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SCHOLARSHIP REANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Health is pleased to reannounce the availability of scholarship for Master of Healthcare Administration, the Young Leaders' Program 2027 (YLP), under the Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship for October 2027 intake:

Course	Course duration	University/ Country	Slot	Target Group
Master of Healthcare Administration	One year	Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan	5-10 potential candidates will be recommended for final selection by the YLP Committee established by MEXT	Both Clinical and Non-Clinical fulfilling the Scholarship Criteria

1. Eligibility Criteria

- Should fulfil all eligibility criteria as per Section 7.7.4 of BCSR 2023;
- Should have bachelor's degree at the time of entry into civil service or be selected through BCSE;
- Clean service record; and
- Should fulfil all the scholarship eligibility requirements (Click here for details).

2. Age Criteria

- Under 40 years old as of October 1, 2027 (i.e. born on or after October 2, 1987)

3. Competency in English

- A minimum IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 or TOEFL-iBT score of 80 or equivalent or Duolingo English Test (DET) of 110 and above.

4. System-generated Information

The following information shall be generated from ZESr for shortlisting. Therefore, applicants need to verify the information by logging into Self-Service Portal, ZESr at <https://zest.rcsc.gov.bt/> within the scholarship application deadline:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV); and
- Moderation score/Performance Evaluation Ratings (IWP) for past two financial years (2024-2025 & 2025-2026)

5. Documents required while applying

- No Objection Certificate from the HRC of the Working Agency/Dzongkhag;
- Degree Certificate and transcripts;
- Individual Achievement Certificates after entry into Civil Service (Voluntarism/Community Service, Extracurricular activities/Publication or Peer Reviewed Research/Professional Recognition/Civil Service Award); and
- IELTS/ToFEL/Duolingo English Test Certificate.

Link to Duolingo English Test site: <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/applicants>



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6. Application procedure and deadline

Interested and eligible candidates under the Ministry of Health who meet the above eligibility criteria must submit the above documents using the following link within **12 October 2026** before **5PM**:

[Click Here for Application Form link](#)

7. Shortlisting and Selection procedure

- Candidates will be shortlisted as per [Form 7/8 - Google Docs](#) of the HR Manual 2023
- First screening/selection of candidates by the Ministry of Health, Bhutan will be purely based on merit ranking of the selection result;
- Second screening by host university based on application documents
- Third screening through interviews of candidates conducted by faculty members of host university
- Primary selection based on total scores of the second and third screenings along with comments of interviewers
- Final selection by the YLP committee established by MEXT

8. Post selection procedure

Upon confirmation of admission, the selected candidate shall submit the following documents to the HR Division via email at hrd@health.hov.bt, two-three months prior to the course commencement date:

- LTT Study Leave Application Form 7/B [Form-7 B.pdf](#);
- Offer letter;
- Course content;
- Letter of Good Standing from BQCPA (clinical staff);
- Valid online approved Security Clearance Certificate;
- Valid online approved Audit Clearance Certificate (attach offer letter as evidence document); and,
- Medical Fitness Certificate (valid 6 months from date of issue).

1. Important Note

- Applications received without the endorsement of the HRC working agency/Dzongkhag and with incomplete documents will not be accepted for the purpose of shortlisting;
- Selected candidate shall be required to undertake drug test and will have to pass the test to be eligible for the scholarship;
- Only those candidates who are committed to this scholarship should apply.
- In case the selected candidate withdraws from the scholarship after announcement of selection result, the scholarship shall be offered to the next standby candidate; and
- Selected candidates withdrawing from the scholarship once selected will be required to maintain a cooling period of 2 years to be eligible for study leave for dishonouring the scholarship after signing the Scholarship Acceptance Letter.



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Those who have already applied need not apply again.

[Click here to view all the documents related YLP Scholarship](#)

For further inquiries, please contact HRD, MoH at hrd@health.gov.bt



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