

**Table 1: Approved Courses to be granted Students' Loans FY 2013/14**

S/No.	Programmes/ Courses
1	B. Medicine & Surgery (MBChB)
2	B. Pharmacy
3	B. Nursing
4	B. Dentistry
5	B. Medical Lab. Sciences
6	B. Medical Lab. Completion
7	B. Clinical Medicine & Comm. Health
8	B. Community Health
9	B.Sc. Medical Radiography
10	B. Veterinary Medicine
11	B. Nursing Completion
12	B. Pharmaceutical Sciences
13	B. Physiotherapy
14	B.Sc. Education
15	B. Agriculture
16	B.Sc. Agriculture Mechanization
17	B.Sc. Water Resource Eng.
18	B.Sc. Agro Processing Eng.
19	B.Sc. Animal Production and Management
20	B.Sc. Mining
21	B. Agriculture & Entrepreneurship
22	B. Voc. Studies in Agric. with Educ.
23	B.Sc. Electrical Engineering
24	B.Sc. Civil Engineering
25	B.Sc. Mechanical Engineering
26	B.Sc. Petroleum Engineering



Under instruction: Medical student at Mulago National Referral Hospital-Kampala

## Key Highlights

1. The Students Loan Scheme is meant for Ugandan scholars ONLY, pursuing higher education in recognized Public and Private universities.
2. Initially the Loan shall cover Tuition and Functional fees ONLY.
4. The Loan will attract an Interest determined by the Board and approved by the Minister.
5. The Loan will initially benefit **1,000** Students (brilliant but needy students) to pursue Science related programs in both Public and Private Universities (Chartered universities). This programme will cover the disciplines shown in the Table 1.
6. A student who received a loan shall start re-paying the loan at least one (1) year after completing his/her education.



### Ministry of Education and Sports

#### Students' Loan Scheme

**Official Address:**

Students' Loan Taskforce,  
 Department of Higher Education,  
 Ministry of Education and Sports  
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## Students' Loan Scheme



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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# STUDENTS' LOAN SCHEME

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)



# Students' Loan Scheme(SLS)-FAQs

## Vision

Access to higher education for all Ugandans

## Mission

To provide student loans to eligible citizens of Uganda to enable them access higher education at affordable rates and increase equitable access to higher education in the country.

## Question: What is Students' Loan Scheme?

### Answer:

Students' Loan Scheme is a fund intended to provide financing to Ugandan students who have qualified for higher education in recognized institutions of higher learning but are unable to support themselves financially.

## Question: Why Students' Loan Scheme?

### Answer:

It is intended to address the following:-

1. To increase equitable access to technical and higher education in Uganda;
2. To support highly qualified Ugandan students who may not afford higher education;
3. To ensure regional balance in higher education services in Uganda;
4. To develop and support courses critical to national development and to ensure quality education in public institutions through quality assurance and supervision.
5. To ensure sustainable revolving loans fund.

## Question: Where is Students' Loan Scheme located?

### Answer:

Students' Loan Scheme is located in the Ministry of Education and Sports Head office. We can be reached using any of the following addresses:

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Department of Higher Education,  
Ministry of Education and Sports  
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## Question: Who is eligible for the loans?

### Answer:

- 1) The scheme is for only Ugandan students seeking financial assistance to pursue an accredited course of study or scheme of higher education in an accredited institution of higher learning recognized by the National Council for Higher Education.
- 2) The board may, by notice in the Gazette and a newspaper of wide national coverage, declare the programmes or courses of study to be funded in a particular academic year.

## Question: What does the loan cover?

### Answer:

- 1) A loan shall cover the following:-
  - a) tuition fees;
  - b) Functional fees; and
  - c) Research fees; where the fees are required for the course or scheme of study.
- 2) A loan may include specified amounts in respect of accommodation or meals, where the Board determines that the funds are sufficient to provide those items, in addition to the fees prescribed in 1) above.

## Question: Who will benefit from the initial students' loans?

### Answer:

The Student Loan Scheme will initially offer loans to students pursuing their first degrees in local public and private chartered universities pursuing courses shown in table 1 overleaf. Over the following years the loans shall be extended to those pursuing Humanities and Science programmes. The programs to be awarded loans will be decided upon by the Board with the approval of the Minister.

## Question: Will the Loan attract an Interest?

### Answer:

- 1) Every student loan shall be repayable with interest.
- 2) The interest shall be determined by the Minister in consultation with the Minister responsible for finance and upon the recommendation of the Board.

## Question: How does one apply for the Loan?

### Answer:

- Application for the Loan shall be as follows:-
- (1) An eligible student may apply to the Board for the loan.
  - (2) Every application shall be accompanied with:-
    - (a) a copy of an admission letter from the institution of higher education
    - (b) a copy of a document identifying the applicant
    - (c) Copies of academic results slips, certificates or transcripts
    - (d) Three recent passport photographs
    - (e) Prescribed fees

In the interim, students will apply for the Loan after being admitted at the University of their choice.

## Question: Where does one apply for the Loan?

Answer: Application forms shall be available at the Universities (office of the dean of students); Regional Uganda Post office across the country or the Ministry website <http://www.education.go.ug>. Students are advised to apply for the loan after being admitted at the university but before the opening date to allow ample time for processing and remittance. The forms will be delivered back to the office of the deans of Students where they will be collected by the staff of Students Loan Taskforce. This is to ensure that there is limited congestion of students at the offices of SLS

Applicants will be required to pay processing fee as determined by the Board. In future application forms will be downloaded from the board's website; picked from the dean of students, post office and designated places to be determined by the board.

## Question: Who will receive the Loan amount?

Answer: The Board in respect of each student, shall disburse the tuition fees, functional fees, and research fees directly to the University or other tertiary institution, in the manner determined by the Board.