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ADMISSION OF MAURITIAN STUDENTS IN INSTITUTIONS OF PAKISTAN UNDER PAKISTAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME (PTAP) SESSION 2013-2014

Under the Pakistan Technical Assistance Programme (PTAP), the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is offering 16 seats for the 2013-2014 session to suitably qualified Mauritian candidates for admission in the following undergraduate courses:

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2. Eligibility Requirements

2.1 Minimum Qualifications

(i) SC/GCE ‘O’ Level with credits in at least 5 subjects including English Language, together with:
(ii) Higher School Certificate or equivalent as follows:-

For Medicine/Dentistry/Pharmacy

HSC with at least grade ‘C’ in each of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and ‘c’ in General Paper.

For BSc Engineering

HSC with at least grade ‘C’ in each of Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and ‘c’ in General Paper.

Note 1: With regard to (i) & (ii) above, candidates not having either Physics or Chemistry or Biology as part of their HSC combination at main level, a minimum of grade ‘C’ in the respective disciplines at GCE Advanced Level would be required, in addition to their HSC qualification.

Note 2: Candidates applying for BDS and MBBS are invited to consult the website of the Ministry for the eligibility criteria for studies in Medicine or Dentistry, as published by the Ministry of Health & Quality of Life.

Preference will be given to the best qualified candidates.
2.2 **Age Limit**

Candidates should not have reached 25 years of age by the closing date.

3. **Conditions and criteria governing admission**

(i) All admissions are subject to availability of seats and eligibility of nominated students.

(ii) The general eligibility/final selection of students will be made by the institutions concerned, keeping in view their admission criteria.

(iii) Eligibility of students in terms of equivalence of certificates and grades will be determined by Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC), Islamabad. Once nominated, concerned Embassies/students will be expected to submit their equivalence certificates issued by IBCC, Islamabad.

(iv) The students admitted under the PTAP will be required to pay the prescribed fee applicable under the Program to the institution concerned. Expenses on travelling, boarding and lodging etc., are also to be borne by the students themselves.

(v) After admission, the application for following will be governed by the relevant policy of the institution concerned:

- Migration from one institution to another.
- Exemption from tuition fee and other dues.

(vi) **For admission to MBBS/BDS courses:**

Students are required to pass either the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) with minimum aggregate score of 24, or possess a minimum SAT-II score of 550 in each subject (i.e. Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics) in lieu of entry test. Those who have not yet cleared SAT-II examination may apply for provisional admission subject to qualifying for the SAT II with a minimum score of 550, and provide proof of Registration for the SAT II examination along with the application.

(vii) Under the rules a person who reaches Pakistan on Entry/Tourist or Visit visa will not be eligible for admission to any educational institution in Pakistan. It is, therefore, imperative that the candidates should go to Pakistan only on student visa issued by the High Commission for Pakistan, Mauritius.
(viii) Seats for foreign students are available in the institutions throughout Pakistan and the placement of students, which is the sole prerogative by the authorities concerned in Pakistan, would be made as and when admission starts in the institutions concerned subject to the availability of slots. Moreover, institutions are not bound to entertain the students after expiry of their prescribed deadline.

(ix) Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign an undertaking, thereby committing themselves to return to Mauritius immediately after completion of their studies and work for at least two years in the public or private sector.

**Note:** Candidates are informed that a copy of their valid passport will have to be submitted to the Ministry in case of nomination.

4. **Mode of Application**

4.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, 1st Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or downloaded from the Ministry’s website:


Applicants may also submit applications on-line on the following website:


However, applicants should submit to the Scholarships Section **certified copies** of all supporting documents after the on line application which should not be later than the closing date specified below.

4.2 All candidates should ensure that certified copies of certificates, transcripts of final university results/mark sheets and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications are submitted to the Scholarships Section by **the closing date. Non-submission of these documents will result in their elimination from the selection exercise.** Certification of documents may be done at the Scholarships Section of the Ministry or at the Careers Guidance Service in Rose Hill.

4.3 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry as follows:

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<td>BSc Engineering/D Pharmacy</td>
<td>28th August 2013 at 14.00 hrs at latest</td>
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<td>MBBS/BDS</td>
<td>4th October 2013 at 14.00 hrs at latest</td>
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4.4 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.

4.5 Candidates who would not have been informed of their nomination after six weeks as from the closing date for application should consider that they have not been selected.

4.6 Applicants already in employment, whether public or private, must fill in the application forms in duplicate. One copy thereof along with the relevant supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section, and one copy to the applicant’s employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of applicant for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. Such information should be made available at the time of submission of application.

5. A Communiqué will be placed on the website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

Ministry of Education and Human Resources
MITD House, Phoenix

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