THE DIRECT ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP (DES) PROGRAMME*
LISTS OF APPROVED HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs), ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND GENERAL INFORMATION
ACADEMIC YEAR (AY) 2021/22
PREPARED FOR PROSPECTIVE DES APPLICANTS BY
THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR SCHOLARSHIP ON BEHALF OF THE OMAN MINISTRY HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (MoHERI)

This comprehensive guide provides the following:

- The DES Eligibility Criteria set by the DG for Scholarships, MoHERI
- The lists of overseas, research-intensive Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) which have been approved for the DES programme by the MoHERI for (Academic Year) 2021/22 entry
- General information and guidance in view of the competitive DES application procedures

It is essential, and your responsibility, to carefully read ALL the information provided in this guide. DES is NOT the only type of (external undergraduate) scholarship, however, it is the only type of scholarship (unless otherwise specified) that requires prospective applicants to submit an unconditional Offer of Admission or Letter of Acceptance (LoA) issued by one of the approved HEIs (as listed in this publication) and for this reason, and this reason only, this guide has been published in December 2020. Information about all types of (external and internal) scholarships, seats and grants will be published in the annual Student Guide by the Higher Education Admissions Center (HEAC) in 2021.

*Disclaimer: Although the DG for Scholarships put together the content of this booklet with care and the content is considered to be true and correct at the date of publication (December 2020), students are advised to regularly check the official websites (mohe.gov.om and heac.gov.om) for updates as the MoHERI reserves the right to make changes at any time should this be deemed necessary.
تعزيز التنافس على برنامج القبول المباشر 2021/2022

للمخرجات دبلوم التعليم العام الحكومي وما يكافح، ومخرجات المدارس ثنائية اللغة
لمخرجات أنظمة التعليم المدرسي الدولية
والتي أعدتها وزارة التعليم العالي والبحث العلمي. وتتمثل الملاحظة: قد تتغير بعض الأحكام والشروط، ومواقع وفقاً للظروف، وستعلن الوزارة عنها إذا استجدت.

إلى حين يمكن للطالب الترشح للمناقشة على بعض برنامج القبول المباشر، يجب عليه استيفاء المعايير التالية:

أولاً: شهادة دبلوم التعليم العام أو ما يعادلها:

التحصيل في جميع المواد بجودة تصل إلى 90% أو أكثر في مادة اللغة العربية، مع توجيهات على النسبة المطلوبة للأدوار الأدبية أو الرياضيات.

A-LEVEL:

يجب على الطالب التقدم إلى مدينات أدنى 61%.

IBO OR IB:

يجب على الطالب تحقيق النسبة الأدنى 121% من النسبة المطلوبة، مع تحقيق النسبة الأدنى 100% من النسبة المطلوبة.

*excluding physical or health education.

ثانياً: اختيار رمز هذا البرنامج ضمن خياراته أثناء التسجيل في موقع القبول الموحد.

ثالثاً: الحصول على قبول مباشر وغير مشروط (أي غير مبتدئ)، ومحتوى تفويضي لتغذية دراسة المرحلة الجامعية الأول، ويتم تحكيمه من خلال النظام الإلكتروني. يركز القبول الموحد، ويعتبر نهاية فترة تعديل الرغبات في التخصصات والجامعات الممثلة لهذا البرنامج.

رابعاً: نضمان الشفافية ودعالة التعامل مع الطلبات المقدمة برامج القبول المباشر، يتم فرق مختصر، وتحديده، وفقاً للاحتياجات، وفقاً لكل طالب من خارج الجامعات والمؤسسات العامة أو لم يواجه الاشتراطات والاحتياج الموضح في هذه النشرة.

يجب أن تشمل رسالة القبول جميع المعلومات الموضح في هذه النشرة، وإذا لم تلبي رسالة القبول إلي بعض هذه المعلومات، يجب عليه إرفاق مستندات إضافية من الجامعة.

إذا كان الطلب النهائي المقدم من الجامعة صادراً قبل الإعداد النهائي لشهادة دبلوم التعليم العام، لا يحقق نمط الجامعة إصدار قبول آخر، في ذلك الحالة، يجب على الطالب التقدم إلى الجامعة وإرفاق رغباته مع القبول.

يجب أن يكون القبول صادراً من النفر الرئيسي للجامعة، إذا كان للجامعة أكثر من فرع، وأيضاً يوفر الجامعة في النفر الرئيسي، وهو مشارك، في قائمة الجامعات المتقدمة لبعثات القبول المباشر 2022/2023.

يمكن للطلاب دبلوم التعليم العام أو ما يعادل، والطلبة من جملة المؤهلات الدولية المسجلين في نظام القبول الموحد أصحاب الدور الثاني أو تقدموا بطلب إعداد تخصصهم الدراسي أو أخري، نسخة منها للتفويض النهائي، وفقاً للمواحد المحدد من قبل مركز القبول الموحد، تساهم قبل إتمام فترة تعديل الرغبات، وفقاً للشروط، وفقاً لما تتميز رسالة القبول غير المشروط في موعده، لا يتجاوز 31 أغسطس 2021، مع تلبية الشروط الياضلتة أعلاه.

