



**Tertiary Scholarship and Loans Board**  
**“Building a Smarter Fiji”**

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**CALL FOR SUBMISSION**

**REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL PRIORITY AREAS FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND LOANS SCHEMES**

The Tertiary Scholarship and Loans Board (“TSLB”) is responsible for ensuring transparent and accountable management of government funding provided for tertiary scholarships and loans. In doing this TSLB focuses on achieving the best educational outcomes for Fiji and ensuring that funding spent on scholarships and loans will result in contributions to the Fiji economy and workforce.

In recognition of the role of TSLB and the need to spend the funds allocated by the Fijian Government for the administration of the various scholarship and loans schemes on the priority areas (skills in demand and shortage areas), a national priority areas list was prepared in 2014. The same has been reviewed annually and the current list can be downloaded from TSLB website [www.tslb.com.fj](http://www.tslb.com.fj)

TSLB has commenced work on a more comprehensive and thorough review of the national priority areas for funding under the scholarship and loans scheme. The review is aimed at (amongst others):

1. Establishing the human resources needs of the industry sectors (Public/Private and NGO) for the next 10 years;
2. Identifying the skills shortage and continuing demand areas in the various sectors of the economy;
3. Identifying the emerging areas in the labour market and including the same in the funding priority areas while at the same time establishing the obsolete/redundant/upgrading skill areas and either removing them from the funding areas or considering the option of upskilling the workforce.
4. Preparing a Human Resources Development Plan for Fiji for the next 10 years in consultation with stakeholders underpinned with ‘Industry 4.0 trends and new normal imperatives’ by ranking and prioritising the needs for funding under the scholarship and loans scheme respectively to meet the short, medium and long term needs of the employers in Fiji.
5. Reviewing the budgetary allocations with prudence to ensure that adequate level of funding is available and invested in skills demand and shortage areas in Fiji.

To ensure that the priority areas plan for the next 10 years (2021-2031) are reflective of the needs of the public and private sector including NGOs, TSLB is now calling for written submissions to

meet the objective of this review. The written submission should include what an individual, Non-Governmental Organisations, Civil Societies, Educators and Education Institutions, Professional Bodies, Sporting Bodies, Business Communities and any other Fijian recognize as the short, medium and long term human resources needs of Fiji are.

Submission received from the members of the public will enable TSLB to identify and allocate funding in areas that more strongly contributes to the Fijian Government's vision of creating a knowledge based society and to create a more skilled and adaptable workforce.

Written submissions are to be submitted to:

The Chief Executive Officer  
Tertiary Scholarship and Loans Board  
26 McGregor Road  
Fiji Nursing Association Building, Suva  
PO Box Private Mail Bag  
Government Building  
Suva

Or emailed to [ceo@tslb.com.fj](mailto:ceo@tslb.com.fj) (soft copies of the submissions will be highly appreciated)

Submissions are due by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

For any further information/clarification on the above, interested parties can contact TSLB Chief Executive Officer on email on [ceo@tslb.com.fj](mailto:ceo@tslb.com.fj)

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