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MBABANE (Eswatini)

PRESS RELEASE

Announcement of 40 scholarships for students from the Kingdom of Eswatini under the India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme (G0179) for the Academic Year 2026-27

The High Commission of India, Mbabane announces 40 scholarships for students from the Kingdom of Eswatini under the India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme for the Academic Year 2026-27. The process right from Application to Admission for these scholarships is online. Following is the schedule for filing applications and acceptance of the same:

27 Feb 2026	Opening of ICCR's A2A Scholarship Portal http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in
15 Apr 2026	Last date for submission of applications on the portal
30 Apr 2026	Last date of universities to inform the decision (if confirmed, intimation to Missions; if rejected, intimation to students)
15 May 2026	Last date of acceptance by students

2. Applications from interested Emaswati students are invited online through ICCR's A2A Scholarship Portal http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in. **It may be noted that the above schedule is tentative.**

Highlights of the Scheme/Admission process
(for more information, visit http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in)

- The process right from Application to Admission for these scholarships is online.
- These scholarships cover from undergraduate to PhD courses.
- Applicants should be between 18 and 35 years at the time of admission for UG/PG Courses. For PhD courses, the age limit is 40 years.
- Admissions in Medical/Paramedical (Nursing, Physiotherapy, anesthesia etc.)/fashion/law courses/integrated courses such as BA LLB (5 years)/B.Sc. & M.Sc (5 years) etc. are not admissible.
- It may be noted that for BE/B.Tech courses, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics are compulsory in 11-12 Grades (Form-IV&V) and Mark sheets for Grades 10 to 12 (Form III-V), equivalent level of school should be uploaded along with transcripts.
- Applicants have the option to apply to 5 Universities/Institutes in the order of their preference.
- A 500-word essay in English is mandatory to ascertain English proficiency. Students can also submit their TOFEL/IELTS etc. Standardised Test scores, if available. If desired, Universities will directly conduct interview of applicants online.
- Rejected candidates will be intimated by Universities.
- The scholarships include return economy class airfares.
- Students are advised to visit University/Institute website and do thorough research of course offered, eligibility criteria and general information before applying for admission.
- **Scholarship is awarded only after the High Commission is satisfied that the student intending to study in India has no serious health issues**, has not submitted incomplete/fraudulent documentation or any other such parameters, which may negate the objective of promoting goodwill through these scholarships.
- **Students are advised not to visit the High Commission at this stage for any queries, without prior appointment.** Queries, if any, could be addressed to inf.mbabane@mea.gov.in.

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