إذا وضح الطالب، قد قامته الانتظام (ويسمى كقبول مشروط) في إحدي الجامعات، ثم لم يمنح القبول خلال فترة تعديل الرغبات، فيمكن للطالب تسليم قبول غير مشروط آخر من جامعة أخرى ضمن الجامعات المحددة لهذا البرنامج في موعد لا يتجاوز 31 أغسطس 2021، مع إثبات أنه كان في قائمة الانتظار.

*excluding physical or health education.

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2021 (topuniversities.com)
DIRECT ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP (DES) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22
FOR GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA (GED)-CERTIFICATE, EQUIVALENT & INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (IQ)
PUBLISHED ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (MoHERI)
NOTE: THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ITS IMPACT MAY CREATE A SITUATION IN WHICH IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE MoHERI TO UPDATE INFORMATION IN VIEW OF THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CYCLE (INCLUDING CRITERIA AND/OR RELEVANT DATES), SO PLEASE REGULARLY CHECK THE HEAC AND MoHERI WEBSITES FOR ANY FURTHER UPDATES.

TO BE EARMARKED AS AN ELIGIBLE DES APPLICANT IN VIEW OF THE AY 2021/22, YOU MUST:

1) MEET THE STANDARD (MINIMUM) REQUIREMENTS* BY QUALIFICATION
* THESE ARE STANDARD CRITERIA REQUIRED BY THE MoHERI, FURTHER QUALIFICATION AND/OR SUBJECT-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS MAY DIFFER FROM ONE COURSE AND/OR INSTITUTION TO ANOTHER: PLEASE CHECK THE FURTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR PREFERRED COURSE(S) BY REFERREING TO THE HEIS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR THE DES PROGRAMME.

2) TIMELY SELECT CODE ‘DEO01’ AS ONE OF YOUR OPTIONS
(*PART OF YOUR SCHOLARSHIP REGISTRATION VIA THE HEAC PORTAL)

3) TIMELY UPLOAD AN UNCONDITIONAL OFFER OF ADMISSION OR LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE (LoA) TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION ADMISSIONS CENTER (HEAC) PORTAL BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE OF THE HEAC’S ‘CHANGE OF PREFERENCE’ PERIOD. HENCE, YOU NEED TO TIMELY APPLY FOR ADMISSION (FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22 ENTRY) DIRECTLY INTO THE FIRST YEAR OF AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSE AT A HEI OR HEIs APPROVED FOR THE DES (AS PER THE LIST INCLUDED IN THIS PUBLICATION). THE DES DOES NOT COVER ANY PRE-SESSIONAL LANGUAGE, FOUNDATION OR BRIDGE COURSES.

4) MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT ALL DES APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED THOROUGHLY AND FAIRLY. HENCE, THERE ARE SEVERAL PHASES TO THE DES APPLICATION PROCESS WHICH INVOLVE A SCREENING COMMITTEE AND THE HEAC ELECTRONIC SYSTEM. THE MoHERI WILL NOT AND CANNOT ACCEPT INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS OR OFFERS OF ADMISSION/LoAs ISSUED BY HEIS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED FOR THE DES (REMINDER: PLEASE REFER TO THE LIST OF APPROVED HEIS INCLUDED IN THIS GUIDE).

GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA (GED)-CERTIFICATE AND EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS: 90% OVERALL OR GRADES OF 90% OR ABOVE IN ANY THREE SCHOOL SUBJECTS*
ADVANCED LEVEL (A-LEVEL OR A LEVEL): THREE A-LEVEL SUBJECTS WITH (+AND) GRADES A, B, C (OR ABOVE) IN TWO (OUT OF THREE) A-LEVEL SUBJECTS*
INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE (IBD OR IB): A TOTAL SCORE OF AT LEAST 31 POINTS (INCLUDING CORE CURRICULUM, WHERE APPLICABLE) OR A MINIMUM OF 5, 4 POINTS IN ANY TWO SUBJECTS TAKEN AT HIGHER LEVEL (HL)
*EXCLUDING PHYSICAL (& HEALTH) EDUCATION

THE OFFER SHOULD INCLUDE ALL THE INFORMATION AS OUTLINED IN THE ANSWER TO THE ‘WHAT Type OF INFORMATION SHOULD THE OFFER INCLUDE?’ QUESTION IN THIS GUIDE. IF THE LoA DOES NOT OUTLINE ALL THESE DETAILS, YOU SHOULD TIMELY UPLOAD THIS INFORMATION, ISSUED BY THE HEI, AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE ORIGINAL LoA AND UPLOAD IT AS ONE PDF-FILE TO THE HEAC PORTAL BEFORE THE CLOSING OF THE CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD. YOU CANNOT STUDY AT AN OVERSEAS OR IN-COUNTRY BRANCH CAMPUS (PLEASE REFER TO THE GENERAL INFO PAGES OF THIS PUBLICATION FOR MORE DETAILS).

IF THE OFFER OF ADMISSION OR LoA WAS ISSUED PRIOR TO YOU OBTAINING YOUR FINAL SCHOOL RESULTS AND THE HEI DOES NOT RE-ISSUE ANOTHER OFFER LETTER AS PER THEIR POLICY, YOU NEED TO TIMELY UPLOAD A ‘PROOF OF ENROLLMENT’, ISSUED BY THE HEI, ATTACHED TO THE INITIAL OFFER AND THIS PROOF SHOULD BE DATED AFTER YOU RECEIVED YOUR FINAL SCHOOL GRADES.

