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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



## **NEW ZEALAND DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST GRADUATE STUDIES IN NEW ZEALAND**

The New Zealand Government provides New Zealand Development Scholarships (NZDS) to targeted countries in Africa with the opportunity to undertake studies at tertiary education institutions in New Zealand. The Scholarship scheme is a central part of the New Zealand Government's development assistance to Africa and aims to straighten sustainable economic development in Africa by contributing to human resource, particularly in Agricultural and Renewable Energy. New Zealand target applicants from developing countries who are motivated to make a difference at home.

### **1. Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants for the scholarship must meet the generic criteria before their application will be considered against the selection criteria, including any criteria specific to Africa. The Scholarship is directed to public sector, private sector and civil Society (including NGO) candidates who independency applies for a scholarship, and who meet the eligibility and selection criteria outlined below. Preference will be given to applicants with requisite credentials from previously disadvantaged communities

### **2. Applicants must be:**

- Be a citizen of South Africa,
- Have resided in South Africa for least two years immediately prior to commencing your scholarship.
- Be able to satisfy Immigration requirements for international students entry to New Zealand (i.e. medical check, police clearance/ character checks, etc)
- Be able to meet the academic entry requirements (including English language ability) to get into your preferred programme of study.
- Not have been previously terminated for New Zealand Government Scholarship.
- Seek qualifications that will contribution to the sustainable development of your home country.
- Commit to return to your country for a minimum of 2 years at the end of your scholarship to contribute to your country's development.
- Have at least 2 years of work experience (part time or fulltime, paid or voluntary)

### **3. English language requirement**

- The New Zealand tertiary education institution set their own admission requirements for English language proficiency equal to the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- If you are shortlisted for a scholarship, you will be asked at that stage to sit the appropriate English language test.
- If you have previously completed tertiary education in English you can provide an official statement from the education provider that English is the language of instruction.

### **4. What the Scholarship offers**

- New Zealand has first-rate education institution that offers world-recognised qualifications. Successful applicants will have access to excellent academic knowledge in quality facilities,
- The scholarship include:
  - Financial support for tuition,
  - Living cost while in New Zealand
  - Medical insurance
  - Travel Insurance
  - Airfares

### **5. The following masters programmes are available In New Zealand:**

- **Agricultural Development**
  - Agri-Business management, Agricultural Development, Agricultural systems and management, rural development, domestic supply chains and distributions, Natural Resources and Environmental Management.
  - Biology, vegetables production, Livestock/animal husbandry, crop management, sericulture (silk production), Forestry, Fisheries, aquaculture, agricultural pest management,
  - Phytosanitary, bio security, bio technology agricultural trade,
  - Food Production, Food Science/technology, post-harvest processing, food storage and packing food safety.

### **6. Application Process and closing date for application**

Interested individuals should please forward their applications together with complying set of required documents on or before 11 April 2016 to:

Ms Jacky Smit

Directorate: Sector Education and Training

20 Steve Biko Street (Old Beatrix Rd) (V block Ground Floor 11)

Pretoria

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### **Option 1:**

Applicant should submit a completed application form with the following supporting documentation before or on 11 April 2016:

- Verified copy of ID documentation
- Verified copy of passport (valid for the duration of your stay in New Zealand)
- Verified copies of relevant academic transcripts
- Verified copies of relevant completion certificates
- A recommendation letter that shows permission from the employing institution, which clearly specifies their interest in having their employee or official conducting studies in New Zealand and the indication that the person actually has permission to be absent during the duration of the scholarship and if they will keep or not his/her position back home.
- A non-verified copy of an IELTS Test Report Form or letter of the Academic institution verifying that English is the language of instruction.
- Detailed and updated copy of your Curriculum Vitae (CV)

### **Option 2:**

Applicant should submit a completed the online application form before or on 25 April 2016:

- Log into: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/aid-and-development/scholarships>
- Complete the edibility checklist
- Complete the application form and include all the above mentioned documentation

### **Please note:**

*All online application forms must be printed with the supporting documentation and must also be submitted to the Directorate: Sector Education and Training.*