

## GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA STUDENT LOAN WRITE OFF PROGRAMME (PHASE 1)



## **EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The Government of Guyana (GoG) has approved the write off of student loans owed by Guyanese to the GoG Student Loan Agency, subject to the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Persons **MUST** have graduated in relation to the programme funded by the GoG Student Loan Agency.
- b) At the date of submission of student loan write off application, persons must provide proof of **residency** in Guyana (e.g., a utility bill/registered mail/bank statement (issued within the last 6 months) in the applicant's name **OR** driver's license).
- c) If at the date of submission of student loan write off application, person is **non-resident** in Guyana, persons subsequent to graduation, **MUST** provide proof of being employed or self-employed in Guyana for at least three years (e.g., a minimum of 156 contributions made to the National Insurance Scheme (NIS).

## **STEPS TO APPLY**

- 1) Applicants **MUST** complete the "Phase 1 Student Loan Write Off Programme" application form, which can be downloaded from the **Ministry of Finance website at finance.gov.gy or the Facebook pages of the Ministry of Finance and the Student Loan Agency**
- 2) The above form **MUST** be submitted to the Student Loan Agency along with copies of:
  - a) Proof of Identity National ID OR valid Passport (Bio-Data Page)
  - b) University of Guyana (UG) Diploma/Certificate/Degree
  - **c) Proof of residency in Guyana at the time of application (**e.g., utility bill/registered mail in your name **OR** driver's license)
  - **d) If non-resident at the time of application,** provide proof of employment or self-employment in Guyana for at least three years (for e.g., a NIS statement reflecting a minimum of 156 contributions made to the NIS post-graduation).
  - e) Evidence of a name change (if appropriate) Marriage Certificate OR Deed Poll.
- 3) Completed application and supporting documents **MUST** be submitted to the Student Loan Agency at the UG Turkeyen Campus or emailed to <a href="mailto:studentloanagency@finance.gov.gy">studentloanagency@finance.gov.gy</a> with subject: **Application for Student Loan Write Off.**