GED AND/OR EQUIVALENT AND/OR INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION HOLDERS WHO ARE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED AS A ‘REMARK’ STUDENT WITH THE HEAC BECAUSE THEY WILL REST THEIR EXAMS AND/OR ASKED FOR A SCHOOL GRADE REVIEW AND/OR INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION HOLDERS WHO EXPECT THEIR SCHOOL RESULTS TO BE RELEASED ON A DATE AFTER THE RELEVANT DEADLINES SET BY THE HEAC, MUST SUBMIT A CONDITIONAL LoA BY THE END OF ‘THE CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD’ AND AN UNCONDITIONAL LoA BY TUESDAY AUGUST 31 (UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE BY THE MoHERI IN DUE COURSE).

STUDENTS WHOSE APPLICATION HAS BEEN ‘PENDED’ BY THE (COMPETITIVE) HEI THEY APPLIED TO, HAVE TO SUBMIT THE CONDITIONAL LoA AND PROOF (ISSUED BY THE HEI) THAT THEY HAVE BEEN WAITLISTED (AND UPLOAD THESE DOCUMENTS BY THE HEAC’S CLOSURE OF THE CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD), IF THEY EVENTUALLY RECEIVE NEGATIVE FEEDBACK ON THE ADMISSION DECISION FROM THE HEI, THEY MAY SUBMIT AN UNCONDITIONAL OFFER FROM ANOTHER HEI THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR DES AND THEY HAVE TO SUBMIT THE UNCONDITIONAL OFFER BY AUGUST 31ST (UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE BY THE MoHERI IN DUE COURSE).

BEAR IN MIND THAT MEETING THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA DOES NOT GUARANTEE A PLACE AS ALL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE COMPETITIVE; IN CASE THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF PLACES, THE DES TIEBREAKERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
1) THE POSITION OF THE HEI IN THE QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS – 2021 VERSION* (PRIMARY TIEBREAKER),
2) FOLLOWED BY YOUR OVERALL SCHOOL GRADE (SECONDARY TIEBREAKER).
*QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2021: WWW.TOPUNIVERSITIES.COM
Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) which have been approved in view of the DES scheme (Academic Year 2021/22 entry) are listed by country/continent and in alphabetical order (only) on the following pages and these lists have been published by the Directorate-General for Scholarships on behalf of the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MoHERI) in December 2020. The MoHERI selected reputed, research-intensive HEIs based on objective selection criteria and the approved HEIs are all also included in the QS World University Rankings – 2021 version.
### ASIAN COUNTRIES

**HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) APPROVED BY THE MoHERI FOR THE DES SCHEME IN ASIAN COUNTRIES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22:** Prospective DES applicants may make an application to any of the following HEIs in ASIAN COUNTRIES and apply for admission directly into any eligible undergraduate degree course of their choice, with the exception of Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or Pharmacy. Please note that the DE scholarship does NOT cover any pre-sessional language and/or foundation pathways, bridging course or similar.

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**HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) APPROVED BY THE MoHERI FOR THE DES SCHEME IN AUSTRALIA FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22:** Prospective DES applicants may make an application to one of the following HEIs in Australia and in any eligible undergraduate degree course, including Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or Pharmacy. Please note that the DE scheme does NOT cover any pre-sessional language and/or foundation pathways, diploma course or similar. 

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MoHERI for the DES scheme in Australia for the academic year 2021/22.

**ASIAN COUNTRIES**

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Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) approved by the MoHERI for the DES scheme in Canada for the academic year 2021/22: Prospective DES applicants may make an application to any of the following HEIs in Canada and in any eligible undergraduate (UG) degree course, except for in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy or any other professional degree course as these are usually not available at UG degree level in Canada. The DES also does not cover any pre-sessional language or foundation course.

Year 2021/22: Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) approved by the MoHERI for the DES scheme in Ireland for the academic year 2021/22: Prospective DES applicants may make an application to any of the following HEIs in Ireland and in any eligible undergraduate degree course, including Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or Pharmacy. Please note that the DES scholarship does not cover any pre-sessional language or foundation pathways.

Year 2021/22: Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) approved by the MoHERI for the DES scheme in New Zealand for the academic year 2021/22: Prospective DES applicants may make an application to one of the following Higher Education Institutions in any eligible undergraduate degree course, including Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or Pharmacy. Please note that the DES scholarship does not cover any pre-sessional language or foundation course.
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) APPROVED FOR THE DES SCHEME IN THE UK FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22:

- Prospective DES applicants may make an application to any of the following HEIs in any eligible undergraduate degree course, including Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or Pharmacy. The HEIs marked in red are approved for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or Pharmacy ONLY and NOT for any other courses. All the other HEIs are approved for all undergraduate courses (as per their availability).

- The DES scholarship does NOT cover any pre-sessional pathways, language course, foundation programme or similar. Students should be aware of the fact that universities in the UK, as per UK rules and regulations, are usually NOT able to exempt General Education Certificate (GED)-holders from having to pursue a pre-sessional programme due to the duration and 'maturity' of their secondary school education and should be prepared to attend a pre-sessional programme (point of entry year) if they wish to be considered.

