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FROM: **Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of the Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform and Religious Affairs**

TO: Office of the Governor General, Chief Justice, Auditor General, Solicitor General, Financial Secretary, Cabinet Secretary, Chief Executive Officers and Heads of Department

SUBJECT: COMMONWEALTH MASTER'S SCHOLARSHIP: APPLICANTS IN BELIZE: MINISTRY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE, CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL REFORM AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

18th August, 2022

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK (CSC) provides the UK government's Commonwealth scholarship scheme led by international development objectives. Since 1960, the CSC has funded over 30,000 individuals to study in the UK and gain skills, acquire knowledge and build networks to tackle global development challenges.

The CSC is open for applications between 6th September, 2022 and 18th October, 2022. All completed applications must be submitted online no later than 4:00p.m. Greenwich Meridian Time (GMT) on 18th October, 2022. However, the deadline to upload all supporting documentation is 4:00p.m. Greenwich Meridian Time (GMT) on 8th November, 2022. The Ministry of the Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform and Religious Affairs, the National Nominating Agency, is accepting the completed applications between 6th September, 2022 and 31st October, 2022.

CSC Eligibility Criteria for Commonwealth Master's Candidates

To apply for these scholarships, you must:

- Be a citizen of or have been granted refugee status by an eligible Commonwealth country.
- Be permanently resident in an eligible Commonwealth country
- Be available to start your academic studies in the UK by the start of the UK academic year in September 2023
- By September 2023, hold a first degree of at least upper second class (2:1) honours standard, OR a second-class degree (2:2) and a relevant postgraduate qualification (usually a Master's degree). The CSC would not normally fund a second UK Master's degree. If you are applying for a second UK Master's degree, you will need to provide justification as to why you wish to undertake this study
- Be unable to afford to study in the UK without this scholarship
- Provide full transcripts detailing all your higher education qualifications including to-date transcripts for any qualifications you are currently studying (with certified translations if not in English) – uploaded to the online application system



- Provide references from at least two individuals. Applicants are responsible to ensure that referees submit references before specified deadline.

Agency deadlines:

- The Ministry of the Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform and Religious Affairs is accepting completed applications with all supporting documents between 6th September, 2022 and 31st October, 2022.

How to apply

- Candidates must apply using the CSC's online application system. Information on how to use the online application system, including detailed guides are available at [Commonwealth Master's Scholarships - Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK \(fcdo.gov.uk\)](http://Commonwealth Master's Scholarships - Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK (fcdo.gov.uk)). The CSC is unable to accept any applications that are not submitted via the online application system or after the closing date listed above.
- In addition, you are required to submit duly completed applications with supporting documents to the Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of the Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform and Religious Affairs, Ground Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building (Nominating Agency), Belmopan or email to ceo.secretary@mps.gov.bz, no later than 5:00p.m. on Monday, 31st October, 2022.

Contact us:

- Visit our website at <https://www.publicservice.gov.bz>
- Follow us on The Ministry of the Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform and Religious Affairs Facebook Page
- Ministry of Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform and Religious Affairs Training Unit at 501-828-9128/ 828-4231 or Email: ceo.secretary@mps.gov.bz / sandra.cadle@mps.gov.bz

Please note that all applicants are recruited in line with the CSC's anti-fraud policy and procedure which can be viewed at [CSC anti-fraud policy and procedure - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://CSC anti-fraud policy and procedure - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)).

You must make sure you read all general conditions, information and guidelines for the Scholarships before starting an application; these can be found on the CSC Website [Homepage - Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK \(fcdo.gov.uk\)](http://Homepage - Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK (fcdo.gov.uk)).

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