



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

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**PRESS RELEASE UPDATE NO. 1**

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**UPDATE ON FUNDING, CATEGORIZATION OF STUDENTS AND  
APPEALS PROCESSING**

Following the opening of the Higher Education Portal for this application cycle, **134,029** applications for loans and scholarships have been received to date. A total of **127,591** applications have already been categorized into the various bands.

Thus far, **Ksh. 5.2 Billion** has been released to the Higher Education Loans Board for tuition and upkeep loans. **Ksh. 2.8 Billion** has been released to the Universities Fund for scholarships. The funds are now being disbursed to the respective university and student accounts, upon ascertainment of students' reporting and admission. The disbursement process will be completed by **30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**.

Of the categorized applicants, **12,958** have lodged appeals for re-categorization. The processing of the appeals has now started, and will be concluded within **three weeks** from the date of each of appeal. The portal will remain open until **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024**, to allow for late appeals.

The re-categorization will rely on the accuracy of the information provided regarding an applicant's socio-economic background; affirmative action considerations; socio-demographic factors; and, family education expenses.

To ensure that all applicants are categorized fairly and that no one is deprived of deserved funding, we are working with officers from the National Government Administration Office, in a multi-agency approach. These officers will assist in verifying the information provided by applicants from their respective jurisdictions, across all the **106,600** villages in the country.

This approach underscores the Government's commitment to ensure that no student is left behind. The multi-agency approach is **part of the broader effort** to enhance transparency, efficiency and accountability in the funding

process, and to ensure that funding decisions are based on accurate and verified information. **We therefore request all applicants to act with integrity and diligence in providing accurate and comprehensive information concerning their circumstances.**

We reiterate our commitment to work together with all stakeholders, and to promptly and effectively address any challenges that arise in this process.



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