



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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ALL STUDENTS ASSURED UNIVERSITY ADMISSION – NO STUDENT TO BE TURNED BACK FOR NON-PAYMENT OF HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTION

The Ministry of Education wishes to inform all students who have qualified for university admission that they are guaranteed a place in their chosen institutions, irrespective of their ability to immediately pay the household contribution. Vice-Chancellors of public universities have therefore been directed to admit all qualified students without exception.

Additionally, the Vice-Chancellors are required to facilitate suitable accommodation arrangements for first year students, with the guarantee that the necessary fees will be paid upon disbursement of the upkeep component. The Ministry is working with the National Treasury to expedite the release of the requisite funds.

These directives reflect the Government's unwavering commitment to ensuring that no deserving student is denied the opportunity to pursue higher education due to financial constraints.

Students with questions or appeals regarding fees and funding are encouraged to contact our dedicated teams at universities during admission or through the Higher Education Portal at www.hef.co.ke. Appeals will be processed within three weeks from the date of application, ensuring timely financial support for students in need. The deadline for applications has been extended to **31st December, 2024**, to accommodate those who may face delays.

As a Ministry, we welcome recommendations from Parliament and other stakeholders on strengthening the New Funding Model and improving

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the Means Testing Instrument. For sustainable financing of higher education, we shall earnestly work together with all stakeholders to develop a legal and policy framework that consolidates the various bursary and scholarship schemes provided by different entities, such as NG-CDF, County Governments, the Ministry of Education and other public and private players. Combining these public resources will enhance equity and affordability in education and also strengthen efficiency by eliminating wastage.

We remain steadfast in our mission to provide quality education for all and will continue to work towards creating an inclusive, accessible, and equitable education system for every student in the country.



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