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Acting Manager Corporate Communications
and Customer Services
Ms. Chiselwa Kawanda

EDITOR'S REMARKS

Dear esteemed readers I am delighted once again to welcome you to this special edition of our bi-annual magazine, "HELSB today in the year 2024." In this particular edition, we have covered a variety of stories ranging from University Collaborations, Stakeholder engagements inductions, culture, advertisements, Notices, Calender for University publishment of adverts, Labour day celebration, board composition, Mandate, vision and HELSB's contacts to provide a balanced publication which addresses the aspect of effective communication.

We therefore encourage our readers to feel part and parcel of this publication by contributing to articles on any interesting stories on news value. Letters to the editor also welcome provided they are short and straight to the point. It is our hope and belief that you will find this publication captivating, entertaining, educative and informative.

Enjoy your reading.



Chief Executive Officer
Dr. John Machayi

“At the heart of our mission lies a deep-seated belief in the transformative power of education.”

FOREWORD

Dear Valued reader,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome you to the inaugural edition of our institution's newsletter. This marks a significant milestone in our journey to provide vital information to students pursuing their educational dreams.

As we embark on this journey with our institution's first Bi-annual newsletter, I am filled with excitement and a deep sense of purpose. Our mission to provide accessible student loans to eligible Zambians is not merely a financial endeavor but a commitment to empower individuals in their pursuit of knowledge and opportunity.

At the heart of our mission lies a deep-seated belief in the transformative power of education. We understand the pivotal role that access to affordable student loans plays in enabling individuals to unlock their potential and build a better future for themselves and their communities.

We celebrate not only our institution's commitment to educational empowerment but also the inspiring stories of resilience and determination that define our student body. Each student we support embodies the spirit of possibility, and it is our privilege to stand by them on their educational journey.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every member of our institution—our dedicated team, our partners, and, most importantly, our students—for their unwavering commitment and passion. Together, we will continue to break down barriers to education and pave the way for a brighter tomorrow.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in our institution. I look forward to the impactful strides we will take together in the days ahead.

Warm regards,



Acting Manager Corporate Communications
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Ms. Chiselwa Kawanda



Acting Corporate Communications and
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Ms. Martha P. Mwale



Corporate Communications and Customer
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Mr. Stephen Chileshe



EDITORIAL TEAM

MISSION STATEMENT

HELSB has committed itself “ to administer loans and scholarships for higher education to meet the National demand for Human Capital ”.

VISION



“A dynamic, visible and accessible provider of loans and scholarships for higher education to eligible Zambians ”.

MANDATE



HELSB is responsible for administration, granting payment, recovery of loans and investment; administration and granting of scholarships; and granting of scholarships; and mobilization of financial resource for loans and scholarships.

Core Values

1

Courtesy:

we shall give due attention to all our clients and stakeholders in a courteous manner;

2

Integrity:

we shall discharge our duties in an ethical, independent and honest manner;

3

Accountability:

we shall take responsibility for our actions in dealing with client and stakeholders;

4

Equity:

we shall deliver services premised on the bedrock of fairness and objectivity;

5

Transparency:

we shall administer loans and scholarships following a clear and open criteria communicated to our clients and stakeholders;

6

Teamwork:

we thrive on collaboration, cooperation and coordination with all stakeholders in the execution of our mandate;

7

Professionalism:

we shall discharge our duties with utmost competence, skill and diligence.

BOARD COMPOSITION

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Benchmarking Visit to Dar Es Salam



Our Chief Executive Officer, Dr. John Machayi, led a delegation on visits to the University of Dar Es Salaam and the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education Training (NACTVET), marking an important milestone in our commitment to excellence.

University of Dar Es Salam Visit

At the University of Dar Es Salaam, Dr. Machayi and his team were warmly welcomed by Professor Bonaventure Rutinwa, the Acting Vice Chancellor for academics. Professor Rutinwa commended the delegation on the crucial benchmarking initiative, recognizing its significance in strengthening performance in student loans and scholarships programs. With 28,000 students sponsored by the Higher Education Student Loans Board of Tanzania at the University, this collaboration is vital in ensuring the effective support and advancement of higher education.



Future Outlook

As we reflect on these fruitful engagements, we are energized by the possibilities that lie ahead. Through continued collaboration and strategic partnerships, we aim to drive positive change and innovation in higher education financing and support. We remain dedicated to our mission of empowering students and advancing higher education opportunities for all.

Kapasa Makasa Induction Program and Sensitization

We are delighted to bring you the latest updates from the Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSB) and Kapasa Makasa University. Here are the highlights from the familiarization meeting held in Chinsali:

1. Meeting Between HELSB CEO Dr. John Machayi and Kapasa Makasa University VC Prof. Jacob Mwitwa:

HELSB Chief Executive Officer Dr. John Machayi and Kapasa Makasa University Vice Chancellor Professor Jacob Mwitwa met in Chinsali for a familiarization meeting. During the meeting, Dr. Machayi and Professor Mwitwa exchanged valuable insights regarding HELSB-sponsored students at the university. They discussed various aspects of student support and welfare, aiming to enhance the educational experience for HELSB beneficiaries.



2. Campus Tour:

Following the meeting, Dr. Machayi and Professor Mwitwa, accompanied by their respective teams, embarked on a campus tour. The tour provided an opportunity for the HELSB delegation to gain a firsthand view of the university's facilities, infrastructure, and academic environment. It also facilitated discussions on potential areas of collaboration and improvement to further support HELSB-sponsored students.

3. Strengthening Educational Opportunities:

The meeting and campus tour underscored the commitment of both HELSB and Kapasa Makasa University to providing quality education and support to students. By fostering collaboration and dialogue, the aim was to ensure that HELSB beneficiaries received the necessary resources and assistance to excel in their academic pursuits.

4. Future Initiatives:

Looking ahead, HELSB and Kapasa Makasa University are poised to explore new avenues for partnership and innovation. They remain dedicated to enhancing access to higher education through scholarships, loans, and other support mechanisms, empowering students to realize their full potential and contribute meaningfully to society.



Training-for-Excellence:

HELSB members of staff underwent a comprehensive training program on Etiquette and Protocol, facilitated by the Zambia Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies. This training was aimed at elevating our professional standards and foster growth in crucial areas such as:

- Enhancing collaborative partnerships
- Strengthening client management
- Enhancing our corporate image

By investing in the development of our team, we're ensuring that HELSB remains at the forefront of supporting higher education in Zambia.



Benchmarking Initiative with the Higher Education Student Loans Board of Tanzania

As we mark another milestone in our journey towards enhancing higher education opportunities, we are delighted to share some significant updates and insights from our recent activities.

HELSB held a successful benchmarking initiative with the Higher Education Student Loans Board of Tanzania. Dr. John Machayi, Chief Executive Officer, led this endeavor, which focused on fostering collaboration and sharing best practices in the realm of higher education financing and support. Through this initiative, we have strengthened our relationships and laid the groundwork for future cooperation in advancing common goals.



The Importance of Sustained Communication

Dr. Machayi emphasizes the critical role of sustained communication in our collective efforts to enhance higher education. By maintaining open channels of communication and engaging in regular dialogue, we can build upon the relationships established during benchmarking visits and work collaboratively towards our shared objectives. We are committed to fostering a culture of information sharing and collaboration to drive positive change in the higher education landscape.

Upcoming Initiatives and Opportunities

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. We remain dedicated to expanding access to higher education through our loan and scholarship programs, supporting students in their academic pursuits, and promoting excellence in education. Stay tuned for updates on upcoming initiatives, scholarships, and events as we continue to work towards our mission of empowering students and advancing higher education in our community.

Get Involved

We invite you to join us in our journey towards transforming higher education. Whether you are a student, educator, policymaker, or stakeholder in the education sector, your participation and input are invaluable. Together, we can create a brighter future for generations to come.

EMBRACING-CHANGE

HELSB Staff Team Building



CEO Dr. John Machayi encouraged the team to embrace change for growth. **“Let's stay proactive in adapting to new ways of supporting higher education”.**



Here's a snapshot of the significant developments driving our efforts to advance higher education:

Strengthening-Partnerships:

Deputy Provost of Heriot Watt University, Dr. Theodore Henry, visited the HELSB offices in Lusaka and met with the Chief Executive Officer, Dr. John Machayi. Their discussions focused on exploring potential collaboration and partnership opportunities between Heriot Watt University and HELSB. With Heriot Watt University's expertise in Physics, Mathematical Sciences, Engineering, and Architecture, Built Environment, and Planning, this partnership holds great promise for advancing academic excellence and research in Zambia



Consultative Meetings with CUE-Kenya:

Dr. John Machayi, accompanied by a HELSB delegation, recently engaged in consultative meetings with the Commission for University Education (CUE) in Kenya. Key areas discussed included:

- Addressing inadequate facilities for capital-intensive science-based programs.
- Enhancing university capacity to support enrollment growth.
- Ensuring effective oversight of online learning quality and curriculum standardization.
- Aligning university programs with competency-based requirements to meet industry needs.
- Facilitating accreditation and reaccreditation processes for universities.
- Encouraging healthy competition among universities based on quality and standards.



Pictured alongside Dr. Machayi and HELSB Board Director, Mr. Maurice Hichilima, are officials from CUE Kenya, including Prof. Mwaka (Head of Program Accreditation), Dr. Marete (Director of Standards and Quality Assurance), and Victor Ogunyo (Director of Corporate Services), along with delegates from the Ugandan Student Financing Board.

These engagements underscore our commitment to fostering strategic partnerships and addressing critical issues to enhance the quality and accessibility of higher education in Zambia and beyond.

Thank you for your dedication and support as we continue our mission to advance higher education.

HELSB celebrates International Women's Day

Message from Dr. John Machayi, CEO of HELSB:

As we observe International Women's Day, it is with great pride and admiration that I extend my warmest greetings to each of you.

Today, we celebrate the remarkable achievements of women worldwide, across social, economic, cultural, and political spheres. It is a day to recognize their invaluable contributions and reaffirm our commitment to supporting and empowering them in their pursuit of equality, justice, and opportunity.

Let us stand together, united in our resolve to create a more inclusive and equitable society where every woman's voice is heard, valued, and respected.

On this special occasion, I am honored to acknowledge and pay tribute to all the incredible women who inspire us with their resilience, strength, and determination every day.

“Together, we can foster an environment where women thrive and continue to make a profound difference in our lives and communities.”



Engagement with Parliamentarians: Strengthening Educational Initiatives

In our commitment to advancing higher education opportunities, HELSB engaged in a fruitful dialogue with parliamentarians on March 4, 2024. Led by our esteemed Chief Executive Officer, Dr. John Machayi, this session delved into pivotal educational initiatives aimed at fostering accessibility and excellence.

Key discussions centered on:

- Optimization of scholarship programs to reach deserving students.
- Forging of strong partnerships with educational institutions to enhance academic support.
- Utilization of constituency offices for effective channels to be used in HELSB's information dissemination.

Hon. Harry Kamboni, Chair of the Parliamentary Education Committee, underscored the importance of such engagements, recognizing their role in providing valuable insights into HELSB initiatives. There was unanimous agreement on the need to replicate successful programs implemented in other countries to bolster educational access.

