

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



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Rwandan higher education institutions operate their admissions policy in line with their Equality and Diversity Policies. The admissions policy applies to all programmes. No applicant will be refused admission unreasonably or on other than academic grounds or fitness for the programme.

This policy sets out the academic, medical (physical and mental) and moral criteria for admission and the specific requirements for different diploma and degree programmes. The Rwanda Education Board allocates full-time government sponsored studentships on the basis of performance in the national examinations. However, to gain admittance, such students have to meet any specific requirements laid down by the programme they are intending to study, including medical and moral ones. Such additional criteria will be included in the documentation submitted for the validation of the programme. .

Academic Requirements

The general academic requirements for admission are set out in the General Academic Regulations. To be admitted to the first year of an undergraduate programme it is necessary to have an Advanced General Certificate of Secondary Education with at least two principal passes permitting entry to higher education or a qualification or other evidence of ability to study on the programme which is considered equivalent. Applicants must also demonstrate sufficient competence in English to study at Higher Education level 1. Individual programmes may set requirements above the minimum level.

Moral Requirements

Before registration for a programme of higher education, students may be required to provide a certificate of police clearance. Criminal conviction may not preclude admission but conviction or caution for a relevant criminal offence (all offences other than minor road traffic offences) will preclude admission for training to teach, to train

as a tutor in a teacher training college or for the Police, and similar limitations may be applied by other professions such as medicine, social work or nursing. All students admitted for training as teachers, tutors or for the police force will in addition have to meet any moral requirements set out by the Ministry of Education for Registered Teachers and the Police Force for Serving Police Officers, or any equivalent requirements imposed by a potential employing Ministry. Any such requirements will be included in the validated Programme Specification and advertised to potential students. Any student who is found to have wilfully deceived the institution as to their criminal record may be permanently excluded from the institution.

Medical Requirements

Before registration for any programme of study, proof of medical fitness to study from a registered medical practitioner is required. Those registering for programmes which imply a licence to practice – for example, teacher training or college tutor training, nursing, medicine, social work, policing - may additionally have to undergo a medical examination by the Institution's doctor. The medical examination will determine the applicants' physical and mental suitability for his or her prospective profession. Students will additionally have to meet any requirements laid down by the Ministries or employing bodies with respect to medical requirements. Any such requirements will appear in the validated Programme Specification and be advertised to prospective students. Any student on a programme of study who after registration is found to be medically unfit to pursue that programme of study will be required to withdraw. Where appropriate, every effort possible should be made to find the student a place on an alternative programme whose medical fitness requirements they meet.