Full-time Bursaries: 2027

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment is inviting full-time students to apply for bursaries, to be awarded in the 2027 academic year, in the following fields of study:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES (Ref: EP/01/2027)	FORESTRY MANAGEMENT (Ref: FOR/01/2027)
• BSc Degree/ Hons/ MSc in Environmental Management/Science • BSc Conservation Ecology/Biodiversity/ Biology • BSc Marine Biology • B Degree/Hons/ MSc Engineering Management / Civil Engineering • B Sc/ Hons Geographical information System • MSc Ecological Economics	• Diploma in Forestry • Advanced Diploma in Forestry • Bachelor of Science • Honours in Natural Resource Management • BSc in Forestry and Wood Sciences
REGULATORY COMPLIANCE SECTOR MONITORING (Ref: RCSM/01/2027)	**BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION (Ref: B&C/01/2027)**
• LLB (Major courses: administrative law, legislative drafting, Environmental Law) • LLM • B.A Law, A Diploma, or a Degree in Paralegal • Bachelor of Environmental Sciences/Management • BSC majoring in Geography, Geoinformatics • Bachelor of Environmental Management majoring in Environmental Impact Assessment	• ND/BA Environmental Management / B Sc Environmental Science • B Sc Natural Sciences Management • ND/ Degree Eco tourism and game range management • N Dip/BTech/ Postgraduate Diploma: Nature conservation • BSc Zoology and Botany
OCEANS AND COASTS (Ref: OC/01/2027)	**FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (Ref: FISH/01/2027)**
• B Sc/ Hons/ M Sc/ PhD: Biodiversity/ Conservation Biology/ Marine Biology/ Environmental Science • BTech Engineering: Electrical/ Electronic/ Mechanical/ Communication • Hons/ Masters : Physical/ Chemical/ Biological Oceanography • BA/ BCom/ Hons/ Masters/ PhD : Natural Resource Economics/ Environmental Economics/ Maritime Studies/ Maritime Economics • Hons/ Masters : Ecophysiology/ Taxonomy/ Systematics • B Sc/ BTech/ Hons/ M Sc/: Marine Biology and Ecology/ Environmental Management/ Nature Conservation or equivalent • B Eng/ B Sc Eng: Coastal Engineering, coastal dynamics and adaptation, restoration and rehabilitation • BA/ BCom: Marine and Coastal policy, Community engagement and stakeholder management • B Tech/ Hons: Coastal and Marine climate change • B Tech/ Hons: Coastal Spatial Planning/ Town and Regional Planning • Hons/ M Sc: Chemistry-Heavy Metals/ Hydrocarbons • Hons/ M Sc: Ecophysiology/ Taxonomy (Systematics and Biodiversity)	• Maritime Studies (related to harbour/ports – fishing harbours) /Maritime law • BSc/Hons/MSc/PhD Oceanography, Marine Biology, Ichthyology, Environmental Science, Aquaculture and Fisheries • B Sc Marine / Fisheries Biology • Hons/MSc/PhD Zoology (freshwater ecology or specialising in the field of freshwater fisheries) • Bachelor's degree, Post graduate studies, B Tech, BSc Hons, MSc, PhD, (Marine biology, Aquaculture, Environmental Science/management, Fisheries Science, Aquatic Science, or a related field) • Actuarial Science • MSc Applied Mathematics/ Statistics with population dynamics modelling • BTech, Beng Tech or BSc Eng in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering • BSc/MSc in GIS and Remote Sensing / Environmental Informatics • Postgraduate Diploma/ MSc in Climate Change and Sustainable Development • Hons/Masters Economics, Agriculture Economics, Fisheries Economics
CLIMATE AND CHANGE AND AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT (Ref: CCAQ/01/2027)	**CHEMICALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT (Ref: CWM/01/2027)**
• ND /B Sc Environmental Science • ND/B Sc Environmental Management • B Degree Earth and Environmental Sciences • B Degree Natural Science • B Sc Chemistry • B Sc Geography / Archaeology and Environmental • ND/ B Degree in Sustainable Development	• ND/ B Tech/ B Degree/ Hons/ M Sc: Chemistry • ND/ B Tech/ M Tech/ D Tech : Environmental Science/ Environmental Management / Environmental law/ Environmental education • ND/ B Tech/ M Tech/ D Tech Waste Management/ Recycling Economy/ Waste as resource • BA Degree/Hons/M Sc Geography and Society with research in Waste Management/ Rescource Efficiency/ Circular economy/ Extended producer responsibility • B Degree/Hons/MA : Chemical Engineering / Civil Engineering • B Degree/ Hons/ M Sc/ PhD Natural Sciences with research in resource efficiency/ Geography/ Development Studies • LLB Degree/ LLM/ PhD : Environmental Law with research or thesis in transforming environmental law to keep up with the latest international trends on waste as a resource

The minimum requirements to apply for the bursary is Grade 12(Matric). Consideration will be given to previously disadvantaged and **people with disabilities who are South African citizen.** The maximum amount of the bursary is R80 000.00.

NOTE: This advert only applies to fulltime students enrolled with the institution of higher learning or currently doing Grade 12(Matric) and not employed. Please indicate clearly on the application form the reference number and the study field. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Correspondence will be limited to successful applicants only. If you have not been contacted by end of January 2027, please accept that your application was unsuccessful. Successful applicants will be expected to sign a bursary contract. No faxed or emailed applications will be accepted. The prescribed bursary application form is obtainable from www.dffe.gov.za.

Students who have previously participated in the public service internship program are ineligible for consideration. Upon completion of your studies, participation in the internship program is mandatory as part of the bursary contract agreement. It is important to note that regulations prohibit participation in the internship program more than once.

Bursary application should be accompanied by the following documents:

- Motivation as to why the bursary should be awarded to you
- Copies of qualifications and recent academic records
- Copies of Identity Document (Applicant and both parents or guardian)
- Proof of registration (if already enrolled with the institution of higher learning)
- Latest Grade 12 results (if currently in High School)
- Proof of parent/s or guardian's income
- Proof if parent/s are deceased
- Affidavit if parent/s are not working

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