FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR THE BRUNEI DARUSSALAM GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP 2022/2023 ACADEMIC SESSION

ELIGIBILITY

• Applications are open to citizens of, but not limited to, ASEAN, Commonwealth and OIC member countries. (Applicants of all nationalities are eligible to apply).

• Applicants must be between the ages of **18-25** for Undergraduate and Diploma programmes and **must not exceed the age of 35** for Postgraduate Master’s Degree programmes on the 31 July 2022.

• **The Scholarship is NOT eligible for Brunei Darussalam Permanent Residents.**

PROGRAMME

• The BDGS is offered for study at the level of Diploma, Degree and Master Degree.

• PhD programmes are not offered under the BDGS scholarship.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following documents **MUST** be submitted along with the application form:

i. Recent passport size photograph.

ii. Certified true copies of academic qualifications and other supporting documents (i.e. certificates, testimonials, transcripts).

iii. Certified **English translations** of supporting documents must be submitted for documents that are not in English.

iv. Applicant’s Statement of Purpose (Item 6).

v. Certified true copies of Birth Certificate and Passport.

vi. Security Vetting from country of origin/residence.
IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT

- Applicants may apply with their national ID first.

Applicants who have not finished high school but wish to apply for a Bachelor’s Degree scholarship should submit the following documents along with the application form:

  i. Recent passport size photographs.
  ii. **Certified true copies of academic qualifications and other supporting documents (i.e. certificates, testimonials, transcripts).**
  iii. Certified English translations of supporting documents must be submitted for documents that are not in English.
  iv. Applicant’s Statement of Purpose (Item 6).
  v. Certified true copies of Birth Certificate and Passport.
  vi. Security Vetting from country of origin/residence.

IELTS / TOEFL certificates

- The **general entry requirement** for applicants is a Credit 6 in English Language at GCE 'O' Level Examination or a Grade ‘C’ in IGCSE English (as a second language) or an IELTS score of 6.0 or a TOEFL minimum overall score of 550.

- Applicants must submit their results along with the application form. In the absence of the above-mentioned English certificates, the presentation of equivalent certificates should be referred to the chosen university / institution to find out if it is acceptable.

ENDORSEMENTS (Pages 13 & 14 of Application Form)

- All application forms **must** be endorsed by the applicants’ Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Ministry of Education OR any national focal points for scholarships. If the applicant is residing in another country, the application form can be endorsed by their Embassy / Consulate / High Commission.
REFEREES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Referees’ annotations must be typed.
- The references and recommendations should be sent together with the completed application form.

SECURITY VETTING

- Applicants are required to submit a security clearance statement from RESPECTIVE National Security Agency(ies)/ Police Station (i.e. a statement/ report certifying that applicants are clear from any civil and criminal charges).

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Application forms must be typed, except for Pages 13 and 14. Handwritten forms are not accepted.
- Incomplete application forms will not be considered.
- Completed application forms should be emailed to the following e-mail address, in the following format: Word Document / PDF / JPG (compressed (.zip) folder):
  
  applybdgs2022@mfa.gov.bn

- The maximum size for the e-mail and its attachment is 10MB. Please include a title under the Subject field when sending the e-mail.

- The closing date for submission of the application form is 15 February 2022 @ 1600hrs (+8GMT). Extension is not granted after the closing date.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

- Only awarded applicants are required to submit the results of their medical check-up.
PROGRAMME CODES FOR COURSES/PROGRAMME

- Codes for each programme in the respective university’s brochures can be downloaded from the following website: http://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/bdgs/bdgs2022.aspx

- For applicants applying to University Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), for Bachelor Degree programmes the codes can be found on page 3 and for Master Degree programmes on page 3 & 4 on their brochure.

- For Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Universiti Teknologi Brunei and Politeknik Brunei, there are no codes needed to be filled in.

SUBMISSION OF UNIVERSITI BRUNEI DARUSSALAM (UBD) APPLICATION FORMS

- Inquiries regarding UBD online application form can be e-mailed directly to the university.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for interview by the respective Higher Education Institutions. However, an interview is not a guarantee that a BDGS Scholarship will be awarded.

- Only successful applicants will be notified. Decisions on the selection process are final.