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Information for Intake Commencing 2011

Country Strategy

Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) are provided to the Government of Samoa under the bilateral aid program.

The ADS program is instrumental in fulfilling Samoa's human resource needs.

AusAID scholarships in the Pacific region are increasingly focused on providing education through regional institutions. ADS are therefore targeted at those courses that reflect development priorities but are unavailable in the region.

Type, Level and Number of Scholarships

There are two types of scholarships offered for Samoan citizens under the ADS program, five awards for the Open category and five awards for the Public category.

Awards are offered for Vocational studies, Bachelor degrees, Post graduates and Masters.

Priority Sectors

The Government of Samoa reviews their HRD priority areas every two years. Priorities include:

- Health
- Education
- Infrastructure & Utility
- Legal Assistance, Policing, Protection

- Information, Communication Technology
- Community & Social Development
- Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries
- Commerce, Industry & Business
- Government/Public Administration
- Private Sector/Manufacturing
- Engineering / Construction

The Application Process

The application process for ADS is harmonized with the Government of Samoa and NZAID.

Advertisement for applications opens in Mid March till April for the Preliminary application.

Successful applicants of the Preliminary applications will proceed to complete the Common application form.

An independent body will rank all applications before the selection process takes place.

Successful candidates are notified before the end of June.

Closing Dates for Applications

All applications close at the end of April 2010.

Actual Closing date for applications will be specified during the advertisement period.

Special conditions



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1. Must be applying to commence a new course of study and not seeking support for a course they have already commenced
2. Must not hold another scholarship simultaneously.
3. Applicants holding Samoan citizenship ONLY are eligible to be nominated for scholarships tenable in Australia, New Zealand and the region.
4. Applicants holding dual New Zealand and Samoan citizenship are eligible for awards in New Zealand and the region ONLY. (Not in Australia)
5. Applicants holding any other developed country Citizenship/Permanent Residence or Australia Permanent Residence (including American Samoa) will not be eligible for a scholarship award.
6. Applicants must have completed ALL secondary schooling in Samoa and parents are permanently residing in Samoa.
7. Applicants applying for New Zealand Permanent Residence or whose parents are New Zealand Permanent Residents or applying for Permanent Residence in New Zealand are ineligible for scholarship award.
8. Applicants whose parents/spouse are successful under New Zealand Immigration Quota Scheme are NOT eligible.
9. Must be able to take up the scholarship in 2011.
10. Must enter into a scholarship bond arrangement with the Government of Samoa and the sponsoring country which requires return to Samoa on completion /termination of studies
11. Should be under the age of 40 at 1 January 2010. Applicants over this age may be considered on a case by case basis.
12. Should have served at least 2 years of Government of Samoa scholarship Bond.

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