

Information Form: Australian and New Zealand Scholarships for study beginning in 2018



The Australian and New Zealand Governments are holding a joint selection process to award their 2018 scholarships.

ANNEX 1 provides more detail about the Scholarships, which are available for full-time undergraduate and postgraduate study:

- Australia Awards Scholarships (to Australian institutions)
- New Zealand Pacific Scholarships (to New Zealand institutions)
- Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (to regional institutions)
- New Zealand Regional Development Scholarships (to regional institutions)

SUPPORTED AREAS OF STUDY

Applicants must study a course that meets the priority development needs of Kiribati. The list provided at **ANNEX 2** includes the Government of Kiribati Human Resource Priority List.

To help you think about the type of work and area of study that might interest you, you can visit Australia's Good Universities **Careers Guide**: <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/careers-guide> or the **Study New Zealand** website: <https://www.studyinnewzealand.govt.nz/>.

Many students use these websites to help them decide what to study. In the Careers Guide search field, you can type in 'public health' and it will show you some examples of the type of jobs you might do if you study public health. On these websites, you can also look at the courses available at different institutions. This is helpful to compare the different entry requirements.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must complete the **Common Application Form**. This is available from **Monday 30 January 2017** until **Tuesday 7 March 2017** from the New Zealand High Commission in Bairiki (hard copy). The Application Form can also be downloaded from the Australia High Commission website: www.kiribati.embassy.gov.au.

Your application must be submitted by **4pm Tuesday 7 March 2017**. Completed application forms and supporting documents can be lodged at the New Zealand High Commission in Bairiki or emailed to TarawaScholarships@dfat.gov.au. Certified copies of original documents should be included with your application (please read **ANNEX 3**).

Accurate and up-to-date **telephone and email** details must be included in the application form. If applicants cannot be contacted directly, they may forego an opportunity to participate in further stages of the selection process.

For further information or if you have questions, please call 21400 or 21184.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To be eligible for a scholarship offer, applicants must successfully complete the selection process:

- i. All eligible applications will undergo a merit-based ranking assessment. Short-listed applicants will be notified by 31 March 2017. Due to the large number of applicants, those who are not short-listed will not be notified.
- ii. Short-listed applicants will be invited to sit an academic aptitude test in Tarawa on **Saturday 8 April 2017**. The aptitude test assesses a range of competencies considered important for successful tertiary study. It evaluates skills such as critical thinking and understanding, and capacity to analyse and use given information. It does not test knowledge of curriculum or specific academic content. Applicants will be re-ranked based on their aptitude test score.
- iii. Selected candidates will be invited to have an interview so that assessors can seek further information about the candidate's academic achievement and professional and personal leadership attributes. The interview will also be used to assess oral English skills. Candidates need to be available for interviews in Tarawa between **Monday 22 May and Friday 2 June 2017**.
- iv. Following the outcomes of the interviews and the aptitude test, the preferred candidates will be selected to sit the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Candidates will then be shortlisted for either the scholarships or the reserve list.
- v. Candidates need to have **passed all subjects** in their Form 7 test before they can proceed to the final stage.
- vi. To complete the final stage and be eligible for a scholarship offer, candidates must satisfy: (1) admission requirements of the institution of study; (2) requirements of a police check; (3) visa requirements for the country of study, including medical; and (4) complete pre-departure briefing requirements as determined by Australia or New Zealand.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the criteria in **ANNEX 4** to be eligible for Australia Awards or New Zealand Scholarships.

Applications are welcome from people with disability who meet the eligibility criteria. To afford fair participation in the selection process, reasonable adjustments and additional assistance will be considered for people who identify as having a disability.

LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

ANNEX 1 – TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Australian and New Zealand Scholarships are available for citizens of Kiribati to study full-time undergraduate or postgraduate courses. This includes Diploma courses (Australia Awards) at vocational education institutions or universities and Bachelor, Masters, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or PhD programs at universities.

Scholarships aim to help people gain knowledge and skills in specific subject areas that will contribute to the development of their home country.

Australia Awards Scholarships are available to eligible people to study at participating Australian institutions.

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships are offered to people from the Pacific to study at Pacific tertiary institutions in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa and New Caledonia.

Full details can be found in the scholarships handbooks available at www.kiribati.embassy.gov.au or from the Australian High Commission in Bairiki.

New Zealand Pacific Scholarships are available to eligible people to study at participating New Zealand institutions.

New Zealand Regional Development Scholarships are available to eligible people to study at a participating institution in the Pacific region.

Full details can be found at <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/aid-and-development/scholarships/types-of-scholarships> or at the New Zealand High Commission in Bairiki.

Applicants should also visit these websites for full details of the scholarships:

Australia: www.australiaawards.gov.au

New Zealand: www.aid.govt.nz/schols

ANNEX 2 – AREA OF STUDY PRIORITY LIST

Applicants are required to select undergraduate or postgraduate degrees within the following areas.

