# Australia Awards Scholarships – Nepal For study commencing in 2020

# Eligibility Checklist

Potential applicants for Australia Awards Scholarships from Nepal for studies commencing in 2020 are encouraged to use this checklist to assess whether they satisfy the eligibility criteria for a Scholarship before they commence an application. This checklist is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Country Profile for Nepal and other relevant information available at: <http://australiaawardsnepal.org>.

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|  | Criterion | Your response/eligibility |
| Personal details |
| Q1 | Are you over 18 years of age? | [ ]  Yes—please continue to Q2[ ]  No—you are ineligible |
| Q2 | Are you a citizen of Nepal and currently residing in and applying from Nepal? | [ ]  Yes—please continue to Q3[ ]  No—you are ineligible |
| Q3 | Are you married, engaged to, or a de facto of a person who holds, or is eligible to hold, Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency? | [ ]  Yes—you are ineligible [ ]  No—please continue to Q4 |
| Q4 | Are you applying for a visa to live in Australia? | [ ]  Yes—you are ineligible[ ]  No—please continue to Q5 |
| Q5 | Are you current serving military personnel? | [ ]  Yes—you are ineligible[ ]  No—please continue to Q6 |
| Previous scholarships from the Australian Government |
| Q6 | Have you previously been awarded an Australia Awards Scholarship? | [ ]  Yes—please continue to Q7[ ]  No—please continue to Q8 |
| Q7 | Have you resided outside of Australia for twice the length of the total time that you were in Australia for your previous Australia Awards Scholarship?(For example, if you were on an Australia Awards Scholarship in Australia for two years, you will not be eligible to apply for another Australia Awards Scholarship until you have resided outside Australia for four years.) | [ ]  Yes—please continue to Q8[ ]  No—you are ineligible |
| Proposed study program |
| Q8 | Does your proposed study program fall within one of the priority fields of study on offer for Australia Awards Scholarships 2020? * Economic Development
* Education
* Gender, Inclusion and Disability
* Governance (for Government of Nepal applicants only)
* Health
* Water Resource Management
 | [ ]  Yes—please continue to Q9[ ]  No—you are ineligible. If you fall within one of the target groups but your proposed study program does not match any of the priority fields of study on offer, you are ineligible unless you change your proposed field of study.  |
| Q9 | Is your proposed study program at Masters degree level? | [ ]  Yes—please continue to Q10[ ]  No—you are ineligible |
| Q10 | Is your proposed course of study more than two years? | [ ]  Yes—you are ineligible[ ]  No—please continue to Q11 |
| Qualifications and work experience |
| Q11 | Do you satisfy **one** of the following requirements?* Four year Bachelors degree with minimum three years’ relevant experience earned in a full-time role after the Bachelors degree; or
* Three year Bachelors degree with at least a one year Masters degree with minimum three years’ relevant experience earned in a full-time role after the Bachelors degree; or
* Two year Bachelors degree with at least a two year Masters degree with minimum four years’ relevant experience earned in a full-time role after the Bachelors degree.
 | [ ]  Yes—please continue to Q12[ ]  No—you are ineligible |
| English language proficiency |
| Q12 | Do you have **one** of the following test scores that will be still valid on 1 January 2020?* An IELTS (Academic) overall score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0; or
* An internet-based TOEFL (iBT) score of at least 79, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests; or
* A Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) overall score of 58, with no communicative skill score less than 50?

**OR*** Are you a female applicant, a person with a disability[[1]](#footnote-1), a member of traditionally marginalised group[[2]](#footnote-2), or a nominated public servant, with an IELTS (Academic) overall score of 6.0 or above (with no individual band less than 5.0) or an equivalent TOEFL paper-based/internet based or PTE test score?

*Note: Australia Awards recipients must meet the course-specific English language requirements of institutions, which may be higher than the minimum requirements specified here.* | [ ]  Yes—you *may* be eligible. We encourage you to investigate further at: <http://australiaawardsnepal.org>[ ]  No—you are ineligible unless you can satisfy this criterion by 30 April 2019. |

1. Under Australian law, disability includes physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological and learning disability, physical disfigurement, and the presence in the body of disease-causing organisms. People with disability who meet the eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply for an Australia Awards Scholarship. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Traditionally marginalised groups are any such groups identified and/or listed by the Government of Nepal as being traditionally marginalised, such as Dalit, Janajati, Madhesi, Muslim, etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)