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#### LEGAL NOTICE NO. 06 OF 2020

### THE COMMISSIONS OF ENQUIRY ACT, 1963 (Act No. 35 of 1963)

# THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE PRE SERVICE TERTIARY EDUCATION STUDY LOANS SELECTION BOARD NOTICE, 2020 (Under Section 3)

In excise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Commissions of Enquiry Act No. 35 of 1963, the Minister for Labour and Social Security issues the following notice-

#### Citation and Commencement

- 1. This notice may be cited as the Appointment of Members of the Pre-Service Tertiary Education Study Loans Selection Board Notice, 2020.
- 2. This Notice shall be deemed to have come into force on the 6th January, 2020.

#### Appointment of the Board

(m) Nelsiwe Ginindza

3. There is established a Board to be known as the Pre-Service Tertiary Education Study Loans Selection Board.

Secretariat; and

4. The persons whose names appear below are appointed as members of the Board-

(a) Stanley M. Dlamini	-	Chairperson;
(b) Mumly T. Musi	-	Vice-Chairperson;
(c) Mpendulo E. Khumalo	-	Member;
(d) Musa Kunene	-	Member;
(e) Siphiwe R. Nkonyane	-	Member;
(f) Moses M. Simelane	-	Member;
(g) Vusimuzi Dlamini	-	Member;
(h) Mavela Shongwe	-	Member;
(i) Jabulani Mdziniso	-	Member;
(j) Willington Mdluli	-	Member;
(k) Norman Gamedze	-	Member;
(1) Simeon Simelane	-	Secretariat;

(n) Nompilo Mncina

- Secretariat.

#### Functions of the Board

#### The Board shall-

- (a) select and recommend suitable candidates for the award of study loans for preservice tertiary education;
- (b) interview students applying for study loans and such students must have been enrolled or accepted for enrolment in an approved tertiary institution for an approved course of study and the list of approved tertiary institutions and courses of study shall be provided by the government at the commencement of each sitting session of the Board;
- (c) recommend granting of study loans either for both Student Study Loan Support and Student Loan Assistance Finance or one of the two depending on the objective assessment of the affordability of the applicant;
- (d) conduct interviews of applicants on the basis of a selection criteria pre-approved by the government and such criteria to include-
  - requirement of high school leaving certificate and/or academic results where a student is already enrolled at tertiary institution;
  - (ii) a minimum pass mark threshold for each intended program or course of study;
  - (iii) an objective affordability test to ascertain appropriate study loan package;
- (e) take due consideration of the study loan budget ceiling when making final recommendations and provide indicative cost of award against each recommendation for study loan;
- (t) ensure that all applicants are given a fair chance either orally or written or both to motivate their applications
- (g) prepare and submit a comprehensive report at the end of each sitting session on the interview process and make recommendations on sticking out administrative, policy and legislative issues; and
- (h) perform such other functions relating to student study loans as may be determined by the Minister.

#### Meetings of the Board

- 6. (1) The Board shall meet at such times as are necessary for the transaction of its business, and these meetings shall be held at such places and times and on such days as the Board may determines.
- (2) The Chairman may at any time summon a meeting of the Board, and shall summon a meeting within seven (7) days where a request for that purpose has been addressed to chair by at least three (3) members of the Board; or a directive has been addressed to the chair by the Minister

- (3) The quorum for a sitting of the Board shall be half members including the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.
- (4) The decisions of the Board shall be by a majority of the votes of the members present and constituting a quorum, but where in any case the voting is equal, the Chairman or Deputy Chairperson or other person presiding at the meeting shall, in addition to an original vote, have a second casting vote.

#### Sub-Committees

7. The Board may appoint sub-committees to examine and report on any matter arising out of or connected with any of the functions of the Board. The number of members of a sub-committee shall be fixed by the Board and one of the secretariat shall be designated to be secretary of the sub-committee. The Board may adopt or reject a report of such sub-committee either wholly or partly and subject to such modifications as the Board thinks fit.

#### Remuneration of Board

8. The members of the Board shall be entitled to such allowances, and where applicable, reimbursement for travelling expenses, in accordance with Finance Circular No. 2 of 2005 or other subsequent Circulars as may be issued by the Eswatini Government from time to time.

#### Term of office

9. The term of office for the Board shall be a period not exceeding three (3) years with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

#### Secretariat

10. The Secretariat shall offer administrative support to the board, record and keep minutes of Board meetings subject to the board's approval and adoption in a subsequent meeting and issue board's decisions and recommendations.

#### Reports

11. The Board shall submit a report of its activities within one month after completing each interview session and subject to any directives as may be issued by the Minister from time to time.

#### Revocation

12. Legal Notice No. 2 of 2017 is revoked.

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MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY