



**HELSB**  
Higher Education Loans  
and Scholarships Board

## RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS – 2026/2027

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Zambian nationals that meet the minimum requirements outlined here below to contest for One Hundred and Sixty **(160)** scholarships under the Russian Government Scholarship Scheme for the **2026/2027** Academic Year.

All candidates applying for a Russian scholarship are mandated to sign-up for a user account, complete and submit their application online.

Key Information:  
Registration Platform: <https://www.education-in-russia.com>

### ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

#### Registration and Account Creation

- Visit official website for the selection of foreign citizens to study in Russia: <https://education-in-russia.com>
- Create a user account using your personal email

#### Submit Your Application

- Complete your personal profile
- Select your study program
- Upload documents:
  - o Passport
  - o Educational documents (**IGCSE/Grade 12 mock results are also accepted**)
- Print sign and upload:
  - o Consent for personal data
  - o Application form
- **Submit** your application online for verification

**Online application deadline: 15th January, 2026**

#### Candidate Requirements

- Must be a Zambia Citizen
- Grades **1-3** in at least **5 O-level subjects**, including **Mathematics** and **English**

#### Additional Financial Support

Candidates needing additional financial support can apply for a Russian scholarship under the Higher Education Loans and Scholarship Board (HELSB).

#### More information & Free Consultation

- Visit: Russian House, 324 Independence Avenue, Woodlands, Lusaka
- Facebook: @Russian House in Lusaka

### APPLICATION PROCESS WITH HELSB

#### ELIGIBILITY

##### Applicants should:

- Be a Zambian citizen with a Green National Registration Card (NRC)
- Have a Zambian valid passport or be able to obtain one by 15th January 2026

##### Undergraduate Applicants:

- Be School Leavers who completed Grade 12 in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025;
- Have Grades **1-3** in English, Mathematics and subjects relevant to the intended field of study;
- Have Pure Sciences if applying for General Medicine and all Engineering programmes;
- Be between age **18** and **24** years old by **September 2026**

##### Masters Applicants:

- Hold a relevant Bachelor's degree, preferably obtained from Russia;
- Be maximum of **34** years old by **September 2026**

##### PhD Applicants:

- Hold a relevant Master's degree; and
- Be of maximum age **39** years by **September 2026**

### CONDITIONS

#### Candidates should meet own cost towards:

- (i) Expenses to and from the Airport;
- (ii) Any short fall not adequately covered by the scholarship;

### DURATION

This is dependent on the programme to be pursued, however, all programmes include one (1) year of Russian language for undergraduate applicants (5 to 7 years for Undergraduate programmes, 2 to 3 years for Masters programmes and 4 years for PhD).

### METHOD OF APPLICATION

#### Applicants should submit:

- A **typed** application letter responding to the advertisement, clearly stating the field of study desired, age and mobile phone number for easy communication;
- Curriculum Vitae, Photocopies of Educational Certificates, Transcript/Statement of Results and NRC.
- A study plan or synopsis of summarized details of the preferred course and how the intended course of study will enhance one's contribution to Zambia's development (**200 words** for undergraduate, **400 words** for Masters applicants and **600 words** for PhD)
- Employer's **Recommendation letter** stating that they would be granted leave to take up offers if selected for those in employment (Masters and PhD).
- All candidates applying for the scholarships must complete the registration on the online student's portal on the website provided: <https://education-in-russia.com> and attach printed online application.
- A clear copy of deposit slip from NATSAVE of **K100** application fee (**application fee should be deposited at any NATSAVE branch**).

**NOTE: No cash payments will be accepted at HELSB Offices.**

It is a requirement by the host country that all nominated candidates undergo comprehensive medical examinations including **HIV, Hepatitis A & B tests, Tuberculosis and Pregnancy test for females.**

Nominated candidates must note that **last-minute withdrawals will attract serious sanctions from HELSB which may include being blacklisted.**

Applications should be addressed to:	or	Hand delivered to:
The Chief Executive Officer Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board P.O. Box 320298, LUSAKA		<b>The Reception</b> Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board 2nd Floor United Church House, No. 8 Mosi-oo- Tunya Road, Woodlands, LUSAKA.  <b>Or</b> The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board, C4 Copperbelt University Riverside Campus, Kitwe.  <b>Or</b> The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board, Mulungushi University, P.O Box 80415, Town campus, KABWE..  <b>Or</b> The Higher Education Loans and Scholarships Board, Stand No 6711, Mberere Road Olympia Park Extension LUSAKA

**Closing date: Friday 30th January, 2026**

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#### NOTE:

- Only **shortlisted** candidates will be contacted. Any applicant who would not hear from us by Friday 13th March, 2026 should consider his/her application as unsuccessful
- Students currently on HELSB sponsorship **locally** and **abroad** should **not** apply;
- Applicants should apply only in **one** field of study

**John Machayi (Dr.)**

Chief Executive Officer  
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