

## FAQ'S for Tertiary Education Scholarship Scheme – TESS 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Call)

1. Is an E-ID required to access the online application?

Yes. All applicants must have an E-ID.

2. Can I apply for a PhD/Professional Doctorate (MQF Level 8)?

Yes. Under the TESS Scheme applicant may apply to read for programmes of study at MQF Level 8.

(See Table 1 under Section 12 of the TESS Regulations).

3. Can I apply to read for a Master's degree (MQF Level 7)?

Yes. Under the TESS Scheme applicants may apply to read for programmes of study at MQF Level 7

that is longer than two (2) years / 24 months duration. (See Table 1 under Section 12 of the TESS Regulations).

4. What documents are required to attach with the online application?

See Section 8 of the TESS Regulations.

5. How big can the attachments be?

Overall, not more than **10 MB**. It is important to save your attachments with the shortest name possible.

6. How much time does the application take to be filled in?

Though the application, can be saved and completed at a later stage, you are required to prepare in advance the Appendices as specified in Clause 8.01.

7. Are there any templates for the Appendices?

No. Use word document for each appendix, write your name and title for each appendix and upload each appendix in pdf. format with your online application as indicated on the form.

8. From where can I seek information/advice about the Appendices?

You may seek academic/professional assistance from a person of your choice, such as academic supervisor/mentor/tutor etc....

9. Are Qualifications required?

If you are applying to read for a qualification at MQF Level 7, no qualifications are required but if you are applying to read for a qualifications at MQF Level 8 applicant shall by 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020 hold a first cycle degree at MQF Level 6 or a second-cycle degree at MQF Level 7 at Master's level.

10. Will my current qualifications and work experience add value to my application?

Yes. You can list your qualifications (from MQF Level 5 and higher) and your work experience on your application. See Clause 4.1.14 and Section 10 of the TESS Regulations.

11. Do I need an MQRIC Evaluation Report?

See Clauses 4.1.14 and 5.2 for further information.

12. Is there an age limit?

No

13. Are the applications Means Tested?

No

14. Are applications shortlisted?

No

15. Are applications to be vetted?

Yes

16. Are applicants required to undergo an interview?

Yes. Eligible applicants will be called for an interview.

17. Am I responsible to seek for a course or Educational Institution?

Yes. It is in your responsibility to seek for any course or Educational Institution interested in, that are mutually recognised by the NCHFE as per Clause 3.25 of the Regulations.

18. Can I choose a foreign Educational Institution?

Yes. Awards are tenable at any local or foreign institution, but only recognised Educational Institutions with accredited programmes shall be taken into consideration.

19. Can I choose more than one course and educational institution?

Yes. It is recommended to list more than one. You can list up to 5 courses/educational institutions on your application. (See Section 6 of the TESS Regulations).

20. Can I still apply if I am not in possession of an Unconditional Letter of Acceptance (ULA) yet?

You can apply all the same as long as you have your course and Educational Institution details in hand.

21. If awarded, can I remain engaged/or engage in employment during my scholarship?

Yes. This applies to anyone who will be awarded that is also those following full-time programmes.

22. If I am already in possession of a Master Degree or currently undergoing another Masters Degree, can I apply to do another Masters?

No. If you are already in possession of a Masters Degree, you can only apply to follow programmes at a higher level at MQF Level 8.

23. If I am in possession of an MQF Level 8, am I eligible to apply?

No.

24. My course commences before 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Am I eligible?

Yes. You are eligible to apply under the TESS Scheme. (See Clause 4.1.7 of the TESS Regulations).

25. The Master that I am going to apply for is less than two (2) years / 24 calendar months. Am I eligible?

**No, not even by one (1) day.** But you are eligible to apply under the Endeavour Scheme.

26. Is the TESS scheme ESF funded or nationally funded?

The TESS scheme is nationally-funded.

27. Will there be an information meeting to achieve further details for this call?

Yes. It will be announced on our website and printed media.

28. How much will I be entitled if awarded the scholarship?

See Section 11 + Table 1 and Section 12 + Table 2 of the TESS Regulations.

29. Opening and Closing Dates of online application

**Online application will be made available as from 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 with the closing date being 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 noon (Malta Time)**

30. Are Late Applications accepted?

No. The online system shuts off the application automatically by noon local time. (See Clause 8.7 and 8.8 of the TESS Regulations).

31. Deadline for submission of documentation:

In the case of the Unconditional Letter of Acceptance, MQRIC reports and academic records/transcripts/certificates are to be submitted by not later than **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. (See Clause 4.1.10 of the TESS Regulations).

32. When are interviews expected to take place?

Interviews are expected to take place between August – October. Follow Clause 9

33. When are results of the interview expected to be published?

They are expected to be published by November 2020.