- Please note that an international year one, foundation certificate, integrated foundation programme or similar are NOT a direct entry in the UK means point of entry year 1, except for in Scotland, and should concern a course taught AT and (directly BY) the HEI. Prospective DES applicants may make an application to any of the following HEIs in any eligible undergraduate degree course, including Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or Pharmacy. The HEIs marked in red are approved for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or Pharmacy ONLY and NOT for any other courses. All the other HEIs are approved for all undergraduate courses (as per their availability).

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**ENGLAND**

- CARDIFF UNIVERSITY
  - www.cardiff.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (UCL)
  - www.ucl.ac.uk
- DURHAM UNIVERSITY
  - www.dur.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF EXETER
  - www.exeter.ac.uk
- IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON
  - www.imperial.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
  - www.leeds.ac.uk
- KING’S COLLEGE LONDON
  - www.kcl.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
  - www.liverpool.ac.uk
- LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE
  - www.lse.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM
  - www.nottingham.ac.uk
- NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY
  - www.ncl.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
  - www.ox.ac.uk
- QUEEN MARY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
  - www.qmul.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD
  - www.sheffield.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM
  - www.birmingham.ac.uk
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  - www.cam.ac.uk
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  - www.warwick.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF YORK
  - www.york.ac.uk

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- UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH
  - www.ed.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
  - www.gla.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE
  - www.dundee.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA
  - www.uea.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
  - www.leeds.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
  - www.liverpool.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
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- UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
  - www.warwick.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF YORK
  - www.york.ac.uk

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

- QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY BELFAST
  - www.qub.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM
  - www.dur.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF YORK
  - www.york.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN
  - www.dublin.ie
- UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL
  - www.liverpool.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM
  - www.nottingham.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
  - www.ox.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD
  - www.sheffield.ac.uk
- UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK
  - www.warwick.ac.uk
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**THE UNITED KINGDOM (THE UK)**

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (THE USA)
ما هو برنامج القبول المباشر؟
هو أحد برامج الابتعاث الخارجي للمرحلة الجامعية الأولى، والذي يتطلب حصول الطالب على قبول مباشر غير مشروط - أي غير شامل لمكونات اللغة وتأسيسيّة وتجسيريه - لدراسة التخصصات المعتمدة ضمن قائمة الجامعات التي اعتمدت لهذا البرنامج، وذلك كأساس للدخول في التنافس على المقاعد التي تخصص لهذا البرنامج.

ما هي الفئة التي يلائمها هذا البرنامج؟
إذا كنت من الطلبة العمانيين الدارسين لدبلوم التعليم العام أو ما يعادلها، فيحق لك التنافس على هذا البرنامج في حال الحصول على قبول مباشر وغير مشروط من الجامعات المعتمدة. ولكن يجب مراعاة أن نوع شهاداتك في دبلوم التعليم العام قد لا يؤهلك لبعض الأنظمة الجامعية كما سوف يوضح في هذا المنشور لاحقاً. كما أن تحقيقك لمعايير التنافس لبعثات القبول المباشر لا يعني بالضرورة قبولك فيها، فمما زال على الطالب التنافس مع باقي المتقدمين على المقاعد المتبقيّة لهذه البعثات.

كيف يمكنني التقدم للمنحمرة على هذا البرنامج؟
يجب عليك أن تطلع أولاً على الحد الأدنى لمتطلبات القبول التي يعُنها مركز القبول الموحد، كما يجب عليك أن تقدم القبول المباشر غير المشروط قبل الأجل الذي تعلنه الوزارة و اختيار رمز البرنامج وهو من DE001 ضمن خياراتك.

كما يجب متابعة الإعلانات التي تصدرها الوزارة والوثائق التي يستلزم إرفاقها كشرط للتنافس.

ما هي التخصصات التي يمكنني دراستها في إطار برنامج القبول المباشر؟
يمكنك دراسة أي تخصص طالما يندرج ضمن المرحلة الجامعية الأولى ولا يتضمن أي شهادات عليا أو مهنية وفقاً لما توضحه هذه النشرة كما لا يمكنك اختيار تخصص مزدوج أو تخصص مع برنامج عملي غير الزامي قد يترتب عليه زيادة مدة البعثة عن المعدل الطبيعي. 
ويجب التنبيه أن بعض التخصصات تقدم في بعض الدول على مستوى الدراسات العليا أو المستوى المهني مما لا يتفق مع اشتراطات هذا البرنامج، لذا ننصح بقراءة هذه التفاصيل فيما يلي من صفحات.

أمّة وزارة التعليم العالي والبحث العلمي والابتعاث الخارجي بخصوص القضايا المتعلقة بهذه النشرة.
ما هي الجامعات المحددة لهذا البرنامج؟ ومتي أقوم بمراسلتها لطلب القبول؟

هناك العديد من الجامعات العالمية ذات السمعة الأكاديمية المرموقة المدرجة في تصنيف QS، والتي تجدها مضمنة في هذه النشرة.

وي ينبغي عليك التواصل مع الجامعات في وقت مبكر، فقد أعدت المديرية العامة للبعثات هذه النشرة قبل مواعيد التسجيل بمركز القبول الموحد حتى تتسنى لك تقديم أوراقك كاملة ضمن الأجال المعلنة، كما أن بعض الجامعات تصدر قبولاتها في مواعيد مبكرة أو يكون فيها التنافس محتملا بين أفضل المتقدمين لها، لذا يفضل الإبتكار في التقدم وتجهيز جميع المستندات التي تطلبها الجامعات.

