



## **National Council for Higher Education**

### **HARMONISED STUDENT SELECTION INTO PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES FOR 2015/2016 INTAKE**

The National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) was established by Act of Parliament No. 15 of 2011, with the primary purpose of promoting and coordinating education provided by Higher Education Institutions (HEI). One of the NCHE aims is to harmonize student selection into public higher education institutions.

The National Council for Higher Education is therefore inviting applications from suitably qualified candidates for selection into undergraduate programmes for the 2015/16 academic year offered by Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR), Malaŵi University of Science and Technology (MUST), Mzuzu University (MZUNI) and University of Malaŵi (UNIMA).

The eligible applicants are as follows:

- a) Candidates who completed the MSCE, IGCSE or O level equivalent in the past three years.
- b) Candidates with an Advanced Subsidiary (AS) certificate or a National Senior Certificate (NSC) obtained in the past three years.
- c) Candidates who completed the Advanced Level, International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma or A Level equivalent in the past three years.

### **General requirements for undergraduate students**

Candidates must have at least six credits including English at MSCE, IGCSE, O levels or their equivalent. For purposes of selection, O level grades are interpreted as follows: A\*=1, A=2, B=3, C=5, D=7, EFG=8.

Candidates who failed to satisfy the entry requirements in the two last years but who have since improved their grades after re-sitting up to four subjects may use the supplementary statements for purposes of accumulating credits.

**Or:**

Candidates with A level qualifications must have a minimum of three principal passes with an aggregate of at least 9 points obtained in the current year or the last two years. For purposes of

selection, A level grades are interpreted as follows: A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1. *(Please note the difference in the interpretation for the O level grades)*. Furthermore, candidates must have passed the subjects relevant to the programme either at O level or Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level.

Candidates with an International Baccalaureate must have a minimum of 30 points obtained in the current year or the last two years. Candidates with an Advanced Subsidiary (AS) certificate must have at least grade 'C' in four AS-Level subjects plus IGCSE obtained in the current year or the last two years. Candidates with a National Senior Certificate (NSC) must have a minimum score of 60% (Achievement Level 5) in four designated subjects obtained in the current year or the last two years.

Candidates must also meet the specific University/Faculty/School requirements specified on the application form.

#### **A. LILONGWE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (LUANAR)**

The Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) was established by an Act of Parliament No. 22 of 2011. LUANAR was created by delinking Bunda College of Agriculture from the University of Malaŵi. Bunda College was established in 1967 as a constituent college of the University of Malaŵi.

**Table 1: Programmes Offered by Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

<b>FACULTY AND PROGRAMME</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>PROGRAMME CODE</b>
<b>I. Faculty of Agriculture</b>		
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering	4	LNR-AGE
Bachelor of Science in Irrigation Engineering	4	LNR-IRE
Bachelor of Science in Animal Science	4	LNR-AS
Bachelor of Science in Agronomy	4	LNR-AGRO
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture	4	LNR-AGRI
Bachelor of Science in Soil Science	4	LNR-SSC
Bachelor of Science in Seed Systems	4	LNR-SSY
Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology	4	LNR-BIOT
Bachelor of Science in Horticulture	4	LNR-HORT
<b>II. Faculty of Food and Human Sciences</b>		
Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition and Food Science	4	LNR-NFS
Bachelor of Science in Human Sciences and Community Services	4	LNR-HSCS
Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Technology	4	LNR-FST
<b>III. Faculty of Development Studies</b>		
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics	4	LNR-AE
Bachelor of Science in Development Economics	4	LNR-DE
Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Management	4	LNR-ABM
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Enterprise Development and Microfinance	4	LNR-EDM

FACULTY AND PROGRAMME	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Extension	4	LNR-EXT
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education	4	LNR-AED
Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Development Communication	4	LNR-ADC
<b>IV. Faculty of Natural Resources</b>		
Bachelor of Science in Aquaculture and Fisheries Science	4	LNR-AQUA
Bachelor of Science in Forestry	4	LNR-FORE
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Sciences	4	LNR-ENV
Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management (Land and Water)	4	LNR-NRMLW
Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management (Wildlife and Ecotourism)	4	LNR- NRMWE

## B. MALAŴI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Malaŵi University of Science and Technology (MUST) was established by an Act of Parliament No. 31 of 2012 as the fourth public university in Malaŵi.

**Table 2: Programmes offered by the Malaŵi University of Science and Technology**

PROGRAMME	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) - Chemical Engineering	5	MUST-CEM
Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) - Metallurgy and Materials Engineering	5	MUST-MET
Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) - Biomedical Engineering	5	MUST-BME
Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Earth Sciences	5	MUST-ESC
Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Meteorology and Climate	5	MUST-MEC

## C. MZUZU UNIVERSITY (MZUNI)

Mzuzu University was established by an Act of Parliament in 1997.

