



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION & SPORTS

HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS FINANCING SCHEME

Extension of Students' loan Application Deadline for applicants from Other Tertiary Institutions (OTIs) and Uganda National Institute of Teacher Education (UNITE)

The Higher Education Students Financing Scheme is established by the Higher Education Students' Financing Amendment Act 2024 to administer the Students' Loan Scheme. The Law mandates the Ministry of Education and Sports to provide Loans and Scholarships to Students who wish to pursue Higher Education in Uganda. The objectives of the Higher Education Students' Financing Scheme are: -

- i. to increase equitable access to Higher Education in Uganda;
- ii. to support highly qualified students who may not afford Higher Education;
- iii. to support critical programmes for national development;
- iv. to ensure regional balance in Higher Education services in Uganda with emphasis to the District Quota distribution of loans
- v. to create a revolving fund

The Ministry of Education and Sports has noted that diploma awarding Other Tertiary Institutions (OTIs) and the Uganda National Institute of Teacher Education (UNITE) has not yet finalised the admission process for the academic year 2025/2026 due to unique challenges experienced by the two institutions.

The Ministry takes cognizant of the critical role the diploma awarding institutions play in skilling Ugandans and also the role **UNITE** is destined to play in promoting teacher education.

In light of this, the Ministry of Education and Sports hereby informs the public that the deadline for application of students' loans specifically for Other Tertiary Institutions (OTIs) and UNITE has been extended until **15th August 2025**. This window is open to **ONLY** applicants for the above-mentioned institutions.

The Ministry of Education will proceed to evaluate applicants from other Universities and Institutions based on submission received on the earlier deadline of **31st July 2025**.

Applications are solely online on www.education.go.ug and applicants can seek help by contacting our Call Center on **0392174999** or **0414255300**.

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