هل يمكنني التواصل مع أكثر من جامعة للحصول على القبول؟

نعم يمكنك ذلك، ولكن مع مراعاة أن تقدم قبول واحدا فقط خلال المرحلة النهائية لتعديل الرغبات، أو وفقا لما علناه الوزارة من تحديات.

متى يمكنني تحميل القبول النهائي وغير المشروع؟

يجب على الطلبة الراغبين في التنافس على بعثات القبول المباشر تحميل القبول المباشر غير مشروع بنهاية فترة تعيين الرغبات وسوف يتم تحديد موعد تعيين الرغبات وغيرها من التواريخ المهمة في دليل الطالب والذي سوف يتم نشره خلال الربع الأول من العام المقبل 2021.

ما هي المعلومات التي ينبغي توافرها في رسالة القبول من الجامعة؟

يجب أن تشير رسالة القبول الجامعية إلى شروط القبول إن وجدت، وكذلك التخصص، ومدة البرنامج (بداية ونهاية البرنامج)، ومقر الجامعة الذي أصدر القبول – إن كان للجامعة أكثر من مقر – وتاريخ إصدار القبول ويدعو للوزارة استبعاد أي طلب لا توفر فيه المعلومات الواضحة والكافية لمعرفة طبيعة القبول وانطلاق الشروط المعلنة عليه.

ملاحظة: في حال لم يشر القبول إلى هذه البيانات الهامة (نوع المؤهل، التخصص، مدة الدراسة، تاريخ إصدار القبول ... الخ) أو كان تاريخ صدوره قبل ظهور نتائج شهادة دبلوم التعليم العام، يتوجب عليك إرفاق – إضافة إلى القبول - معلومات إضافية من الجامعة حول البيانات الناقصة، علما بأن اللجنة المختصة بالفرز لن تعود إلى أي طالب لم يستوف المطلوب وسوف يتم استبعاده من المنافسة.
WHAT IS THE DES PROGRAMME? DES STANDS FOR DIRECT ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP WHICH IS ONE OF THE EXTERNAL UNDERGRADUATE (UG) SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEMES.

- THE DES REQUIRES AN OMANI PROSPECTIVE SCHOOL LEAVER, IN ORDER TO BE EARMARKED AS AN ELIGIBLE DES APPLICANT, TO GAIN AN UNCONDITIONAL OFFER OF A PLACE ON ANY UG (E.G. A BACHELOR’S DEGREE OR SIMILAR) COURSE AT AN OVERSEAS, RESEARCH-INTENSIVE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION (HEI) THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME BY THE MOHERI (THE LIST OF APPROVED HEIS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THIS GUIDE). YOU WILL HAVE TO START WITH YOUR UG COURSE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22 ENTRY (EITHER THE FIRST OR SECOND SEMESTER).
- THE DES IS THE ONLY TYPE OF EXTERNAL UG SCHOLARSHIP THAT DOES NOT COVER ANY PRE-SESSIONAL COURSES (E.G. LANGUAGE OR FOUNDATION COURSES) OR BRIDGE PROGRAMMES AS THE COURSE HAS TO BE TAUGHT DIRECTLY BY AND AT THE ORIGINAL HEI (NOT AT AN OVERSEAS OR IN-COUNTRY BRANCH CAMPUS).

WHO CAN COMPETITIVELY APPLY FOR THE DES PROGRAMME? ALL OMANI SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO GRADUATE FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER 2021, REGARDLESS OF THEIR TYPE OF QUALIFICATION, AND WHO MEET THE DES ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (INCLUDED IN THIS CIRCULAR), MAY COMPETITIVELY APPLY FOR DES, HOWEVER, BEAR IN MIND THAT:

- YOU MAY NOT QUALIFY FOR DIRECT ENTRY TO AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSE IN SOME OF THE APPROVED STUDY DESTINATIONS DUE TO THEIR EVALUATION OF YOUR APPLICATION AND/OR YOUR TYPE OF QUALIFICATION. PLEASE REFER TO THE FURTHER DETAILS BY COUNTRY/CONTINENT IN THIS PUBLICATION, WHILE YOU ARE EXPECTED TO DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH AS WELL.
- THE DES PROGRAMME DOES NOT NECESSARILY SUIT ALL STUDENTS, ESPECIALLY NOT THOSE WHO ARE ADVISED TO FIRST PURSUE A PRE-SESSIONAL COURSE TO HELP PREPARE FOR THEIR FUTURE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, WHILE NOT EVERYONE MAY WANT TO STUDY AT A RESEARCH-INTENSIVE UNIVERSITY EITHER, THIS DEPENDS ON YOUR GOALS AND/OR LEARNING STYLE. THESE STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO FOCUS ON THE OTHER TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS, SEATS AND/OR GRANTS THAT COVER THE COURSES THEY ARE INTERESTED IN AND THAT ARE LISTED IN THE HEAC STUDENT GUIDE FOR THE AY 2021-22.
- MEETING THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN THAT YOU WILL BE COMPETITIVELY AWARDED THIS TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP AS THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES MAY EXCEED THE NUMBER OF PLACES IN WHICH CASE TIEBREAKERS WILL APPLY. MAKE INFORMED HIGHER EDUCATION CHOICES: YOU SHOULD ALWAYS COMPETITIVELY APPLY FOR A VARIETY OF INTERNAL AND/OR EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS, SEATS AND/OR GRANTS THAT COVER THE COURSE(S) YOU ARE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN.