Malaŵi School Certificate of Education or its equivalent obtained not earlier than 2012 with an aggregate of not more than 30 points in the best six subjects obtained in not more than 2 sittings

**Table 3: Programmes offered by Mzuzu University**

A. FACULTY OF EDUCATION	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Arts (Education)	4	MZU-BAE
Bachelor of Arts (Education) French	4	MZU-BAEF
Bachelor of Science (Education)	4	MZU-BScE
Bachelor of Arts (Theology and Religious Studies)	4	MZU-BTRS
Bachelor of Science (Education) in Information and Communication Technology (ICT)	4	MZU-BScEICT

<b>B. FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES</b>		
Bachelor of Science (Forestry)	4	MZU-BScF
Bachelor of Science (Renewable Energy Technologies)	4	MZU-BRET
Bachelor of Science (Fisheries)	4	MZU-BSFS
Bachelor of Science in Land Management (Land Surveying)	4	MZU-BSLS
Bachelor of Science in Land Management (Estates Management)	4	MZU-BSLEM
Bachelor of Science in Land Management (Physical Planning)	4	MZU-BSLPP
Bachelor of Science (Water Resources Management and Development)	4	MZU-BSWRMD
<b>C. FACULTY OF INFORMATION SCIENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
Bachelor of Library and Information Science	4	MZU-BLIS
Bachelor of Science (Information and Communication Technology) (ICT)	4	MZU-BICT
<b>D. FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES</b>		
Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Sciences)	4	MZU-BSBS
Bachelor of Science (Optometry)	4	MZU-BSOPT
Bachelor of Science (Nursing and Midwifery)	4	MZU-BSNM
<b>E. FACULTY OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT</b>		
Bachelor of Science (Tourism)	4	MZU-BSTO
Bachelor of Science (Hospitality Management)	4	MZU-BSHM

#### **D. UNIVERSITY OF MALAŴI**

The University of Malaŵi was established in 1965 as Malaŵi's first public university. The University of Malaŵi has four constituent colleges: Chancellor College, College of Medicine, Kamuzu College of Nursing (KCN) and The Polytechnic.

**Table 4: Programmes Offered by the University of Malaŵi**

FACULTY AND PROGRAMME	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
<b>I. FACULTY OF EDUCATION (CHANCELLOR COLLEGE)</b>		
Bachelor of Education (Language)	4	UMA-LED
Bachelor of Education (Science)	4	UMA-ESC
Bachelor of Education (Social Studies)	4	UMA-SED

<b>II. FACULTY OF HUMANITIES (CHANCELLOR COLLEGE)</b>	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies	4	UMA-COM
Bachelor of Arts (Humanities)	4	UMA-HU
Bachelor of Arts (Media for Development)	4	UMA-MFD
Bachelor of Arts (Theology)	4	UMA-HUT
<b>III. FACULTY OF SCIENCE (CHANCELLOR COLLEGE)</b>	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Science	4	UMA-SC
Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutrition	4	UMA-SCFN
Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences	4	UMA-SCFC
<b>IV. FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (CHANCELLOR COLLEGE)</b>	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Arts Political Science	4	UMA-PS
Bachelor of Arts Public Administration	4	UMA-PA
Bachelor of Social Science.	4	UMA-SS
Bachelor of Social Science (Social Work)	4	UMA-SSSW
<b>V. FACULTY OF MEDICINE (COLLEGE OF MEDICINE)</b>	DURATION	PROGGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery	6	UMA-MBBS
Bachelor of Science Medical Laboratory Science (Hons)	5	UMA-MLS
Bachelor of Science Physiotherapy (Hons)	5	UMA-PHYS
Bachelor of Science Pharmacy (Hons)	5	UMA-PHARM
<b>VI. FACULTY OF NURSING (KAMUZU COLLEGE OF NURSING)</b>	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Midwifery	4	UMA-NM
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Child Health Option)	4	UMA-CHI
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Adult Health Option)	4	UMA-AH
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Community Health Option)	4	UMA-CHN

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Mental Health and Psychiatric Nursing)	4	UMA-MH
<b>VII. FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES (THE POLYTECHNIC)</b>	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health	4	UMA-EH
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Technology	4	UMA-EST
Bachelor of Science in Industrial Laboratory Technology	4	UMA-BILT
Bachelor of Science in Information Technology	4	UMA-INTEC
Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems	4	UMA-MIS
Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Sciences Education	4	UMA-BMSE
<b>VIII. FACULTY OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT(THE POLYTECHNIC)</b>	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies.	4	UMA-BARC
Bachelor of Science in Land Economy	5	UMA-BLE
Bachelor of Science in Land Surveying	5	UMA-BLS
Bachelor of Science in Physical Planning	5	UMA-BPP
Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying	5	UMA-BQS
<b>IX. FACULTY OF COMMERCE(THE POLYTECHNIC)</b>	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Accountancy	4	UMA-BAC
Bachelor of Business Administration (Generic)	4	UMA-BBAG
Bachelor of Business Administration (Marketing)	4	UMA-BBAM
Bachelor of Commerce (Internal Audit)	4	UMA-BCOMIA
<b>X. FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND MEDIA STUDIES(THE POLYTECHNIC)</b>	DURATION	PROGRAMME CODE
Bachelor of Arts in Business Communication	4	UMA-BBC

