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**50% TUITION FEE WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP FOR TEACHERS IN BASIC  
EDUCATION: 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**1. Background**

The Open University of Tanzania (OUT) is a public institution, which offers higher education programmes through open online, blended and distance learning modes. It was established by the Act of Parliament No. 17 of 1992. The Charter of the Open University of Tanzania has replaced the Act since January 1, 2007, which is in line with the Universities Act No.7 of 2005. Currently the University operates through regional centres in all regions and two district coordination centres in Mainland Tanzania, and Coordination Centres in Unguja and Pemba in Zanzibar. The Vision of the University, “*To be a leading open online University, in knowledge creation and application*” places the university, as one of its own kind in Tanzania and in the region. It has a unique position as an institution of higher learning that is at the forefront of turning Tanzania into a middle income and industrialized country by daily churning out graduates who immediately play a key role towards realization of the country’s vision. The University has a social role of extending access to higher education that is necessary for the social and economic development of the country at all levels, more significantly, at local government authorities’ level. In doing this, OUT coordinates its activities in the regional centres through Regional Advisory Committees (RACs) which are chaired by the Regional Commissioners. RACs’ main role is to advise the university through the respective Regional Centres on various issues concerning the development of the University in the respective regions. The 50% fee waiver for public school teachers is part of the ongoing Ward Executives Officers (WEO) Scholarship Scheme. The purpose is to cement the RACs’ role in developing human resources in public sector at the local governments’ level.

**2. Eligibility criteria for primary and secondary school teachers**

- i) The 50% fee waiver covers Certificate, Diploma and Bachelor degree programmes in education offered at the Open University of Tanzania.
- ii) A beneficiary for the 50% fee waiver for 2021/2022 academic year must be a teacher by profession, teaching in a public primary or secondary school.
- iii) The teachers must be vetted and approved by the employer from their respective district or municipal in accordance with their employer’s staff development schemes.

- iv) The applicants must meet required entry qualification for 2021/2022 academic year for any programmes of their choices as provided in the OUT prospectus.
- v) Bachelor degree applicants whose Diploma GPAs are less than 3.0 are advised to join OUT Foundation Programme (OFP). Such candidates will also be eligible for the 50% waiver in the Foundation Programme if they meet other conditions for the scholarship scheme.
- vi) The successful applicants will be exempted 50% tuition fee for 2021/2022 but will be required to pay all non-tuition fees such as examination, registration, Open University Student organization (OUTSO), student identity card, graduation, transcripts, and anti-plagiarism test.
- vii) The 50% fee waiver for 2021/2022 will cover tuition fee for all courses one registers in 2021/2022 for all programmes covered under this scholarship i.e. Certificate, Diploma and Bachelor degree in Education.

### **3. Application Procedures**

- i) Application for scholarship is free
- ii) Scholarship applicants must send the application letter to their employer so as to be nominated/vetted for scholarship application.
- iii) Successful nominee from the (ii) above should fill in (and submit) scholarship and admission application form obtained at the OUT Regional Centre in the respective region.

### **4. Deadline for scholarship applications for 2021/2022 academic year shall be as follows;-**

- i) September intake: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021
- ii) April Intake: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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