HOW DO I COMPETITIVELY APPLY FOR THE DES PROGRAMME? YOU CAN COMPETITIVELY APPLY FOR THE DES PROGRAMME IF YOU ARE AN OMANI SCHOOL STUDENT WHO IS CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL GRADE 12/YEAR 13 AND WHO:

- IS EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE THE STANDARD REQUIREMENTS* (=MINIMUM REQUIRED SCHOOL GRADES) AS PUBLISHED IN THIS BOOKLET ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, MoHERI
- CAN TIMELY UPLOAD AN UNCONDITIONAL LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE (LoA) OR OFFER OF ADMISSION AND, IF APPLICABLE, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS USING THE HEAC PORTAL (NOT EMAIL) BEFORE THE RELEVANT DEADLINES**
- WILL TIMELY SELECT THE DE001 CODE AS PART OF YOUR HEAC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – DE001 IS THE DES SCHOLARSHIP CODE IN THE HEAC STUDENT GUIDE

TO MAKE SURE ALL DES APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED THOROUGHLY AND FAIRLY, THERE ARE SEVERAL PHASES TO THE DES APPLICATION PROCESS WHICH INVOLVE A SCREENING COMMITTEE AND THE HEAC ELECTRONIC SYSTEM. THE MoHERI WILL NOT AND CANNOT ACCEPT INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS. THE STANDARD REQUIREMENTS ARE LISTED (AFTER THE Q&A) IN THIS BOOKLET BY THE MOST COMMON QUALIFICATIONS:

- THE GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA-CERTIFICATE & QUALIFICATIONS CONSIDERED EQUIVALENT TO THE GED BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
- THE ADVANCED LEVEL (A LEVEL OR A-LEVELS) QUALIFICATION
- THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) QUALIFICATION

FURTHER QUALIFICATION AND/OR SUBJECT-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS MAY APPLY AND DIFFER FROM ONE COURSE AND/OR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION (HEI) TO ANOTHER. BEFORE APPLYING TO A HEI, YOU NEED TO CHECK THAT YOU ARE LIKELY TO ACHIEVE, THE RIGHT SCHOOL GRADES AT THE RIGHT LEVEL AND IN THE RELEVANT SUBJECTS FOR THE COURSE(S) YOU PREFER BY REFERING TO THE APPROVED HEIS (WE INCLUDED THEIR URLS IN THIS CIRCULAR). THE SAME CRITERIA WILL BE ALSO LISTED IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION ADMISSIONS CENTER (HEAC) STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ITS ONGOING IMPACT MAY CREATE A SITUATION IN WHICH IT IS DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY FOR THE MoHERI TO MAKE CHANGES IN DATES AND/OR DEADLINES IN VIEW OF THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CYCLE. PLEASE REGULARLY CHECK THE HEAC AND MoHERI WEBSITES FOR ANY FURTHER UPDATES.

WHAT CAN I STUDY ON A DES SCHOLARSHIP? DES APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE TO STUDY ANY UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSE OF THEIR OWN CHOICE, PROVIDED IT CONCERNS AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSE, UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE BY THE MoHERI. THE DURATION SHOULD BE ‘STANDARD’ BASED ON THE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT OF THE COURSE AVAILABLE AT THE HEI – THIS SIMPLY MEANS YOU CANNOT CHOOSE AN OPTIONAL WORK PLACEMENT OR AN OPTIONAL, ADDITIONAL MAJOR THAT WOULD RESULT IN AN EXTENSION OF THE ‘NORMAL’ DURATION OF YOUR STUDIES. INTERDISCIPLINARY OR JOIN-DEGREE COURSES AND/OR INTERNSHIPS ARE ALLOWED AS LONG AS THEY ARE AN INTEGRATED PART OF THE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE OFFERED BY THE HEI AND ARE NOT CONSIDERED ‘OPTIONAL’. PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT NOT ALL UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSES ARE AVAILABLE IN ALL COUNTRIES: PLEASE READ THIS BOOKLET AND YOU ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO CONDUCT YOUR OWN RESEARCH.
WHICH HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIS) ARE APPROVED FOR DES IN VIEW OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22? AND BY WHEN SHOULD I APPLY TO HEIS? THE MOHERI SELECTED REPUTED, RESEARCH-INTENSIVE HEIS BASED ON WELL-RESEARCHED, OBJECTIVE SELECTION CRITERIA AND ALL APPROVED HEIS ARE ALL ALSO INCLUDED IN THE QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS – 2021 VERSION, WHILE THIS LEAGUE TABLE IS THE PRIMARY TIEBREAKER IN CASE THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES EXCEEDS THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE PLACES ALLOCATED TO THE DES. PLEASE REFER TO LISTS OF APPROVED HEIS BY COUNTRY ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES OF THIS GUIDE, WHICH HAVE BEEN LISTED BY COUNTRY AND/OR CONTINENT AND IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER ONLY, AND NOT BY THEIR POSITION IN THE QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2021 (PLEASE REFER TO THEIR WEBSITE TOPUNIVERSITIES.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION). STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO LIAISE WITH THE UNIVERSITIES DIRECTLY AND/OR MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO USE APPROPRIATE ENTITIES THAT MANAGE ADMISSIONS. THE DG FOR SCHOLARSHIPS CIRCULATED THE LISTS OF HEIS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR THE DES SCHEME IN DECEMBER 2020 TO PROVIDE PROSPECTIVE DES APPLICANTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO TIMELY APPLY FOR ADMISSION FOR 2021/22 ENTRY TO ONE OR MORE APPROVED HEIS BY THE RELEVANT DEADLINES SET BY THESE HEIS AND THESE DEADLINES MAY DIFFER FROM ONE HEI AND/OR COURSE TO ANOTHER - PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITES OF THE APPROVED HEIS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. THE HEAC PORTAL WON’T OPEN UNTIL APRIL 2021, HOWEVER, UNIVERSITY APPLICATION DEADLINES USUALLY FALL EARLIER AND APPLYING TO A HEI USUALLY REQUIRES A LOT OF PREPARATION/WORK AS HEIs ARE NOT ONLY INTERESTED IN YOUR (PREDICTED) MARKS, BUT USUALLY WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT E.G. YOUR APTITUDE, LANGUAGE SKILLS AND MOTIVATION AS WELL. COURSE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS MAY VARY FROM ONE HEI AND/OR COURSE TO ANOTHER, PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITES OF THE APPROVED HEIS TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY CONSIDER WHILE REVIEWING YOUR APPLICATION.