Dr. Machayi expressed sincere appreciation for the collaborative spirit exhibited during the discussions. He emphasized the critical role of parliamentarians in effectively communicating HELSB initiatives to the public, thereby enhancing awareness and participation.

Notably, there was consensus on the necessity of formalizing the relationship between HELSB and parliamentarians through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This signifies a joint commitment of transparency and effectiveness in advancing access to higher education.

As we progress in our mission to empower future generations through education, we remain dedicated to fostering collaboration and innovation.



Induction of First-Year Students at the University of Zambia.

Inducting students on the intricacies of a student loan scheme is paramount in ensuring informed decision-making and responsible financial management throughout their academic journey. On March 29, 2024, the Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSB) conducted the induction ceremony for first-year students at the University of Zambia who have been awarded Student Loans for the 2023/2024 academic year.

Led by Acting Deputy Director of Operations, Mr. Derrick Chisanga, the HELSB team welcomed the new cohort of students and provided them with valuable information regarding their student loans. During the session, students were informed about the following new changes to the student loan program:

1.Meal Allowance Upgrade: The meal allowance has been upgraded from K22.50 per day to K25.00 to better support students while they are in school.

2.Registration Fees Coverage: HELSB will now cover registration fees for all students on HELSB sponsorship, easing the financial burden on students and their families.

3.Accommodation Refund: HELSB sponsored students who are not accommodated will receive an accommodation refund equivalent to the minimum amount provided for students who are accommodated, ensuring fair treatment for all. Following the presentation, students had the opportunity to ask questions and clarify any doubts they may have had.

We are committed to supporting students on their educational journey and ensuring that they have the resources they need to succeed. Congratulations to all the new students, and we wish you a fruitful and fulfilling academic year ahead!





Celebrating Tradition at the 2024 Nc'wala Traditional Ceremony

We are delighted to share our recent participation in the 2024 Nc'wala Traditional Ceremony. The HELSB team joined the renowned Nc'wala and actively engaged in the ceremonial proceedings, marking a significant commitment to the communities we serve.

Our involvement in this esteemed event reaffirmed our dedication and promise to extend our services to the communities we serve. We were honored to have contributed to one of the nation's most significant traditional and cultural events.

The participation of HELSB underscored our continuous support and respect for traditional ceremonies and culture. It was a testament to our commitment to fostering unity and celebrating the rich heritage of our nation.

Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in this memorable event. Together, let's continue to make a positive impact in our communities and preserve our cultural heritage for generations to come.

Meeting with Chipata Mayor

In an effort to foster stronger community participation and partnerships, on February 22, 2024, the Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSB) had the honor of meeting the Mayor of Chipata, Mr. George Mwanza. During the meeting, Mayor Mwanza expressed his enthusiasm for the Keeping Girls in School (KGS) program- by HELSB at the tertiary level. He emphasized the significant impact the program would have on advancing female education in our community, highlighting the opportunities it would provide for young women to pursue higher education.

Mayor Mwanza commended HELSB for positively impacting lives in Chipata through student loans and scholarships. He expressed his happiness that HELSB would be participating in the 2024 Nc'wala ceremony, recognizing it as a valuable platform to reach a broad audience and further our mission.

Furthermore, Mayor Mwanza extended his office's readiness to collaborate with HELSB to ensure the objectives of our programs were met. This partnership signified a shared commitment to advancing education and opportunities for all members of our community.

The HELSB delegation, led by Ms. Chiselwa Kawanda, Senior Corporate Communications Officer, was honored to engage in fruitful discussions with Mayor Mwanza and looked forward to further collaboration to empower students and enrich our community.

Thank you for your continued support as we worked together to make a difference in the lives of students and communities across our nation.



Information Enhancement (HELSB meets Chief Madzimawe.

We are thrilled to share a significant development in our efforts to expand access to education and opportunities in Zambia. On February 23, 2024, His Royal Highness, Chief Madzimawe of the Ngoni people in Kasenengwa District, Eastern Province, called for continued collaboration with the Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSB) to enhance information dissemination about HELSB services in the region and across Zambia.

During a courtesy call by HELSB members of staff at his palace in Mutenguleni Village, Chief Madzimawe emphasized the importance of improving awareness about HELSB services among the people of Eastern Province. He noted that lack of information had prevented some individuals from accessing HELSB services.

In response to Chief Madzimawe's call, Ms. Chiselwa Kawanda, Senior Corporate Communications Officer at HELSB, expressed concern about the low number of girls enrolled in the Keeping Girls in School (KGS) initiative at the tertiary level in Eastern Province.

Ms. Kawanda highlighted that currently, only two (2) students from Eastern Province were sponsored under the KGS program.

Ms. Kawanda emphasized the need to increase the number of applicants from the province, as the KGS initiative was available to all enrolled female students. She explained that the KGS initiative fund for tertiary education was administered by the Ministry of Education through HELSB.

In an effort to address this issue and increase awareness of HELSB services, His Royal Highness graciously opened the doors of his palace for further engagement with HELSB. This collaboration presented an invaluable opportunity to reach more individuals and ensure that education opportunities were accessible to all who needed them in Eastern Province and beyond.

We were grateful for Chief Madzimawe's support and looked forward to working closely with him to empower students and promote education throughout the region.

