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Australia-Kiribati Partnership for Development

The Australia-Kiribati Partnership for Development underpins all aspects of Australia's development relationship with Kiribati. The Governments of Australia and Kiribati commit jointly to achieving the following 3 Priority Outcomes:

1. Improved Basic Education
2. Workforce Skills Development
3. Improved Growth and Economic Management

The Partnership aims to advance Kiribati's development vision as articulated in the Kiribati Development Plan 2008-2011 (KDP). Priority Outcome 2: Workforce Skills Development aims to develop Kiribati's workforce skills and improve employment opportunities in Kiribati and abroad. The AusAID Scholarships are a core component of Priority Outcome 2.

The Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) and the Australian Regional Development Scholarships (ARDS) provide the opportunity for Kiribati citizens to undertake training at post secondary and tertiary training institutions in Australia and the Pacific region to acquire priority qualifications and skills listed under the Kiribati National Human Resource Development (HRD) Plan.

Where all ARDS awards are for study in regional institutions, the ADS awards provides training opportunities at various Australian tertiary institutions in

priority study programs that are not available in the region.

Type, Level and Number of Scholarships

AusAID Tarawa Post works closely with the Kiribati Government to ensure that applicants are selected in accordance with country priorities and mutually agreed development target areas. In order to streamline the scholarships program, in 2010 the Open-Equity category will be discontinued and there will be one **Public** scholarship category.

From 2010 all ADS applications will be nominated by both the Kiribati Public Service Office (PSO) and the Ministry of Education (MoE) and jointly agreed by the Kiribati Government and AusAID. Up to 4 new ADS awards will be offered in 2010 and with the discontinuation of the Open-Equity category, the number of ADS awards to the Public category will increase.

Priority Sectors

Priority sectors include:

- Engineering - civil and mechanical
- Construction – carpentry and plumbing
- Education – tertiary teaching
- Financial management and taxation
- Health studies not available in the region
- Public administration and management – policy making, international relations, leadership management



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- Environment – climate change adaptation, environmental impact assessment and integrated zone management
- Energy – renewable engineering, economics and management
- Legal studies – international law

The Application Process

Applications will be made through either the PSO or the MoE. Assessment will be based on academic records, accompanying authenticated documents, work history and relevance of proposed study to the Kiribati Human Resource Development (HRD) Plan priorities. A short interview may be conducted to assess applicants' oral English language skills.

Nominated candidates will need to complete and submit three (3) application forms that will be provided by Tarawa Post. A copy of these applications will be forwarded to tertiary institutions in Australia and subsequent award offers and rejections from institutions will be relayed to the PSO and MoE by Tarawa Post.

Closing Dates for Applications

For information regarding the 2010 application round and eligibility requirements, Government and civil society employees will need to contact the PSO while school leavers will need to contact the MoE offices. Applications have to be submitted with all supporting documents to the AusAID Tarawa office by 31 August, 2010. Late applications will not be accepted.

Special conditions

The following conditions apply to ADS awards;

- Doctorate and post doctorate studies are not offered
- Pilot training is not offered
- Awards are only offered for studies not available in the region

Preparatory Training

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) levels of 6.5 and above, along with strong academic results will strengthen applications for studies at nominated institutions.

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