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HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING FOR THE 2023 KCSE COHORT TO UNIVERSITIES

His Excellency the President Dr. William Samoei Ruto on 3rd May 2023 unveiled a new model of funding university and TVET students in Kenya after countrywide consultations by the Presidential Working Party on Education Reforms.

Under the Student-Centred Funding Model, the Placement process of First Year students to universities was delinked from Funding. Based on this, the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) publishes on its portal the full fees structure of each of the courses declared in Universities, alongside the cluster requirements of the degree programmes.

This model was implemented for First Year students who joined Universities and TVETs in September 2023. As at May 2024, a total of 112,741 university students and 151,933 TVET learners applied for scholarships and loans from the Universities Fund and HELB respectively. A total of Ksh24.76B was disbursed to scholarships and loans for universities students, while Ksh11.3B went to TVET trainees.

For the first time since the government adopted the cost sharing policy in higher education, 100 percent of the 2023 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) Examination applicants received financial support to pursue their programme of choice in our universities and TVET institutions.

This year, the second cohort of students joining Universities will also receive financial support under the Student-Centred Funding Model. Of the 201,146 candidates who

qualified for University entry in 2023 KCSE Examination, 153,274 students have been placed by KUCCPS to various degree programmes in Universities.

Based on the placement results, some Universities have released letters of admission and fees structures for the courses as displayed in the KUCCPS portal during the application process.

The Government has since noted that some parents/guardians (households) have had a perception that they will be required to pay the full fees as contained in the admission letters issued by individual Universities.

The Government wishes to clarify that fees for each degree programme will be funded through three (3) components – **Scholarship, Loan** and **Parents/Guardians (Household)** contribution. The funding allocation for each component will depend on the assessed level of need of each applicant.

The Government further clarifies that the **Parents/Guardians (Household)** contribution for each student will only be known after the student has applied for funding and assessment based on the level of need is completed. This will thereafter determine the amount of **scholarship** and **loan** that they require.

I direct the Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and the Universities Fund (UF) to open the Higher Education Funding portal – www.hef.co.ke - on **June 15th, 2024** to **allow the eligible students to apply for funding.**

I wish to notify all parents, guardians and students that results of the funding application process will be released from **July 31st 2024**. In light of the foregoing, I wish to state as follows:

1. All First-Year students will report to their respective universities based on their admission letters and joining instructions as advised.
2. Upon results of the funding applications being released, Universities shall notify all their respective First-Year students of the amount to be paid by **Parents/Guardians (Household)**.
3. Universities and Funding agencies should immediately embark on sensitisation of students, parents/guardians and stakeholders on the Student-Centred Funding Model.



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