STUDENT LOAN ADVERT

STUDENT LOAN ADVERTS THAT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED



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Applications are invited from suitably qualified Zambians that meet the minimum requirements outlined here below to apply for Undergraduate GRZ Student Loans for the 2024/2025 Academic Year at Palabana University.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should be:

- (i) Zambians with Green National Registration Cards (NRC)
- (ii) School leavers admitted to Palabana University for the 2024/2025 Academic Year
- (iii) School leavers who completed Grade 12 in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
- (iv) 24 years old or below by August, 2024

PALABANA UNIVERSITY



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Applications are invited from suitably qualified Zambians that meet the minimum requirements outlined here below to apply for Undergraduate GRZ Student Loans for the 2024/2025 Academic Year at Chalimbana University.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should be:

- (i) Zambians with Green National Registration Cards (NRC)
- (ii) School leavers admitted to Chalimbana University for the 2024/2025 Academic Year
- (iii) School leavers who completed Grade 12 in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
- (iv) 24 years old or below by September, 2024

CHALIMBANA UNIVERSITY



HELSB
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and Scholarships Board

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Zambians that meet the minimum requirements outlined here below to apply for Undergraduate GRZ Student Loans for the 2024/2025 Academic Year at Mulungushi University.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should be:

- (i) Zambians with Green National Registration Cards (NRC)
- (ii) School leavers admitted to Mulungushi University for the 2024/2025 Academic Year
- (iii) School leavers who completed Grade 12 in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
- (iv) 24 years old or below by August, 2024

MULUNGUSHI UNIVERSITY



HELSB
Higher Education Loans
and Scholarships Board

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Zambians that meet the minimum requirements outlined here below to apply for Undergraduate GRZ Student Loans for the 2024/2025 Academic Year at Kwame Nkrumah University.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants should be:

- (i) Zambians with Green National Registration Cards (NRC)
- (ii) School leavers admitted to Kwame Nkrumah University for the 2024/2025 Academic Year
- (iii) School leavers who completed Grade 12 in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
- (iv) 24 years old or below by September, 2024

KWAME NKUMAH UNIVERSITY

MAY



JUNE



JULY



AUGUST



OCTOBER



ADVERTISEMENTS CALENDER FOR STUDENT LOANS

To our esteemed reader, note the times that HELSB publishes its advertisements for local public universities every year.

We encourage all eligible students from these universities to take advantage of these opportunities to apply for student loans to support their academic pursuits. Keep an eye out for further details on application procedures and deadlines in our bi-annual newsletters.

For any inquiries or assistance regarding the application process, please feel free to contact HELSB or visit our website www.helsb.gov.zm for more information.

We're grateful for your ongoing support as we work towards empowering students and enhancing access to education.

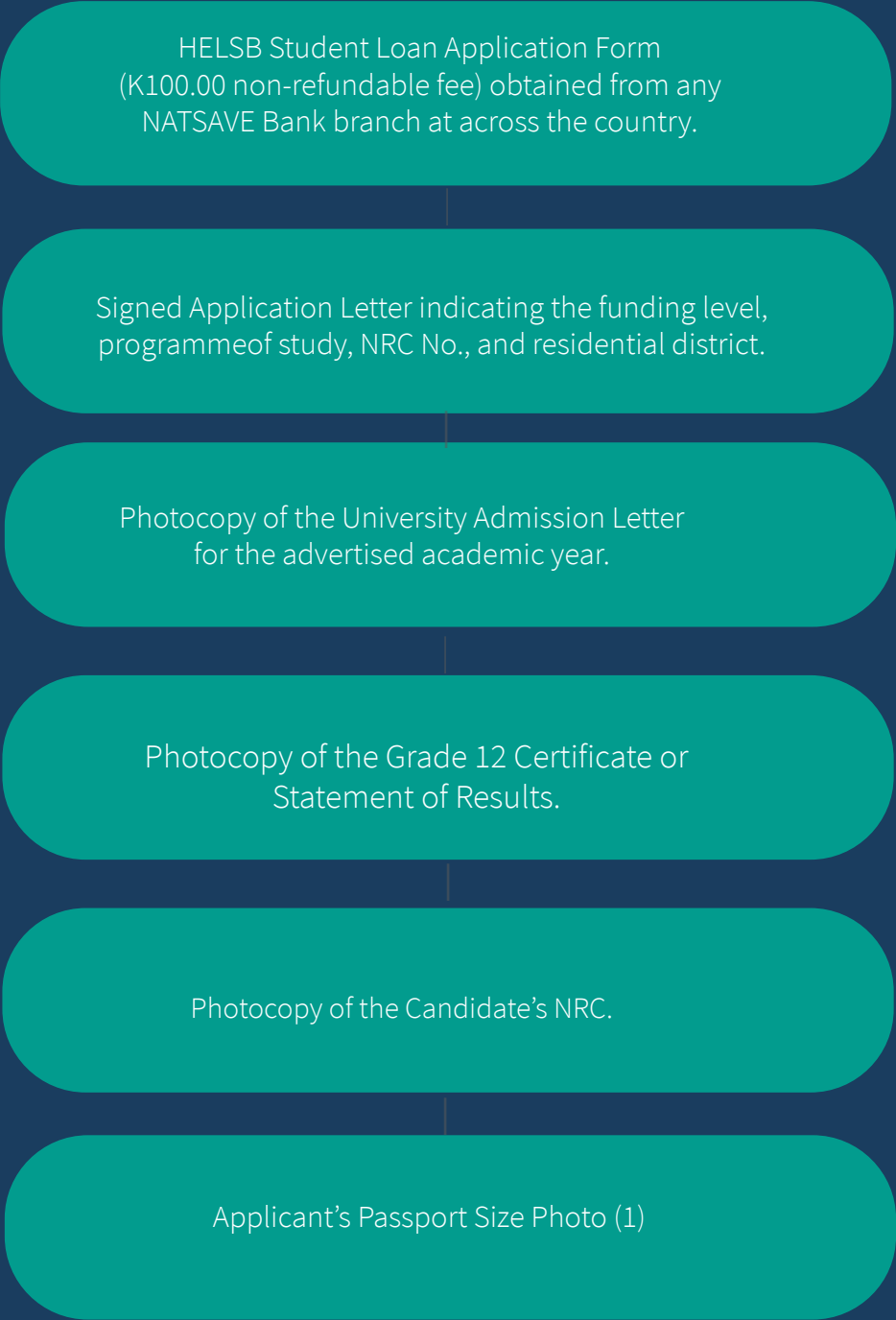
The Student Loans Scheme is currently available at eight (9) public universities:

