

# Funza Lushaka: Teaching Bursary / Scholarship is closing today (12 January)

**Closing Date: 12 January 2018 (New applications)**

**Closing Date: 17 November 2017 (Re-applications)**

The Funza Lushaka Bursary Programme is a multi-year programme that promotes teaching in public schools. Full cost bursaries are available to enable eligible students to complete a full teaching qualification in an area of national priority. Recipients of these bursaries will be required to teach at a public school for the same number of years that they receive the bursary.

Qualified recipients of the bursary must request placement in a province of their choice. The provincial education department (PED) concerned will determine if there is a suitable post available. If there is not, the applicant may be placed in a PED that does not have suitable vacancies.

## **Selection criteria include the following:**

- The applicant's academic ability;
- Eligibility for an approved degree or PGCE in two of the priority areas;
- Commitment to a teaching career, which includes: interest in working with young people; enthusiasm for a professional career in teaching; readiness to face and surmount difficult challenges; and personal integrity;
- Commitment to teach in any school to which a student may be appointed by a PED.
- Everything else being equal, selection should favour candidates from rural areas, candidates who wish to teach in rural areas and candidates whose financial position would otherwise exclude them from enrolment for

a teaching qualification.

## The Priority Areas Are:

<b>Foundation phase (i.e. Grades R-3):</b> Foundation phase specialization in an Indigenous African Language.
<b>Intermediate and Senior Phase (i.e. Grades 4-9):</b> A teaching major in two of the following: Mathematics; Natural Science; Technology.
<b>FET phase (i.e. Grades 10-12):</b> A teaching major in two of the following: Accounting; Agricultural Sciences; Agricultural Technology; Civil Technology; Computer Applications Technology; Economics; Electrical Technology; Engineering Graphics and Design; Geography; Information Technology; Life Sciences; Mathematics; Mechanical Technology; Physical Sciences.

### What the bursary covers

Funza Lushaka bursaries cover all the recipient's essential expenses. Expenses covered include tuition, full accommodation including meals, books and learning materials, and a small allowance for monthly living expenses. The allocation to any individual student is capped at a specific value. Where the HEI charges more than the capped value the bursars will have to top up from own funds. Universities have different cost structures, so the total value of a bursary differs from institution to institution.

## Conditions For Repeating A Year

The bursary period may be extended to cover one additional year in a degree programme, or the time required for completion of one additional course in the PGCE programme. Only one such extension will be granted. Funding for an additional year of study (i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> year) is not automatic and will be considered on a case by case basis. In cases where

support is provided for an additional year, the service obligation for the student is extended by a year. Any additional time required will be at the recipient's own cost. The bursary is renewable for one academic year at a time. On proof of academic success the bursary may be renewed each year until the recipient of the bursary has qualified as a teacher.

## **Conditions For Repayment Of The Bursary**

The bursary must be repaid only if the recipient fails to qualify, fails to apply for a teaching post with a PED at a public school, fails to take up a teaching post with a PED at a public school, leaves a teaching post with a PED before the end of the contracted service period, or otherwise fails to meet a requirement of the bursary agreement.

## **How To Apply**

You need to apply for admission to a teaching qualification (B Ed or PGCE) or a Bachelors degree (e.g. BSc, B Tech, BA) with at least one major course in a priority area at a university of your choice. Once you have gained admission at a university, you are required to apply for the bursary via this Internet website:

- [First-time Applications: Apply for the Funza Lushaka: Teaching Bursary Programme](#)
- [Re-Applications: Apply for the Funza Lushaka: Teaching Bursary Programme](#)

The bursary is awarded for one academic year at a time and, on proof of academic success, the bursary may be renewed each year until the recipient of the bursary has qualified as a teacher. The bursary holder will be required to re-apply by the end of October for the following year. Recipients of bursaries will be required to teach one year for every year for which they receive a bursary.