



## 2015-2016 COOK ISLANDS GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP and OVERSEAS STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND APPLICATION FORM

MOE USE ONLY:

Date/time received: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

MOE ID: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note that the name entered should be your full names as it appears on your birth Certificate or passport)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### I.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Deadline for COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS closes on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 12pm. Therefore all applications should reach the Ministry of Education (MOE) by the given date and time.**
- All information supplied will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and will be used for MOE purposes only.

### I.2 COOK ISLANDS GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The purpose of this scholarship is to help you complete your current programme of tertiary studies so that you can assist in the social and economic development of the Cook Islands on your return home at the completion of your studies.

- At the time of applying for this scheme you as the applicant or student will have completed a minimum equivalent of one full academic year at a tertiary institute and have attained a B grade average or better.
- This scholarship has tenure of 2 years of which your qualification is to be completed within that time to be eligible for the award. Awards will be for full time undergraduate and/or postgraduate studies in New Zealand.

### I.3 OVERSEAS STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND INFORMATION

- Cook Islanders who are privately pursuing tertiary studies overseas may apply for assistance for tuition fees on a reimbursement basis.
- Reimbursement will only be payable for a portion of the tuition fees for those subjects or papers passed during the calendar year 2015. You will need to provide your results and original valid evidence showing your university logo for payment of tuition fees; i.e. your tertiary institute receipts, enrolment record, statement, etc showing tuition cost for each subject or unit.
- The minimum payment to be received by any student is determined according to the number of eligible applicants and availability of funds; that amount shall be reviewed from time to time.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICANT

- Please answer all questions concisely.
- Please do not put down abbreviations. Provide full names for acronyms used in any of the documents attached. For questions not applicable to you, answer with "N/A or a dash (-)"
- If you need more space, attach additional pages, making sure to indicate the number of the question you are answering.

### E1 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (for both schemes):

**E1.1** For MOE to consider your application, it is compulsory for you to meet **ALL** of the following criteria. **Please tick boxes to confirm that you meet ALL of the following criteria:**

- You must be a Cook Islander with a New Zealand passport

You have resided permanently in the Cook Islands for two years immediately prior to undertaking tertiary studies at an approved NZ tertiary institution;

You are not on a current MOE Scholarship or have not been on a Scholarship sponsored by MOE or another sponsor for two (2) years prior to the date of this application.

**If you do meet ALL of the above criteria, continue to E1.2.**

**If not, we regret to inform you that you are not eligible to apply for a scholarship under this scheme.**

## **E1.2 SCHEME PREFERENCES**

What scheme (s) are you applying to? Please tick the appropriate box.

Cook Islands Government Scholarship Go to E1.3

Overseas Private Student Assistance Fund. Go to E1.4

Applying for both. Continue to E1.3 & E1.4

## **E1.3 COOK ISLANDS GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:**

Please tick the following boxes to confirm that you meet these criteria.

**You understand that the purpose of this scheme is to** help you complete your current programme of tertiary studies so that you can assist in the social and economic development of the Cook Islands on your return home at the completion of your studies.

You have successfully completed an equivalent minimum of one full academic year of studies at an approved **tertiary** institute, with a minimum **“B” average grade**

You have a maximum of 2 years to complete your current full time **tertiary** studies programme

## **E1.4 OVERSEAS PRIVATE STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND CRITERIA:**

Please tick the following boxes to show that you have provided the required evidences and that your claim conforms to the scheme criteria:

You understand that the purpose of this scheme is to help you complete your current programme of tertiary studies so that you can assist in the social and economic development of the Cook Islands on your return home at the completion **of your studies.**

**You have provided the following compulsory evidence with your tertiary institute logo:**

Academic Transcript/Results: clearly shows the papers you’ve passed in 2015

**Valid evidence of payment (e.g. receipts and invoices):** clearly shows the amount for each of the papers passed in 2015

You understand that the assessment for your claim is based on information submitted with this application at the deadline for receiving applications to this scheme.

You understand that reimbursements for successful applications will only be made to your designated Cook Islands bank account. This is in accordance with MOE policy for this scheme and MFEM e-banking requirements.

Your Bank Account Details: The name of local bank \_\_\_\_\_

Your local bank account name \_\_\_\_\_

Your bank account no: \_\_\_\_\_

## E.2 APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

Your application will be assessed according to the compulsory submission of the following documents. Non-submission of any one of the following documents may deem your application as incomplete and will not be considered.

