The recipient of Bursaries who for any reason temporarily ceases to follow the course of study or leaves the University/HEIs before completion of the course of study should communicate the same in writing to the Registrar of the University or the Director of the Institute as the case may be.
- 4.5 The payment of Bursaries to any student may be completely stopped or temporarily suspended for any one or more of the following reasons.
- (a) If the student fails to pass any examination completely, provided however, that the Bursary may be paid to any student who has been referred at the first year examination and who is following the course of study prescribed for the second year.
 - (b) If the student does not pursue his studies diligently.
 - (c) If the student conducts himself in an indisciplined manner.
 - (d) For any other valid reason, to be decided upon at the discretion of the governing board of the Universities/HEIs (University Authority).
- 4.6 University Authority should use their discretion on matters relating to the restoration of Bursary, which have been stopped or temporarily suspended.
- 4.7 Each eligible student will be paid a maximum of 10 monthly installments per academic year. Anything over and above 10 installments should not be paid under any circumstances without prior approval of the UGC.
- 4.8 Conditions applicable to Mahapola scholarships are generally applicable to Bursaries too.
- 4.9 Student who is in receipt of Mahapola scholarship should not be awarded Bursary.