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Circular No. 8

Ref. No. 3106111

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Permanent Secretaries Heads of Departments Chief Executive Officers

## Tertiary Grant for Children of Public Sector Workers

Reference is made to the Heads of Agreement signed on August 11, 2015 between the Government of Jamaica and the Jamaica Confederation of Trade Unions (JCTU) representing certain Public Sector Workers for the 2015-2017 contract period. Item No. 31 indicates the continuation of the tertiary grant for children of Public Sector Workers to assist with the payment of tuition fees.

## The following guidelines should be noted:

- 1. The grant:
  - a. Covers eighty percent (80%) of tuition up to a maximum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000
  - b. May be awarded to an applicant once every three (3) years.
- 2. The grant is applicable to Public Sector Workers who are represented by member Unions and Staff Associations of the JCTU and are:
  - a. Permanently appointed or temporary with at least two (2) years service.
  - b. Contract workers with at least two (2) years continuous service under any type of contract, i.e. 1yr recurring, 2yrs or other.
  - c. Not employed to an entity or is a member of a bargaining unit that has similar educational assistance.
  - d. Not recipients of any other Government of Jamaica educational assistance.
- 3. The grant is applicable to children of public sector workers who:
  - a. Have been accepted to pursue <u>or</u> are pursuing **local, full-time accredited programmes** (Associate/Bachelors) at a tertiary institution registered by the University Council of Jamaica.
  - b. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (for continuing students)
  - c. Are not older than 25 years
  - d. Are unemployed.

- 4. The submission of the following documents is mandatory:
  - a. Applicant's Employment Letter
  - b. Acceptance letter for new students
  - c. Progress Report/Transcript for continuing students
  - d. Copy of the child's Birth Certificate, certified by HR Department, reflecting the name of the parent making the application
  - e. Tuition cost for the Programme of Study.
- 5. All applications:
  - a. Must be submitted using the attached form (updated March 2016) which is also accessible at <a href="www.mof.gov.jm">www.mof.gov.jm</a>
  - b. **Must** be certified by the Human Resource Department (HRD) or the Head of the Department (in instances where there is no HRD). Incomplete and late applications will not be processed and will be returned
  - c. Must be submitted <u>through</u> the Human Resource Department of the respective Ministry/Department/Agency. Applications must reach the Industrial Relations Unit, Strategic Human Resource Management Division, Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, 30 National Heroes Circle, Kingston 4, no later than July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- 6. Applications can be accepted at the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service from Union and Staff Association Representatives once requirements 5(a) and (b) have been met.
- 7. Applicants should note that the award of the Grant is subject to the availability of funds; consequently not all eligible applicants will be awarded.
- 8. Payment will be made directly to the institution on the award of the Grant.

The Industrial Relations Unit of this Ministry may be contacted for further information.

This circular supersedes Circular No. 13, Ref. No. 55/99 dated June 2, 2014.

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Devon Rowe Financial Secretary



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## TERTIARY EDUCATION GRANT TO CHILDREN OF PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS APPLICATION FORM

Please complete Sections A to E in BLOCK CAPITALS using black or blue ink. Forms not properly completed will not be processed.

NB: The Grant is in respect of tuition and all payments will be made directly to the institution upon receipt and verification of the

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