Bachelor of Education (Business Studies)	4	UMA-EBS
Bachelor of Education/Science (Technical).	4	UMA-TED
Bachelor of Arts (Journalism).	4	UMA-JOU
<b>XI. FACULTY OF ENGINEERING (THE POLYTECHNIC)</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>PROGRAMME CODE</b>
Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Transportation) (Hons)	5	UMA-CET
Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Water) (Hons)	5	UMA-CEW
Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Structures) (Hons)	5	UMA-CES
Bachelor of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (Hons)	5	UMA-EEE
Bachelor of Electronics and Computer Engineering (Hons)	5	UMA-ECE
Bachelor of Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering (Hons)	5	UMA-ETE
Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Hons)	5	UMA-ME

## Selection Criteria

### *Malawian Students*

- (a) Selection into public universities shall be based on the applicable Government policies and merit.
- (b) Applicants will be required to choose up to Seven (7) programme choices with maximum of three programme choices from one university based on programme requirements given in the Admissions Guidelines for public universities.
- (c) Candidates will be selected into various programmes using specific university/faculty/school requirements taking into consideration the candidate's choice of programme or otherwise redirected to other programmes when the candidates are not successful in the programmes of their choice.
- (d) For self-sponsored students, selection shall, in addition to meeting the above stipulated admission criteria, be based on merit and ability to pay the required fees.

### Foreign Students

Selection of foreign students into public universities shall be based on merit and ability to pay the required fees. Eligibility shall be assessed based on equivalent scores at O, AS, NSC, IB, or A levels.

### Self-sponsored students

Candidates who fail to qualify for selection as a government sponsored student will only be considered for selection as a self-sponsored student if they expressly indicate their willingness to be considered for self-sponsorship in the application form.

### **Redirection**

Candidates who fail to make it into the programmes of their choice during selection of government sponsored students will be considered for redirection to programmes they did not choose if they expressly indicate their willingness to be considered for redirection by ticking the appropriate box on the application form.

### **Accommodation**

Successful candidates shall be admitted on non-residential basis. Issues of accommodation are the responsibility of individual public universities and not NCHE. Candidates who would like to be accommodated on University campus must apply for the same to their respective University colleges soon after the release of the selection results and if accepted, candidates shall pay the University for their accommodation and meals.

### **Student Loans**

Students willing to finance their studies using Government Loans shall apply to the Secretary for Education, Science and Technology, Ministry of Education Science and Technology, Private Bag 328 Lilongwe 3 for consideration. Public Universities and the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) are not responsible for the administration of the student's loan scheme.

### **Application fee**

All applicants are strictly required to deposit a non-refundable application fee of K8,000.00 for Malaŵians and US\$100 for international applicants to the following account:

<b>Details</b>	<b>NBS Bank</b>
Account Name	NCHE Fees Account
Account Type	Savings
Account Number	0050-957978-018
Branch	Lilongwe Branch
Swift Code	NBSTMWMW

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

All interested candidates will be required to submit an Application form. This form can be obtained from National Council for Higher Education Offices, University of Malaŵi Central Office in Zomba, the Polytechnic in Blantyre, Kamuzu College of Nursing (KCN) campuses in Blantyre and Lilongwe, Mzuzu University, Malaŵi University of Science and Technology (MUST)



and all District Education Offices throughout the country. The form can also be downloaded from the following websites:

[www.nche.ac.mw](http://www.nche.ac.mw)

[www.mzuni.ac.mw](http://www.mzuni.ac.mw)

[www.must.ac.mw](http://www.must.ac.mw)

[www.unima.mw](http://www.unima.mw)

[www.bunda.luanar.mw](http://www.bunda.luanar.mw)

Duly completed application forms together with a copy of the bank deposit slip bearing the name of the candidate as proof of payment should be sent to:

2015/16 Admissions  
The National Council for Higher Education  
Private Bag B371  
Lilongwe 3.

For inquiries please contact NCHE's Corporate Services Manager on the following numbers: 099 757 6619 or 088 135 3234

Email: [dsoko@nche.ac.mw](mailto:dsoko@nche.ac.mw).

**The closing date for receiving applications is 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**