CAN I MAKE AN APPLICATION TO MORE THAN ONE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION? YES, YOU CAN MAKE AN APPLICATION TO MORE THAN ONE INSTITUTION AND THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE ALL LOCATED IN THE SAME COUNTRY EITHER. HOWEVER, BEAR IN MIND THAT YOU EVENTUALLY HAVE TO CHOOSE AS YOU CAN ONLY UPLOAD ONE UNCONDITIONAL LOA AS PART OF YOUR DES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE (PLEASE REFER TO THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DES ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA).

BY WHEN DO I NEED TO SUBMIT (UPLOAD) THE UNCONDITIONAL LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE (LoA)? MOST STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO UPLOAD THE UNCONDITIONAL LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE BY THE SAME DEADLINE THAT WILL APPLY TO HEAC SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION CYCLE (WHICH MEANS YOU WILL HAVE TO UPLOAD AN UNCONDITIONAL LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE BY THE END OF THEIR CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD) AND THEY WILL ANNOUNCE THE EXACT DATES IN DUE COURSE. SOME STUDENTS WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO UPLOAD A CONDITIONAL LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE IN CASE YOU WILL RECEIVE THEIR EXAM RESULTS AFTER THE RELEVANT HEAC DEADLINES AND/OR IF YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN PENDED – THIS HAS BEEN FURTHER EXPLAINED IN THIS BOOKLET (PLEASE REFER TO THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OVERVIEW). PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ITS ONGOING IMPACT MAY CREATE A SITUATION IN WHICH IT IS DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY FOR THE MOHERI TO MAKE CHANGES IN DATES AND/OR DEADLINES IN VIEW OF THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CYCLE. PLEASE REGULARLY CHECK THE HEAC AND MOHERI WEBSITES FOR ANY FURTHER UPDATES.

WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION SHOULD THE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE (LoA) OR OFFER OF ADMISSION INCLUDE? THIS LETTER SHOULD CONFIRM YOU ARE DEEMED ELIGIBLE TO DIRECTLY ENTER TO THE FIRST YEAR OF AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22 (FIRST OR SECOND INTAKE) WHICH IS TAUGHT AT, AND DIRECTLY BY, ONE OF THE HEIS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR THE DES PROGRAMME. THE LETTER (AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS*) SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- THE MAJOR OR COURSE YOU INTEND TO PURSUE AND IT SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT THE HEI CONFIRMS THAT THEY OFFER YOU A PLACE ON AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE TAUGHT AT & DIRECTLY BY THE HEI.
- THE NAME & LOCATION OF THE HEI: STUDYING AT AN IN-COUNTRY AND/OR OVERSEAS BRANCH CAMPUS IS NOT ALLOWED, UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE BY THE MOHERI.
- THE DATE ON WHICH THE LOA OR OFFER OF ADMISSION WAS ISSUED
- EXPECTED POINT OF DIRECT ENTRY (E.G. LEVEL 1 OR YEAR 1 OR FRESHMAN, ETC, ETC).
- THE EXPECTED START AND END (GRAD) DATE OF YOUR STUDIES (E.G. START FIRST TERM OR SEMESTER IN 2021 OR SECOND TERM OR SEMESTER IN 2022).
- THE UNIVERSITY’S SIGNATURE (E.G. SIGNED BY THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE OF THE HEI) AND/OR STAMP.