UNDERGRADUATE

Health

- Medical laboratory science
- Medical imaging technology
- Pharmacy
- Bachelor Medicine Bachelor Surgery (MBBS)
- Dentistry
- Environmental health
- Physiotherapy/prosthetic/orthotics
- Nursing
- Public health
- Biomedical health
- Health administration

Environment and Climate Change Mitigation

- Waste and sanitation management
- Water management and technology
- Marine science
- Marine biology
- Aquaculture
- Environmental science
- Environmental studies
- Environmental law
- Ecology
- Renewable energy technology (including solar)
- Geology
- Land planning and land survey
- Natural resource management (including fisheries, land management)
- Food storage and packaging

Science and Engineering

- Geospatial science
- Marine engineering
- Electrical/Electronic engineering
- Mechanical engineering
- Radio
- Construction, Building
- Quantity survey
- Architecture
- Fishing technology
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

- Aviation management, Aerodrome flight information services, Safety & security

Education

- Primary and Secondary Education (Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Music, Physical Education, Arts, Economics/Commerce)
- Early childhood education
- Disability education
- Bachelor of Art + Graduate Certificate in Education (GCED)

Private Sector Development

- Accounting
- Business banking
- Life insurance & insurance law
- Business administration, ethics & management, business law
- Human resource management
- Project management
- Tourism/Eco-tourism
- Industrial relations
- Economics, fisheries economics, natural resource economics
- Tourism and hospitality

Public Sector Management/Governance/Community Development

- Cultural heritage, museum studies
- Community/Social work
- Gender related studies
- Population studies & sociology
- International relations & diplomacy
- Development studies
- Public administration & public policy
- Law studies
- Statistics
- Computing science & information systems
- Journalism

POSTGRADUATE

Health

- Nutrition
- Environmental health
- Nursing/Specialised nursing
- Biomedical engineering
- Health care technology management
- Diagnostic Ultrasound
- Paediatric, Medicine, Surgery, Radiology, Pathology
- Public Health (health promotion, epidemiology, oral health)
- Rehabilitation

Environment and Climate Change Mitigation

- Environmental Economics
- Meteorology and Climatology
- Climate change vulnerability & adaptation
- Energy Policy, Planning and management

Science and Engineering

- Computing Science/IT & Information Systems
- Construction/Construction Project Management
- Crop Modelling/Biosecurity
- Marine Science (Aquaculture/Marine Biology/Geology/Fisheries)
- Applied Science (Marine Environment)
- Food Safety/Technology & Management
- Engineering (Water Resources Infrastructure Management, Hydrogeology/ Hydraulics of Sewerage systems/Coastal/Highway/Asset Management and Infrastructure management)
- Aviation Management/Naval architecture/Hydrographer

Education

- Education
- TESOL
- Curriculum Development and Assessment
- School Leadership/Management

Private Sector Development

- Management, Human Resource Management
- Business administration/ Business studies/ Business development
- Employment Relations
- International trade and investment
- Economics

Public Sector Management/Governance/ Community Development

- Public Finance Management/ Accounting/Taxation/ Commerce/Economics
- Public Policy/Public Administration
- International Relations/ Diplomacy/Politics
- Police
- Policing law and Management
- International Law - Policing and Security studies
- Law/ Professional Diploma in Legal Practice (PDLP)
- Project Management
- Environmental Governance
- Social work (Applied)
- Gender/Women and Development Studies
- Heritage Management
- Library/Information Studies
- Communication Studies (Mass Media)
- Tourism (Specialising in Eco-Tourism)
- International Hospitality Management

Note: Applications for MBA courses will not be considered as this course is now offered at USP Tarawa campus.

ANNEX 3 – SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Certified copies of original documents must be included with your application. Where original documents are not in English, applicants must provide certified copies of official English translations. Failure to provide certified copies will disqualify you from the selection process.

A certified copy is where an authorised official of a school or institution or a Justice of the Peace, Solicitor, Public Notary, Magistrate or equivalent other authorised official signs, dates and gives an official stamp that the document is a true copy.

You will need to include with your application the following supporting documents:

- A signed and completed scholarship application declaration (SECTION 9 in the Application Form)
- Certified copy of your birth certificate and/or passport (proof of age and citizenship)
- Certified copy of official transcripts for qualifications, including:
 - Form 6 and Form 7 results (only Form 6 if currently undertaking Form 7)
 - A copy of results from any post-secondary school study (including current or incomplete)
- A copy of the grade assessment schedule used at each institution for all academic results or transcripts
- Written statement answering the question specified in SECTION 8 of the Application Form

For postgraduate research students only:

- An outline of the proposed research project (1,000 words limit)

ANNEX 4 – ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for a New Zealand or Australian scholarship, you must meet all of the general criteria.

