



Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Service

“Building a Smarter Fiji”

COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

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This advisory serves to inform all Tertiary Scholarships and Loans Service (“TSL”) sponsored students of the new conditions for sponsorship benefits:

1. In accordance with the policy change announced in the 2021-2022 national budget, it is now a condition for the benefits under the various schemes administered by TSL for all Fijian Government sponsored students to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
2. The COVID-19 vaccination directive is to safeguard the health of all TSL sponsored students and their families, customers and visitors to our offices, and the public at large from the transmission of COVID-19. Based on scientific evidence, vaccination will minimise the risk of hospitalisation, transmission and death.
3. In order to continue receiving the schemes benefits (this applies to both, tuition and allowances), all TSL sponsored students must have at least received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine no later than 15 August 2021, and the second dose of the COVID -19 vaccine 8 weeks after their first dose. This must not exceed beyond 1 November, 2021.
4. For the purpose of this requirement, the COVID-19 vaccine means a vaccine approved for use against the virus by the Permanent Secretary for Health and Medical Services.
5. Unless otherwise exempted for medical reasons or as a result of the COVID-19 vaccine not being available in a particular area (as provided in paragraphs 6 and 7 of this advisory), TSL sponsored students who fail/refuse to receive the COVID-19 vaccine (that is, to receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 15 August 2021 and the second dose of the vaccine 8 weeks after their first dose) in accordance with this advisory will be in breach of their condition of sponsorship and will face suspension from the scheme until the requirements are met.
6. Any TSL sponsored student who has a history of severe allergic reaction to any component of the COVID-19 vaccine, or for any other legitimate medical reason, as verified by the Permanent Secretary for Health and Medical Services, may be exempted from the requirement to be vaccinated. Any such TSL sponsored student must apply for exemption from the Permanent Secretary and any such request must be accompanied by a medical certificate from the Permanent Secretary for Health and Medical Services. Requests for exemption must be made in writing to TSL by no later than 15 August 2021.
7. In areas where the COVID-19 vaccine is not available until 15 August 2021, TSL may extend the deadlines for a student in that area to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, to such time the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available in that area, as verified by the Permanent Secretary for Health and Medical Services. TSL sponsored students staying in such areas must get evidence

of the unavailability of COVID-19 vaccine their area and submit the same to TSLS by no later than 15 August 2021.

8. Due to the requirement for all TSLS sponsored students to be fully vaccinated to be eligible to receive the schemes benefits and the timelines for the students to get vaccinated as per this advisory, **all allowances payment will now be on a monthly basis to ensure that only eligible students and rates of allowances are paid until evidence of vaccination is provided to TSLS.**
9. For students who fail/refuse to get their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccination by 15 August 2021, all further allowance and tuition payments will be suspended until they get vaccinated. Allowance payments will only be for remaining weeks after evidence of dose 1 is submitted to TSLS.
10. Students who receive their first dose by 15 August 2021 and have submitted the evidence of the same to TSLS will continue to receive their allowances till 1 November 2021 on a monthly basis.
11. After the due date for the second dose on 1 November 2021, only students who are fully vaccinated will continue to be paid their allowances and tuition.
12. Allowance and tuition payments for students who have received their first dose but are not fully vaccinated by 1 November 2021 will be suspended until evidence of vaccination is submitted to TSLS. Allowances thereafter be paid for remaining weeks only from the date the evidence of second dose is submitted to TSLS.
13. All tuition and hostel payments will be held back until the student's provides evidence of full vaccination to TSLS.
14. All students must visit our website www.tsls.com.fj or use this link and fill in the online vaccination form <https://tsls.com.fj/Forms/Vaccination-Form>.

For any queries or clarifications use our Live Online Chat Service available on our website www.tsls.com.fj between 8.00a.m to 5.00p.m from Mondays – Fridays or email us on vaccinationcard@tslb.com.fj.

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