- 1. University of Zambia
- 2. Copperbelt University
- 3. Kapasa Makasa University
- 4. Mulungushi University
- 5. Mukuba University
- 6. Kwame Nkrumah University
- 7. Chalimbana University
- 8. Palabana University
- 9. Zambia University College of Technology.

STUDENT LOAN ELIGIBILITY

- Must be Zambian with a Green NRC.
- Has attained 24 years of age or less at the time of award.
- Must be admitted at one of the 8 Public Universities under student Loan Scheme .
- Must be a school leaver who successfully completed secondary school within the last four years.

STUDENT LOAN METHOD OF APPLICATION



- **APPEAL PROCESS**
- **CHANGE OF STATUS**
- **REACTIVATION**

APPEAL PROCESS

Eligibility for Appeal - must have applied with HELSB when the advertisement was running.
When - Immediately the list is published.

Documentation to attach:

- Appeal Letter stating grounds for appeal;
- Photocopy of the University Admission Letter;
- Photocopy of the Grade 12 Certificate or Statement of Results;
- Photocopy of the Deposit Slip and HELSB Student Loan Application Form; and
- Photocopy of the candidate's NRC.

CHANGE OF STATUS

- This is when a student wants to change the sponsorship status from self to HELSB.
- Students must meet the criteria that was set at the time they entered university.
- Must submit the following documents immediately the University seasonal results are out:
- Photocopy of the University Admission letter;
- Photocopy of the Grade 12 Certificate or Statement of Results;
- Photocopy of the candidate's NRC; and
- University Sessional results.

REACTIVATION

A student may reactive a student loan when the student who:

















- Withdrew on medical ground is readmitted to the HEI after being certified fit by a licenced medical doctor;
- Was referred to part-time or repeat year, proceeds to full-time after clearing all part-time or repeat courses;
- Was excluded or redirected from a programme of study or school, proceeds to a progressive year of study;
- Repeated the academic year/semester due to change of programme of study or school, proceeds to a progressive year of study;
- Withdrew on maternity ground proceeds to a progressive year of study; and
- Found alternative sponsor has their sponsorship discontinued and proceeds to a progressive year of study.

A student is required to apply immediately the sessional results are out and attach relevant documents (e.g. sessional results, letter from doctor, letter from university).

SCHOLARSHIPS

- A scholarship is a monetary award granted to students to help them pay for their education. Unlike student loans, scholarships do not require repayment. to education and fostering academic excellence.
- HELSB scholarships are awarded to Zambian students under undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.
- These awards are made possible through multilateral, bilateral and partnership agreements.

Currently HELSB sponsors students to the following countries:

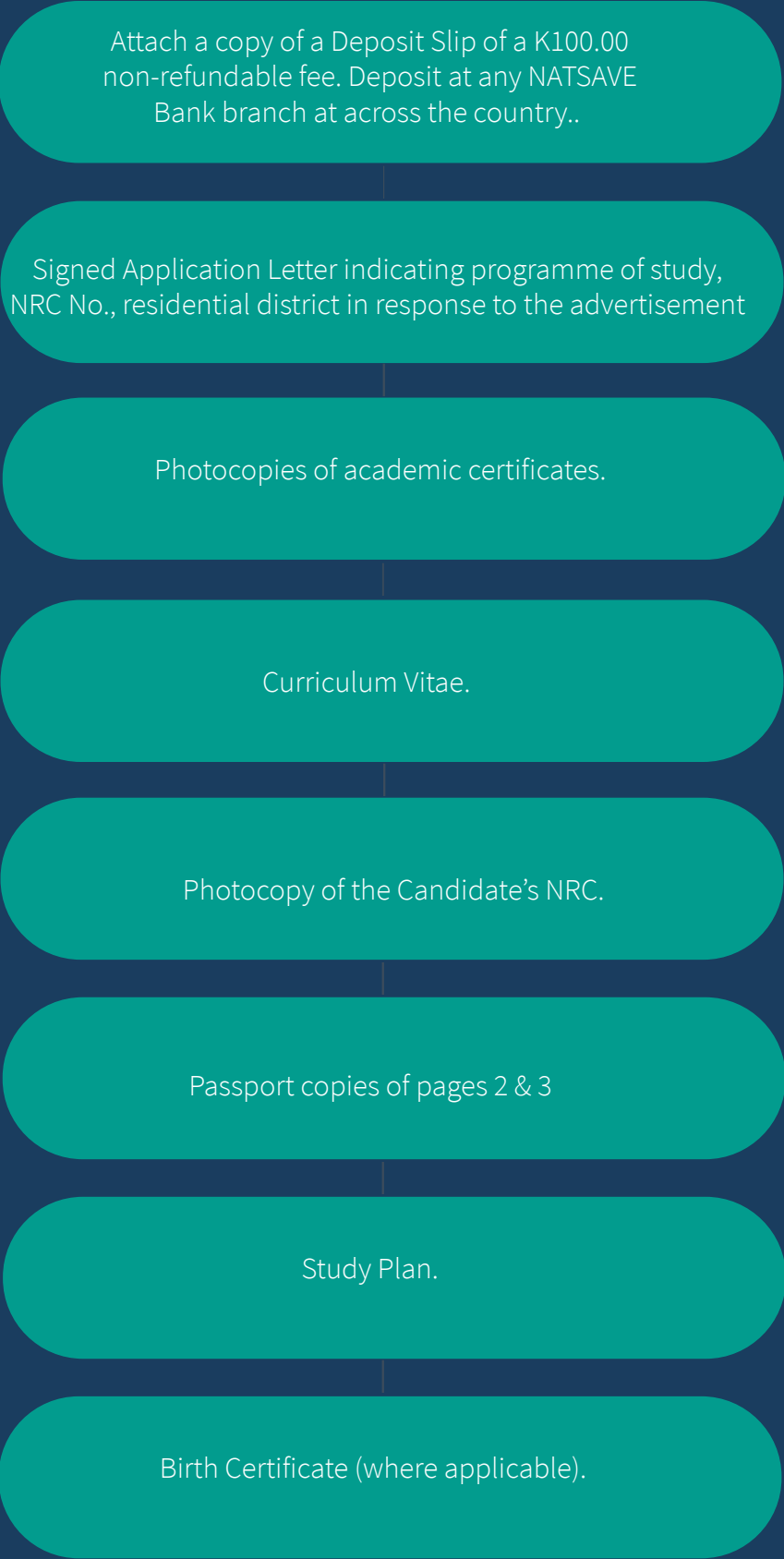
 ALGERIA	 CHINA	 CUBA	 SOUTH KOREA
 EGYPT	 INDIA	 ISRAEL	 AZERBAIJAN
 MOROCCO	 SERBIA	 RUSSIA	 MAURITIUS
 TUNISIA	 U.K(CW)	 TURKEY	 NEW ZEALAND (CW)

