**MOE USE ONLY:**

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

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

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

**RETURNING COOK ISLANDER GRANT**

**APPLICATION FORM**

## (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 19th May 2023, 12pm. Therefore all applications should reach the Ministry of Education by the given date and time.**
* All information supplied will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and will be used for MOE purposes only.

**I.2 RETURNING COOK ISLANDER GRANT**

## Cook Islanders or Permanent Residency holders with a New Zealand passport who privately pursued tertiary studies overseas may apply for assistance for payment of student loan

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* You must have been employed in the Cook Islands for at least 1 year before applying for assistance.
* You must provide certificate to proof completion of studies.
* You must provide an updated copy of your loan statement. This statement should have your IRD number on.
* The minimum payment to be received by any person is determined according to the number of applications we receive.
* **I.3 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**
* The applicant must be an indigenous Cook Islander or hold Permanent Residency with a New Zealand passport
* **Has completed a qualification in New Zealand privately in 2020 and 2021**
* Has been resident and employed in the Cook Islands for at least 1 year prior to applying
* Has not held a Cook Islands Government administered scholarship

**Please tick boxes to confirm that you have attached a COPY of the following documents:**

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| ❑ **Copy of your Birth Certificate and/or Passport Detail page**; |
| ❑ **Certified** **Copy of Official Certificate received**  |
| ❑ **A letter from your employer confirming that:*** **You are employed; and**
* **The date you started your employment**

❑ **An updated loan statement from when you completed your studies.** |

**Q1. PERSONAL DETAILS**

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| (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  |  |  |  |

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| **Q1.1 Date of Birth:**  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Q1.2 Gender (**√ - tick box)**:** ❑ Male ❑ Female

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

**Q1.3 Ethnicity:**

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| ❑ Cook Islands Maori (Go to Q1.6) |
| ❑ 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:**

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| POBOX |  |  |  |  |
| Island of Usual Residence before going overseas for studies |  |  |  |
| Home Phone |  | Mobile |  |  |
| Work Phone |  | Fax Phone |  |  |
| Email |  |

**Q2 HISTORY WITH COOK ISLANDS GOVERNMENT SCHEMES**

Have you received any assistance from either the Ministry of Education or Cook Islands Government while you were studying overseas?

❑ Yes ❑ No

If Yes, state the type of assistance received and year:

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**Q3. EMPLOYMENT**

 **Provide your current employment**

Position: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Dates of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Q4. DECLARATION BY APPLICANT**

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| ❑ I hereby certify the above information is accurate and correct in all aspects.❑ 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. |
| Date: | Signature: |