



Tertiary Scholarship & Loans Board

“Building a Smarter Fiji”

APPLICATION FOR THE FIJIAN GOVERNMENT

TERTIARY EDUCATION LOANS SCHEME (TELS) FOR 2019

The Scheme provides student loans to eligible citizens of Fiji to enable them access to higher education at affordable rates, in line with the Fijian Government’s vision of “Building a Smarter Fiji”.

Categories of Tertiary Education Loans Scheme

1. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for New Students

- For Fijians who have completed their Year 13 or equivalent foundation studies in the year 2011 or thereafter.

2. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Existing Tertiary Students

- For Fijians who were enrolled for any higher education program in years before 2014 and wish to apply for financial assistance to complete their program of study.

3. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Technical College of Fiji

- For Fijians who are of the age 15 years and above and are accepted by any Technical College of Fiji campuses.

4. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Private Sector Employees in Service.

- For Fijian employees working in the private sector earning an annual income of not more than \$25,000 seeking to attain an academic qualification or upgrade existing qualifications at an eligible institution either as a part-time or full-time student.

5. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Public Sector Employees in Service

- For Fijian employees working in the public service seeking to attain an academic qualification or upgrade existing qualifications at an eligible institution.

6. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Pilot Training

- For Fijians who are in Year 13 or Equivalent Foundation Studies in 2018 and wish to pursue pilot training at Advanced Aviation Training (Fiji) Ltd or Pacific Flying School from 2019. Only a limited number of spaces are available.

7. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Students completing Year 12 in 2017 or thereafter for FNU Engineering Programs

- For Fijians who have completed year 12 in 2017 and thereafter who wish to pursue approved engineering programs at FNU only.

8. Tertiary Education Loans Scheme for Graduates seeking to upgrade to MBBS.

- For Fijians with a relevant undergraduate qualification wishing to upgrade their qualification to Bachelor of Medicine –Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and are accepted in the MBBS program by the Higher Education Institutions. Only 30 places are available for 2019 and the applicants must not be under any existing scholarship or loans bond.

General Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicants must be Fijian Citizens.
2. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria for the category of TELS applied for. Full particulars of the award and the eligibility criteria is available on www.tslb.com.fj
3. Applicants must fill the online application form and list three choices in the order of priority from the most preferred to the least preferred choice. Multiple applications from the Fijians will not be

accepted.

4. TELS is only offered for studies at a locally approved Higher Education Institution. No Overseas program is funded under TELS.

3. ACCOMODATION SUPPORT SCHEME

This scheme is for full-time students on TELS who can borrow at nominal interest rates to support accommodation costs (hostel or rental), food expenses, bus fares if traveling from home or rented premises and stationary and incidental allowances.

The threshold for eligibility for the Accommodation Support Scheme is a combined parental income of below \$50,000 per annum.

Qualifying Fijians can apply for the following maximum rates of allowances:

- Hostel Fees with or without meals as per the invoice raised by the Institution. Applicants must produce evidence of hostel offer;
- Rent- \$250 per month upon production of FRCS stamped rental agreement;
- Bus Fare- \$30/week;
- Food expenses- \$50/week;
- Incidental and Stationary allowance- \$1000/annum.

How to Apply

1. Scan and get all the required documents ready before starting the process of applying online in the pdf, png, or jpg format.
2. Visit www.tslb.com.fj and register for TSLB online application. Applicants cannot apply online unless registered first.
3. One registered fill the appropriate information.
4. Upload all the required documents.
5. Submit the online application.
6. Applicants who have applied for NTS need not fill another TELS application. All unsuccessful applications for NTS will be considered for TELS.
7. Students will not be able to submit the form unless all mandatory fields are filled. Year 13 results and offer letter from the institutions need to be uploaded before the application will be processed.

Students applying online will be able to log in and check the application status at any time and also print and submit the TSLB Offer Letter, Bond Forms and award confirmation letters online.

Closing Date: 15 January 2018 (Revised)

Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants for TELS, Accommodation Support Scheme and Scholarship for Students with Special Needs who do not have the Year 13/Foundation studies results, Year 12 Results and the University Program and Hostel Offer Letters can still complete their application online now. These requirements can be uploaded (even after the closing date) upon receipt of the same by the applicants.

For further enquiries /information, please visit TSLB website www.tslb.com.fj , like us on Facebook or email us on customerservices@tslb.com.fj

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