(CW - COMMONWEALTH)

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- Must be Zambian with a Green NRC.
- Be a school leaver who completed secondary school within the timeframe stipulated by the host Country or Partner.
- Be a holder of a first degree graded as prescribed by the host Country or Partner for Master’s degree candidates. The first degree shall be relevant to the programme of study applied for.
- Be a holder of a Master’s degree for PhD candidates.
- Be of a particular age as stated by the host Country or Partner.
- Must have a valid Zambian passport.
- Must have a birth certificate (some countries like Morocco).
- Countries may have additional scholarships conditions.
- Note: It is a requirement by the host country that all nominated candidates undergo comprehensive medical examinations.

SCHOLARSHIPS METHOD OF APPLICATION



Celebrating Labour Day: A Message of Appreciation from HELSB

Dear HELSB Team,

As we mark Labour Day in this bi-annual newsletter, we want to take a moment to express our sincere gratitude to each of you. Your hard work and resilience are the bedrock of Zambia's economic recovery, and it is your dedication that propels us forward towards a brighter future.

In the face of challenges, you continue to demonstrate unwavering commitment and strength, embodying the spirit of possibility and resilience. Together, we stand strong, united in our mission to build a better tomorrow for all.

Thank you for your tireless efforts and unwavering dedication.

#HELSB#LabourDay #BuildingResilience#TogetherWeThrive"



Celebrating Achievement: HELSB Labour Day Awards Gala

Greetings Esteemed Readers,

On the 5th of May 2024, Members of staff of the Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board, Led by Chief Executive Officer, Dr. John Machayi, convened to honor exceptional staff members during the Labour Day awards ceremony at Mulungushi Conference Centre. The event shone a spotlight on the dedication and perseverance of our workforce.

In his address, Dr. Machayi emphasized the significance of unity and sustained effort from every HELSB employee. He reiterated that our mission to empower students through education is achievable only through collaborative endeavor and unwavering commitment. Dr. Machayi's words served as a poignant reminder of the pivotal role each individual plays in propelling our organization forward.

The evening's highlight was the acknowledgment of outstanding team members who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to their responsibilities. These individuals have surpassed expectations in advancing HELSB's objectives and fostering its growth, epitomizing our core values of excellence and service.

As we extend congratulations to this year's well-deserving recipients of the HELSB Labour Day awards, we also express heartfelt gratitude to all our staff members for their tireless efforts and dedication. Each one of you contributes significantly to furthering our mission and positively impacting students' lives nationwide.

Greetings Readers,

As HELSB, we are thrilled to share the enriching experiences of our recent endeavors spanning (covering) Western and Southern Provinces. From May 13th to 22nd, 2024, led by our passionate team, our mission extends beyond financial assistance; it encompasses empowerment through education. Our journey commenced in Kalabo District, where our Deputy Director Finance, Mr. Floyd Ndabulula, engaged in insightful discussions with District Commissioner Mr. Musangu Njamba. Together, they underscored the importance of merit-based criteria for government support, laying the groundwork for subsequent engagements.

In Mongu, the capital of Western Province, our courtesy call to Western Province Deputy Permanent Secretary Mr. Richard Mulwanda highlighted the significance of sensitization programs in increasing awareness of HELSB's offerings. These programs are vital channels for disseminating information and fostering partnerships essential for educational empowerment.

In Senanga District sentiments of appreciation for HELSB's initiatives, were echoed with Acting District Commissioner Mr. Mweetwa Kaloba warmly welcoming our representatives. This exchange emphasized not only the commendation of sponsorship initiatives but also the need for equitable distribution of government support.

As we journeyed on, Sesheke District emerged as a focal point for discussions on enhancing awareness of HELSB's services. Courtesy calls to District Commissioner Mr. Alex Namenda reiterated the necessity of frequent engagements with stakeholders to ensure broad dissemination of information.

