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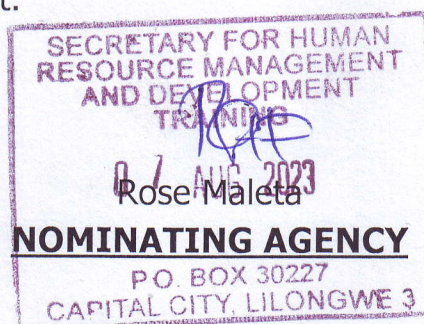
Dear All,

2024 COMMONWEALTH UK SCHOLARSHIPS

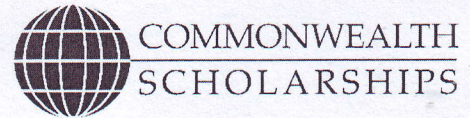
I am pleased to inform you that applications for the 2024 **PhD and Master's Degree** scholarships under the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) in the United Kingdom will open on **Tuesday 5th September, 2023** and will close on **17th October, 2023 (16.00 GMT)**.

Please find attached all the necessary information with regards to the application procedures and eligibility criteria. It should be noted these scholarships are targeting Public Servants who meet the conditions of both the CSC and Malawi Government eligibility criteria.

Wish you all the best.



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THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLRSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

The 2023 Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan is targeting Public Servants (Civil Servants, Parastatals and Oversight bodies) who are Malawian nationals to pursue their studies in the Universities at both Master's and PhD levels. The scholarships are competitive in nature and the Malawi Government has been given a quota of places which may exceed 10 scholarships should strong candidates be fielded and sometimes can be as low as 3 when weak candidates are fielded. As such the criteria for selection follow Government of Malawi requirements for offering scholarships.

Eligibility:

For one to qualify, you must be:

1. A Malawian;
2. A Public Servant;
3. you should have served in your employment for 4 years or more and be confirmed in your position;
4. Must have obtained your current certificate with a credit or distinction;
5. You should be on your organisation's priority training plan or you should have already attended the Malawi Government Scholarship selection interviews which the Malawi's Department of Human Resource Management and Development conducts once every two (2) years;
6. The officer agrees to sign a training bond and an undertaking prior to proceeding for on training after being offered a scholarship;
7. Consideration for scholarship shall not be given to project staff and Public Servants on contract/non-permanent terms;
8. No officer shall proceed on another long term training programme without serving the full training bond of the previous long-term training programme that has been funded by the Government or any other Development Partner;

9. Women and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply; and

10. Your copy of application is submitted to the undersigned with a covering letter from your controlling officer i.e. The Principal Secretary, Chief Executive Officer, Head of Institution.

MODE OF APPLICATION

On top of the requirement of the Malawi Government, the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) has its own eligibility criteria and procedures that you need to follow. The scholarship terms and conditions can be found on CSC website:

➤ **<http://csuk.fcdo.gov.uk/about-us/scholarships>**

The first thing to do is to make an online application using the Electronic Application Systems (EAS) upon which you will automatically be given a number. Once the application is through you will be required to print your application together with a covering letter from your Controlling Officer, send it to the undersigned for endorsement. Any application which is not endorsed by the **nominating agency** will not be considered by CSC. Furthermore, any application form that is submitted with a letter that is not signed by the Controlling Officer shall not be accepted.

The deadline for submission of the completed application form to the undersigned is **1st December, 2023**. You are also advised to be following the link given above for more information. In case you are not a Public Servant, you may wish to apply for the Chevening Scholarships which are open to all Malawians in Public Service, Private and Civil Society or Malawi High Commission. Non Malawians are ineligible for both scholarship programmes unless they apply from their countries of origin.

You should take note that there is no alternative to the requirements which have been mentioned above and any further request may not be responded to.

Wish you all the best

Rose Maleta

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