NOTE: IN CASE THE OFFER LETTER DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THE ABOVE-MENTIONED REQUIRED DETAILS, YOU WILL NEED TO ADD THIS AS A SEPARATE DOCUMENT (E.G. A LETTER PREPARED BY THE HEI’S ADMISSIONS OFFICE) AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE ORIGINAL OFFER OF ADMISSION OR LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE. IN CASE YOUR OFFER WAS ISSUED PRIOR TO YOU RECEIVING YOUR FINAL SCHOOL GRADES AND THE HEI DOES NOT RE-ISSUE ANOTHER LETTER AS PER THEIR POLICY, YOU WILL NEED TO UPLOAD A ‘PROOF OF ENROLLMENT’, ISSUED BY THE HEI, AND DATED AFTER YOUR SCHOOL EXAMS AND YOU SHOULD ADD THIS TO THE LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE AND CONVERT IT TO ONE PDF-FILE (THAT YOU WILL UPLOAD). YOU MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED TO SIGN A CONSENT FORM ALLOWING THE MINISTRY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ADMISSIONS STATUS. IF YOU SUBMIT AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION, THE DES SCHOLARSHIP SCREENING COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE YOU FROM THE DES COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURES.
KEY DEFINITIONS AND COMMONLY USED ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THIS BOOKLET - IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER:


- **BRIDGE (OR BRIDGING) PROGRAMME** = A COURSE DESIGNED BY UNIVERSITIES AND/OR THEIR PARTNERS (E.G. INTERNATIONAL YEAR ONE) FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE USUALLY FLUENT IN THE LANGUAGE USED AS MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION AND WHO HAVE GOOD MARKS BUT THEIR SCHOOL CURRICULUM AS SUCH DID NOT PREPARE THEM FOR DIRECT ENTRY INTO AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE COURSE. BRIDGING COURSES ARE NOT COVERED BY THE DES. IF YOU HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO PURSUE A BRIDGE PROGRAMME, YOU SHOULD COMPETITIVELY APPLY FOR THE OTHER TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS ONLY, NOT FOR THE DES.

- **CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD** = PART OF THE ANNUAL HEAC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CYCLE DURING WHICH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS CAN MAKE CHANGES IN HOW THEY RANKED THEIR OPTIONS BASED ON THEIR REAL SCHOOL RESULTS - HENCE, THIS PERIOD TAKES PLACE AFTER MOST SCHOOL RESULTS (INCLUDING GED) HAVE BEEN RELEASED. THE EXACT DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE HEAC (HEAC.GOV.OM). YOU WILL NEED TO UPLOAD THE OFFER OF ADMISSION (AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, IF APPLICABLE) BY THE END OF THIS CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD IN ORDER TO BE EARMARKED AS A DES APPLICANT.

- **CONDITIONAL OFFER** = USUALLY MEANS THE OFFER IS BASED ON YOUR PREDICTED SCHOOL RESULTS (AND OTHER CRITERIA SET BY HEIs). STUDENTS WHO DID NOT YET RECEIVE THEIR FINAL SCHOOL GRADES BEFORE THE END OF THE HEAC'S CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD MAY HAVE TO FIRST UPLOAD A CONDITIONAL LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE INSTEAD.

- **DES** = DIRECT ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP

- **DG OF SCHOLARSHIPS** = DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR SCHOLARSHIPS (THE EXTERNAL UG SCHOLARSHIPS DEPARTMENT, WHICH ADMINISTERS THE DES, IS PART OF THIS DIRECTORATE)

- **HEAC** = HIGHER EDUCATION ADMISSIONS CENTER WHICH MANAGES THE ELECTRONIC SYSTEM THAT SCREENS AND SELCTS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND PUBLISHES A STUDENT GUIDE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT ALL SCHOLARSHIPS, SEATS AND GRANTS. DES APPLICANTS HAVE TO APPLY THROUGH THEIR PORTAL.

- **HEI** = HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION - NOT ALL 'UNIVERSITIES' REFER TO THEMSELVES AS ‘UNIVERSITIES’ (E.G. TAKE THE MANY INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ETC)

- **LoA** = LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE, ALSO REFERRED TO AS 'OFFER OF ADMISSION' OR 'OFFER LETTER' THIS MAY DIFFER FROM ONE HEI TO ANOTHER.

- **MoE** = MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN THE SULTANATE OF OMAN

- **MoHERI** = MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & INNOVATION IN THE SULTANATE OF OMAN

- **PENDED OFFER** = WHEN A VERY COMPETITIVE/REPUTED HEI ‘WAITLISTS’ (=PEND) THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY QUALIFIED STUDENTS UNTIL THEY RECEIVE THE FINAL SCHOOL GRADES FROM ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (WHO APPLIED TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY) AS NOT ALL EXAM RESULTS ARE RELEASED ON THE SAME DATE - THIS ALSO MAY MEAN THAT YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO TIMELY UPLOAD AN UNCONDITIONAL OFFER AND WILL HAVE TO UPLOAD A CONDITIONAL OFFER AND PROOF THAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITLISTED INSTEAD (BY THE END OF THE HEAC’S CHANGE OF PREFERENCE PERIOD).

- **PRE-SESSIONAL** = THIS MEANS A LANGUAGE COURSE* OR FOUNDATION PATHWAY – DES IS THE ONLY TYPE OF EXTERNAL UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP THAT DOES NOT COVER PRE-SESSIONAL COURSES. IF YOU HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO PURSUE A PRE-SESSIONAL COURSE, YOU SHOULD COMPETITIVELY APPLY FOR THE OTHER TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS ONLY, NOT FOR THE DES.

- **UG DEGREE** = UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE – THE DES COVERS UG DEGREES ONLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN DUE COURSE.

- **UNCONDITIONAL OFFER** = MEANS YOU HAVE MET ALL THE ACADEMIC CONDITIONS SET BY THE HEI TO WHICH YOU MADE AN APPLICATION.