Transitioning to Livingstone District, stakeholders gathered for a sensitization program led by HELSB. District Administrative Officer Mrs. Contildah Muchimba emphasized the pivotal role of stakeholders in disseminating information and combating potential unawareness among residents. This event showcased the collaborative effort required to bridge informational gaps in educational financing.

Our journey culminated in Mazabuka District, Southern Province, where District Administrator Mr. Timothy Mulenga encouraged stakeholders to continue disseminating information for broader student support. The commitment of HELSB's team, led by Mr. Ndabulula, to similar programs across districts remains unwavering.

In conclusion, the series of sensitization meetings and courtesy calls undertaken by HELSB from May 13th to 22nd, 2024, exemplify our commitment to empowering education and fostering awareness of available opportunities. Through collaboration with stakeholders and engagement with local authorities, we continue to pave the way for a brighter future, one educational opportunity at a time.

Thank you for joining us on this journey.

Warm regards,
Chiselwa Kawanda, Acting Manager Corporate Communication and Customer Service Unit for Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSB)



HELSB PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

A Recap of HELSB's Sensitization Programs

HELSEB STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS



HELSEB Leadership Meets with Secretary to the Cabinet

The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSEB) Chief Executive Officer, Dr. John Machayi paid a courtesy call on the Secretary to the Cabinet, Mr. Patrick Kangwa, and Permanent Secretary at Cabinet Office, Mr. Patrick Mucheleka. The meeting aimed to formally register HELSEB's presence and discuss key strategic issues.

Dr. Machayi addressed topics such as bilateral scholarships, student loans, loan recoveries, institutional funding, digital transformation, and the legislative framework. Mr. Kangwa provided valuable advice on prudent resource utilization, including air travel ticketing, vehicle use, and expense management, to enhance HELSEB's operational efficiency.

The meeting underscored HELSEB's commitment to expanding educational opportunities and financial support for Zambian students, aligning with its mission to be a dynamic and accessible provider of higher education loans and scholarships.

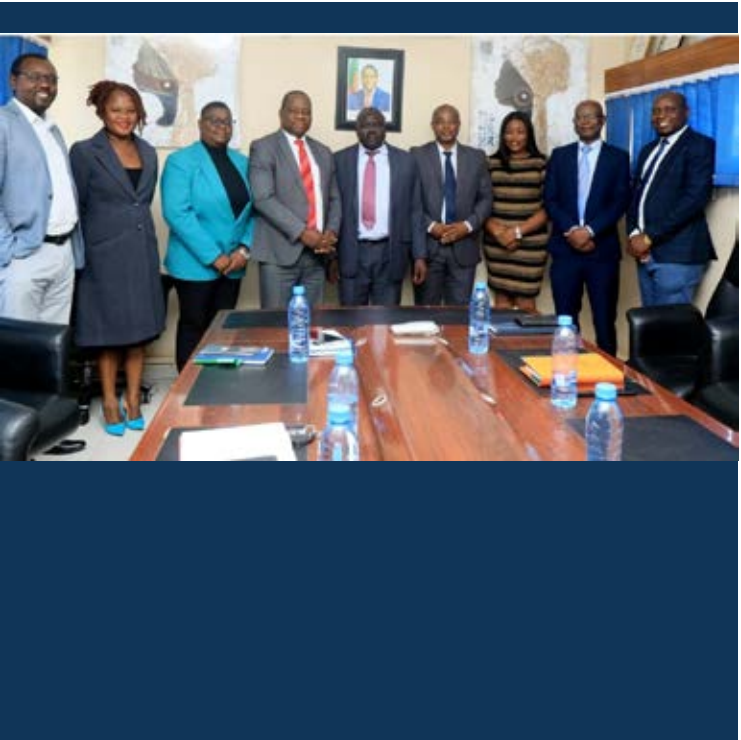
Dr. Machayi was accompanied by Deputy Director of Human Resources, Mr. Clyde Siamachoka, Legal Counsel, Mrs. Zelu Mulenga, and Manager of Finance, Mr. Lupambo Kabwe.

HELSEB and Zambia Dailymail Forge New Partnership

On May 30th, 2024, the Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSEB) advanced its outreach efforts through a strategic partnership with Zambia Dailymail. Dr. John Machayi, HELSEB's Chief Executive Officer, met with Mr. Simate Simete, Managing Director of Zambia Dailymail, at his office in Lusaka.

The meeting focused on collaborative efforts for awareness and campaign programs. Dr. Machayi highlighted Zambia Dailymail's vital role in reaching stakeholders, while Mr. Simete affirmed the newspaper's reliability and commitment to this partnership.

Dr. Machayi was accompanied by key HELSEB officials, including Deputy Director of Finance Mr. Floyd Ndabulula, Deputy Director of Human Resources Mr. Clyde Siamachoka, Acting Deputy Director of Credit and Scholarships Mr. Derrick Chisanga, Acting Manager of Corporate Communications and Customer Services Ms. Chiselwa Kawanda, and Acting Manager of Strategy and Partnerships Ms. Kasikwa Gondwe. This partnership marks a significant step in enhancing our communication and engagement with the public. We look forward to the positive outcomes of this collaboration.



Strengthening Educational Outreach: HELSEB Partners with ZNBC

On June 2nd, 2024, we achieved a significant milestone in our mission to enhance educational outreach and access to information across Zambia. The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSEB) forged a strategic partnership with the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation (ZNBC) to better serve our community.

