



DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
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OVERSEAS TRAINING BIDS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS OPENS

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Overseas Training Bids for all Public Servants for 2024 Australian Government Scholarships and information on the United Kingdom Commonwealth and Chevening Scholarships are now open. The Australian Awards Scholarships application date opens on February 1st and closes on May 1st, 2023. Interested applicants for the UK Commonwealth and Chevening Scholarships must visit the website early around August and September of 2023 to prepare well for the 2024/2025 application process which will close in early November 2023.

Department of Personnel Management who is the nominating agency has released this information at the end of 2022 through Circular Instruction No. 21 of 2022, dated 19th December, 2022, to all Departmental Heads, Provincial Administrators, all Heads of Public Funded Authorities and Public Servants informing them of the Overseas Training Bid Announcement for 2024.

All Training Bids for public servants will go through the DPM for analysis and consideration in line with the General Order 6 requirements against each Agency's Learning & Development (L&D) Plans.

Secretary Ms Taies Sansan said, agencies that have expired or have L&D Plans must submit a request through her office for assistance for Capacity Needs Analysis (CAN) to be conducted.

Secretary Sansan said, in submitting Training Bids, HR Managers are advised to strictly comply with the requirements or failure to do so will lessen the chances of applicants securing a scholarship.

"All staff training bids must be thoroughly screened by Agency Training Committees and subsequently endorsed by the Agency Head or a delegated Deputy/Nominee, evidence through a formal accompanying letter to DPM".

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Secretary Sansan said, all training bids must be supported by the Agency's Learning & Development Plan and Key Result Areas.

"Training bids align with the development priorities of the Government of PNG which are Health, Education, Governance, Law & Justice, Transport & Infrastructure and Agriculture".

"Applicants must be permanent public servants meaning that they must have served two years after the date of permanency, and must have completed a minimum of two years in their chosen field study and the program applied for must be progressive (eg: Nursing Officer with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing applying for a Masters in Nursing/Public Health)"

Under the training bids, public servants who apply under the open category will automatically be eliminated in the first instance.

Teachers must apply through the Department of Education for endorsement. Bids endorsed by Provincial Administrators or PEBs will not be accepted.

"It has now become mandatory, consistent with General Order 6.36 to 6.37, that your Training Evaluation must be completed on Form SDT6.1 and should reach my Office no later than 31st March, 2023."

"This information is vital for the purposes of informing the National Executive Council (NEC) and the National Parliament on the annual public service training numbers".

Secretary Sansan said, what is also immediately required by DPM is a record of all the Public Servant's Short and Long term and Present and Past Staff list from the agency HR.

"Once you have completed the staff training record, you will find that the information already forms the basis of your Annual Training Evaluation Report which is due annually in March. Those agencies who have submitted their reports are excluded".

"I look forward to receiving your Overseas Training Aid Bids before the closing dates for Australia, New Zealand and UK Scholarships".

All bids must be sent to my Office, and Attention to Ms Agnes Tamate, Executive Manager, Capacity Building and Development Division.

Agencies that have current Learning and Development (L&D) plans are eligible to apply and submit applications for 2024 Scholarships.

For assistance regarding Circular Instruction 21 of 2022, please contact DPM's Public Sector Capacity Building & Development Division on telephone numbers 327 6358, 327 6382, and 327 6407 respectively.

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