

# COMMUNIQUE

## **OFFER OF SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian Nationals for the award of two scholarships "The World in Serbia" offered by the Republic of Serbia for academic year 2024/2025.

### **2. Fields of Study**

2.1 Applications for studies in Serbia are open in universities, academies and colleges of vocational studies in Serbia for academic year 2024/2025. The call for applications is open for studies at Bachelor Level (academic & vocational), Master's Level (academic & vocational) and PhD. The list of Universities and other institutions, where the courses are being run may be consulted on the Ministry's website:

<https://education.govmu.org/>

2.2 Scholarships for Medicine / Dentistry and Medicine-related fields (other than Nursing and veterinary Medicine) are not available at Undergraduate level under this Scheme.

### **3. Eligibility Requirements**

#### **A. For Bachelor's Degree**

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC or GCE A-level with three subjects at Principal Level, obtained at one and the same sitting.

#### **B. For Master's Degree**

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC or GCE A-level, with three subjects at Principal level, obtained at one and the same sitting;
- (iii) A minimum standard of Second Class Bachelor's degree in the relevant field.

C. **For PhD**

- (i) SC/GCE 'O' level with credits in at least five subjects including English Language at one and the same sitting;
- (ii) HSC or GCE A-Level, with three subjects at Principal level, obtained at one and the same sitting;
- (iii) A Bachelor's Degree; and
- (iv) A Master's degree in the relevant field.

**OR**

An alternative qualification acceptable and equivalent to A, B and C.

**The onus for the submission of equivalence of qualifications rests upon the applicants.**

4. **Age Limit**

Candidates should not have reached:

- (i) 21 years of age for the first degree studies – Bachelor academic studies, Bachelor Vocational studies;
- (ii) 25 years of age for second degree studies – Master of academic studies, Master of vocational studies;
- (iii) 35 years of age for the third degree studies – PhD in academic studies.

5. **Information on the scholarships**

- (i) Applicants should present a Medical Certificate confirming that they are clear from infectious diseases (HIV, Hepatitis, Tuberculosis) and are physically and psychologically fit. Applicants are also advised to make early arrangements in view of securing this Medical Certificate such that they would be able, in case of nomination by Ministry, to produce it at latest **within one week** after the closing date of applications.
- (ii) The selected bursary will be entitled to the following:
  - Free of charge preparatory lessons in Serbian language (an intense one year duration course in Serbian language after arriving to the Republic of Serbia);
  - No course fees payable for the chosen level of study;
  - Bursaries in the amount of 18,000 Serbian Dinars a month;
  - Free of charge service of accommodation and food in the student standard facilities;

- Compulsory health insurance up to age of 26;
  - Free of charge residence visa;
  - Free of charge verification of secondary education;
  - Free of charge verification of higher education.
- (iii) The scholarship within the Project does not include:
- Travel expenses upon arrival and departure from the Republic of Serbia;
  - Costs for public transport in the Republic of Serbia;
  - Costs for textbooks and work material during the study.

**Note:** The selected candidate should pass the Serbian Language course with at least a passing grade.

## 6. **Additional information**

Additional Information on this Scholarships Scheme can be obtained from the Brochure project "World in Serbia" that is available for consultation on the Ministry's website:

<https://education.govmu.org/>

## 7. **Mode of Application**

- 7.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MITD House, Pont Fer, Phoenix, or downloaded from the Ministry's website:

<https://education.govmu.org/>

- 7.2 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by **Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 14.00 hours at latest.**
- 7.3 Candidates should ensure that originals, along with certified copies of Birth Certificates/Identity card/ Passport and other educational certificates, transcripts of final university results/ marksheets and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications, are submitted to the Scholarships Section by the closing date. Non-submission of these documents on time 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.
- 7.4 Applicants who are not in Mauritius may request their respective responsible parties to apply on their behalf.

- 7.5 Applicants who are in employment, whether public or private, need to fill in the application form in duplicate. One copy of the complete application form, along with the relevant supporting documents, should be submitted to the Scholarships Section, and another completed copy to the applicant's employer to enable that employer to provide information on the release of the applicant for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. ***This information on the release of the applicants should be made available with all other documents at the time of submission of the completed application form to the Scholarships Section.***
8. Only the best qualified candidates will be nominated. Candidates who have not been informed of their nomination within six weeks of the closing date for application should consider that they have not been selected.
9. A Communiqué will be placed on the Website in due course to inform applicants that the selection exercise has been completed.

**08 May 2024**

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