FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR THE BRUNEI DARUSSALAM GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP 2020/2021 ACADEMIC SESSION

1/ Endorsement on pages 13 and 14 of the application form?

Please be informed, all application forms <u>must</u> be endorsed by your country's Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Ministry of Education or any national focal points for scholarships in your country. If you are applying from outside your country, you may wish to get your application form endorsed by your Embassy / Consulate / High Commission.

2/ References C1 and C2 on pages 9 – 12?

Kindly take note, these pages must be filled in by your referees. It must be typed except for the signature and stamp. You may wish to send it together with your completed application form and supporting documents to applyBDGS2020@mfa.gov.bn no later than 14 February 2020 1600hrs (+8GMT).

3/ Supporting documents?

As stated on the application form,

The following documents MUST be submitted along with this 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.

4/ Where to send the application form?

As stated on the official announcement page :

4.4   Completed application forms are to be emailed to the following address:

applyBDGS2020@mfa.gov.bn

(NOTE: Maximum size allowed for e-mail and attachment files is 10MB)

Please take note, all application forms and supporting documents are to be submitted in Word Document / PDF / JPG format (compressed (.zip) folder)

If your e-mail bounces back, **please make sure that the size of your attachment files <u>do not exceed 10MB</u>**. Please also include a title under the Subject field when sending the e-mail.

5/ Security Vetting?

As stated on the official announcement page :

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

6/ IELTS / TOEFL certificates?

It is a **general entry requirement** for applicants to have a credit 6 in English Language at GCE 'O' Level Examination or a grade 'C' in IGCSE English (as second language) or an IELTS score of 6.0 or a TOEFL minimum overall score of 550.

Therefore, applicants must submit their results along with the application. If you do not possess any of the above english certificates, but have an equivalent certificate, you may wish to inquire directly to the university / institution you wish to apply to and ask if it is acceptable.

7/ Medical check-up?

Please be informed that only awarded applicants are required to submit their medical check-up results.

8/ Applicant has not finished high school but wishes to apply for a Bachelor's Degree scholarship?

As stated on the application form :

The following documents MUST be submitted along with this 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.

Kindly take note, **all supporting documents** (certificates, results transcripts that are required, etc) must be submitted along with your application form by **14 February 2020**. Incomplete application forms will **not be considered.**

Therefore, you may wish to apply next year when you have completed all your semesters.

9/ Where to find codes for the first page of application form?

Kindly take note, you may find the codes for each programs in the respective university's brochures that you can download from the following website : http://www.mfa.gov.bn/Pages/BDGS.aspx

For applicants applying into **University Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA), the codes can be found on page 4** on their brochure and for applicants apply into **Universiti Teknologi Brunei, the codes can be found on page 11-12 on their brochure.** For **Universiti Brunei Darussalam** and **Politeknik Brunei**, there are **no codes** needed to be filled in.

10/ No passport?

Applicants may apply with their national ID first.

11/ Can the form be handwritten?

As stated on the application form :

1. **Each applicant must complete this form by typing; handwriting in this case is not allowed.**
   Therefore, all pages must be typed, except for pages 13 and 14. Please also be informed, signatures can be in written form.

12/ Are PhD programs offered in this scholarship?

Please be informed, there are no PhD programs being offered under this scholarship.

13/ Completing the Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) forms?

Kindly take note, for any inquiries with regards to the UBD online application form, you may wish to e-mail UBD directly.

14/ Who are eligible to apply?

As stated on the official announcement page :

1   ELIGIBILITY

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

1.2   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 31st July 2019.

1.3   The award is NOT eligible to Brunei Darussalam Permanent Residents.

15/ Age limit?

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 31st July 2019.

Therefore, if you are not within the age range as stated above, you are not eligible to apply.

16/ When is the closing date?

Please be informed, the closing date is **14 February 2020 @ 1600hrs (+8GMT)**. We regret to inform you that there are no extensions given for the closing date.

17/ How do we find out the results?

If you have been shortlisted by the respective Higher Education Institutions that you have applied to, you may be contacted for an interview via skype, etc.

Awarded applicants will then be notified by 1st week of June 2020. If you have not been contacted/notified by 2nd week of June 2020, this means that you have not been shortlisted and are therefore, not awarded the scholarship.

Please take note, all decisions on the selection process are final.