Please tick boxes to confirm that you have attached the following documents:

- Copy of your Birth Certificate and/or Passport Detail page;**
- Copy Tertiary qualifications official academic transcripts** for complete or incomplete qualifications that specify grades or credits achieved. **Copies of academic qualifications/transcripts as indicated on your CV must be attached;**
- Copy of course programme papers/subjects sequenced in order of semester per year and duration of study. Please include your current tertiary studies start date and proposed finish date.**
- Copy of your Curriculum vitae (CV)** outlining your personal details. Please ensure this is in order of academic qualifications and work-related experiences. This should be no more than 4 pages and up to date as of Nov 2013
- Short essay describing how your proposed area of study will enable you to contribute to the economic and social development of the Cook Islands** (Maximum one A4 page)
- Original valid evidence of payment** (i.e. receipts, invoices, enrolment record, statement, etc.) **that shows the cost of each subject or paper that assistance is being applied for.**

Applications will be prioritized according to the following HRD priorities for 2015/2016: Agriculture, Education, Finance Management, Health, ICT, Marine Resources/Fisheries, Renewable Energy, Trade areas and Waste Management although other areas may be included (excluding Aviation)

Address all Applications to:  
Scholarships, HRM, Ministry of Education  
**CIGOV Scholarship & OSAF Application 2015,**  
PO Box 97, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

**PLEASE NOTE: INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**  
Contact Anna Roi on 29357 or email [aroi@education.gov.ck](mailto:aroi@education.gov.ck)  
for further clarifications to tertiary scholarships administered by MOE.

## Q1. PERSONAL DETAILS

(Please note that the name entered in this section should be your full names as it appears on your birth certificate or passport. Attach a copy of the relevant document)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Also known as \_\_\_\_\_  
 Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Q1.1 Date of Birth:

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Q1.2 Gender (v - tick box):  Male  Female

Q1.3 Marital Status:  Single  Married  In a defacto relationship

Q1.3 Ethnicity:

Cook Islands Maori (Go to Q1.5)

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ (Go to Q1.4)

Q1.4 Residential status: (circle appropriate answer(s))

Permanent Resident/ Married to a Cook Islander

Q1.5 Country of Citizenship (as stated in your passport): \_\_\_\_\_

Q1.6 Postal Address and Contact Details within the Cook Islands:

POBOX \_\_\_\_\_

Island of Usual Residence before going overseas for studies \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Q2 HISTORY WITH MOE SCHEMES

Are you currently on a MOE scheme or have you been on any MOE Scheme in the past two (2) years prior to the date of this application?

Scheme

- In country Student Assistance Fund
- C. Is Hospitality & Tourism Training Centre
- C. Is Trade Training Centre
- New Zealand Development Scholarship
- NZAid/AusAid Regional Development Scholarship

Year

Scheme

- In country Tuition Award Scholarship
- Cook Islands Government Scholarship
- Overseas Private Student Assistance Fund
- Short Term Training Awards to NZ
- Have not accessed a MOE Scheme during this time period

Year

### Q3 CURRENT STUDY PROGRAMME DETAILS:

Assistance is offered to applicants with study programmes that will benefit the development of the Cook Islands. It is important that your current course and level of study, is aligned to a national priority training need for our nation.

	Current Study Programme e.g. BA, BSC, MBA	Major Subjects (e.g. Accounting, ICT, Environment, Marine Studies)	Training Provider	Training Provider Location including city, Country where applicable
1				
2				

For undergraduate studies (BA, BSC etc) go to Q4

For post graduate studies (MSc etc), will your study program include at least 50% research?

Yes / No          If No, Go to Q4

#### Q3.1 Post Graduate Research Studies

For a postgraduate study program that will include at least 50% research you must attach:

**Q3.1.1 An outline of the proposed research project (up to 1,000 words).** The outline should include the following:

- Proposed research title
- Objectives
- Relationship of this research to previous work in this field by others and yourself (literature review)
- **Significance and possible application of your proposed research to the development of the Cook Islands**
- Proposed research method, research plan and timeline for completion

**Q3.1.2 You must also attach two References on letterhead**, dated no older than two years, in support of your application. If you have already applied to the nominated institution or had any correspondence with a staff member, please attach to this application.



**Q6. RELEVANCE OF STUDY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS**

**Q6.1** Do you intend to return or remain within the Cook Islands after the completion of your studies?

Yes / No

**Q6.2** Please provide a short essay (maximum 500 words) on:

- the proposed area of study;
- the relevance of your tertiary studies to your career aspirations and
- the benefits this will bring to the development of the Cook Islands economy.

The information you provide in your essay will be considered during the Scholarships selection process.

**Q7. DECLARATION BY APPLICANT**

<input type="checkbox"/> I hereby certify the above information is accurate and correct in all aspects.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that the Government of the Cook Islands reserves the right to confirm the accuracy of the information in my application with authorities, and the incorrect statements may result in my being declared ineligible for an award.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I declare that if awarded a scholarship, I will abide by the provisions of the Government Tertiary Education and Training Awards Policy and will be required to enter a bonding contract with Government.	
Date:	Signature:
Declaration by the parent or guardian of a trainee aged under eighteen years: I have read the agreement and I have discussed the agreement with the trainee:	
Date:	Signature of parent or guardian