On this day, our CEO, Dr. John Machayi, met with ZNBC's Director General, Mr. Barry Lwando, in Lusaka. The meeting focused on creating content in all seven local languages to ensure our services reach every corner of our diverse nation. Dr. Machayi emphasized the crucial role that ZNBC can play in disseminating information through its extensive radio and television networks.

Mr. Lwando expressed ZNBC's commitment to this cause, revealing that they had dedicated Channel 4 specifically for educational content. He assured us that his team was more than ready to collaborate with HELSEB, reinforcing the strength of our partnership. This collaboration marked a vital step in our ongoing mission to provide accessible and comprehensive educational resources to all Zambians. We look forward to the positive impact this initiative will have on our community, and we are grateful for ZNBC's support in making this vision a reality. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to work towards making education more accessible for everyone.



Enhancing Postgraduate Opportunities: A Call for Extended Student Loans

The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board Chief Executive Officer Dr. John Machayi paid a courtesy call on Copperbelt University Vice Chancellor, Professor Imasuku Nyambe, where an important discussion on extending student loans to postgraduate students took place. This initiative aimed to build capacity among academic staff at the institution.

Professor Nyambe emphasized the crucial need for sponsoring students, particularly in the fields of technology and innovation, to foster growth and development within the academic community. In response, Dr. Machayi appreciated the importance of the request and indicated that the management and board of HELSB would consider the matter seriously. This potential policy change could significantly impact the university's ability to nurture and retain skilled academic professionals.

Additionally, Dr. Machayi held a similar discussion with Mukuba University Vice Chancellor, Professor Frank Tailoka. These meetings underscored a shared commitment to advancing higher education infrastructure and support across the region.

Accompanying Dr. Machayi on these visits were, Acting Deputy Director of Credit and Scholarships Mr. Derrick Chisanga, Manager of Finance Mr. Lupambo Kabwe, Acting Manager of Strategy and Partnerships Ms. Kasikwa Gondwe, Acting Senior Strategy and Partnerships Mr. Peterson Mumbuluma, and Acting Senior Loans Allocation and Disbursement Officer Mrs. Carol Kabondo.

These discussions marked a pivotal step in the ongoing efforts to enhance postgraduate education and support, ensuring that institutions like Copperbelt University and Mukuba University remain at the forefront of academic excellence and innovation.



Expansion of Student Loan Scheme: Zambia University College of Technology (ZUCT) Onboarded

The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSB) announced the addition of Zambia University College of Technology (ZUCT) to the student loan scheme. Chief Executive Officer Dr. John Machayi made this announcement during the onboarding exercise held in Ndola.

ZUCT became the 9th institution to join the student loan scheme, with its first cohort of students expected to benefit from the scheme starting in the 2025/2026 academic year. This addition reflected HELSB's commitment to expanding access to higher education across Zambia.

At the media briefing, Dr. Machayi underscored the significance of the expansion, emphasizing HELSB's role in facilitating access to education for all aspiring students, particularly in high-demand fields like Information Technology.

Dr. Betty Bweupe, the Executive Director of ZUCT, expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Education and HELSB for including the institution in the student loan scheme. She highlighted that many students aspire to pursue Information Technology programs but face financial constraints, which the scheme will now help alleviate.

This strategic move not only enhanced educational opportunities at ZUCT but also contributed to the broader goal of fostering a skilled workforce capable of driving Zambia's technological advancement.



Provincial Career Exhibition Conference at North Western College University

Theme: "Navigating the Future: Empowering the Leaders of Today and Tomorrow"

The Provincial Career Exhibition Conference took place at North Western College University in Lumwana, North Western Province, starting on June 24, 2024. Students from Kalumbila Schools and many others enthusiastically engaged with various Career Exhibition booths and stands throughout the event.

The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSB) played a pivotal role, providing essential information on financial support through loans and scholarships for higher education. HELSB remained dedicated to ensuring that eligible students had access to the education necessary to achieve their career aspirations.

Key stakeholders, alongside HELSB, offered valuable guidance and resources, aiding students in planning their academic and career paths. The Career Exhibition fostered high levels of engagement and appreciation from attendees, particularly for HELSB's insights into financial aid and educational opportunities tailored to Zambian citizens.

Students gained valuable knowledge about funding their education and achieving their career goals. This event represented a journey of learning and empowerment, perfectly encapsulating its theme of "Navigating the Future, Empowering the Leaders of Today and Tomorrow."

We encourage all pupils to continue their hard work and to take full advantage of the invaluable services and support offered by HELSB. Their dedication and perseverance are crucial as they navigate their educational journey. By leveraging HELSB's services and operations, students are not only investing in their future but also contributing to the growth and prosperity of our nation. We urge them to keep striving for excellence and utilizing the resources available through HELSB to reach their full potential.

Remember, your efforts today will shape the leaders of tomorrow. Stay focused, stay determined, and seize every opportunity that comes your way. With HELSB's support, you have the tools and guidance necessary to succeed. Embrace this journey with enthusiasm and continue to make your dreams a reality.



HELSB ALERT BE INFORMED

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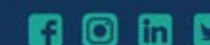
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The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSB), wishes to convey it's deepest condolences to the families of two HELSB sponsored students, the late **Ms. Margaret Chibesakunda**, 3rd year Public Administration and Political Science (UNZA), who **died on 6th April 2024** and the late **Mr. Gilbert Bright Chibale**, 1st year Economics and Management (Morocco), who **died on 7th April 2024**.

May their Souls Rest In Peace



The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board (HELSB) conveys its deepest condolences to the family of the late **Ms. Rudo Tembo**, 2nd year Medicine and surgery **HELSB Sponsored** student at Mulungushi University, who died on Tuesday 7th May, 2024.

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