GENERAL CRITERIA – ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

- You must be a citizen of the Republic of Kiribati;
- You must be 18 years or older at the time of commencing the scholarship;
NOTE: While there is no age limit for applicants, the age of selected candidates will be determined in line with the Government of Kiribati human resource policy.
- You must not be current serving military personnel;
- You must be a resident of Kiribati and have lived in Kiribati for at least two years at the time of applying;
NOTE: This condition does not apply to applicants who are members of the diplomatic corps or their dependents, and may not apply to applicants for short-term scholarships.
- You must have completed Form 6 (at a minimum) at the time of applying, and must successfully complete Form 7 (or equivalent) *before* a scholarship can be awarded. Applicants who fail Form 7 will not be offered a scholarship;
- You cannot apply for the same level of qualification or degree you have already achieved;
- You must inform staff at the Australian or New Zealand High Commission if you know a staff member employed by either the Australian or New Zealand Government. This helps us make sure your application is judged fairly and transparently.
- You must be seeking a qualification that will contribute to the sustainable development of your home country (see ANNEX 2); and
- You must commit to return to your country for a minimum of 2 years at the end of your scholarship.
- In addition to the general criteria, you must meet the eligibility criteria (on the following pages) of the scholarship for which you are applying.
- You must include certified copies of original documents to support your application (see ANNEX 3).

FOR AUSTRALIAN SCHOLARSHIPS:

- You must not be a citizen of Australia, hold permanent residency in Australia or be applying for a visa to live in Australia permanently;
- If you have previously held an Australia Awards Scholarship, you cannot apply for another Australia Awards Scholarship until you have lived outside of Australia for twice the length of the total time that you were in Australia;

For example, if you studied in Australia for 4 years with an Australia Awards Scholarship, you cannot apply for another Australia Awards Scholarship until you have lived outside of Australia for 8 years.

- If you have previously held a long-term Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship, you cannot apply for another Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship until you have lived in your home country for two years since the conclusion of your previous scholarship;
- You must not be married, engaged to, or a de facto of a person who holds, or is eligible to hold, Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency, at any time during the application, selection or mobilisation process;

NOTE: Residents of Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau with New Zealand citizenship are eligible but must apply for a student visa (subclass 500) and not be current serving military personnel.

- You must satisfy any specific criteria established by the Australian High Commission in Kiribati or the Government of Kiribati;
- You must be able to satisfy the admission requirements of the institution at which the award is to be undertaken;

NOTE: This may mean that the Australian High Commission will need to withdraw an award offer if the recipient cannot satisfy the institution's admission requirements. This may not be known until a placement is requested at the selected institution.

- You must not be holding another scholarship during the intended period of study and you must not be transferring from another scholarship;
- You must be able to satisfy all immigration requirements of the host government. For Australia Awards applicants, you need to meet the student visa requirements of the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection. For Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship applicants, you need to satisfy the host government's immigration requirements.

NOTE: If you are offered a scholarship but cannot meet the visa requirements, the Australian High Commission may need to withdraw your scholarship.

Australia Awards Scholarships are NOT available for:

- courses that are available in Kiribati, or in areas that relate to nuclear technology or flying aircraft;
- courses in Australia that are greater than 4 years in duration; or
- courses of study where the applicant has already achieved a similar level of qualification.

FOR NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIPS:

- You must not have citizenship or permanent residence status for New Zealand, Australia, USA, Canada, European Union countries, United Kingdom, Japan, Israel, South Korea, Qatar, United Arab Emirates or Saudi Arabia;

IMPORTANT NOTE: this condition does not apply to applicants from the Cook Islands, Tokelau or Niue, or applicants from Samoa with dual Samoa-NZ citizenship.

- You must have at least 2 years of work experience (part-time or full-time, paid or voluntary);

IMPORTANT NOTE: this condition does not apply to applicants from the Pacific who are applying for a pre-service scholarship (i.e. school leavers)

- You must be able to satisfy immigration requirements for international student entry to New Zealand or the country in which you will study (i.e. medical checks, police clearances/character checks, etc.);

- You must be academically and linguistically able to obtain an 'Offer of Place' for the proposed programme of study from the tertiary institute where you will undertake your scholarship;

- You must not have been previously terminated from a New Zealand Government scholarship or breached any scholarship contract.

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- apply to study in an academic discipline relating to a target sector (these are listed on the Kiribati page of our website <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/aid-and-development/scholarships/who-can-apply-for-a-scholarship-3/kiribati-scholarships-2/>);
- demonstrate strong academic ability, leadership qualities, and a commitment to the development of their home country; and
- are between 18 years old up to the Government of Kiribati upper age limit.