

Australia Awards (AA), Australia Development Scholarships (ADS) Civil Service (Targeted)

The Australian Government is offering post-graduate Australian Development Scholarships for Civil Service (**participating Ministries only**) at Masters Degree level at Australian universities, for studies commencing in 2013.

The Civil Service Scholarships are available **ONLY** to employees in six Government of Afghanistan Ministries, these ministries are:

1. Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL).
2. Ministry of Education (MoE)
3. Ministry of Finance (MoF)
4. Ministry of Mines (MoM)
5. Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and
6. Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD)

Each of the six Ministries will have up to seven scholarships, chosen through a merit-based, competitive and transparent selection process.

Women and provincial employees are strongly encouraged to apply.

Note: single female employees applying for these scholarships are able to apply for a family member to accompany them to Australia if the family member meets the visa requirements.

Australia Awards (AA) Program Background

The Australia Awards program in Afghanistan is managed by the Development Assistance Facility for Afghanistan (DAFA) on behalf of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). The AA program aims to contribute to the long term development of Afghanistan by strengthening the human resource capacity of the six Ministries listed above.

Eligibility Criteria

To be awarded an ADS you must:

- Be an Afghan citizen, living in Afghanistan and be employed in one of the six partner Government of Afghanistan Ministries
- Have completed at least an undergraduate degree (Bachelors) and provide evidence (attested degree certificate and transcript by Ministry of Higher Education and Foreign Affairs)
- Commit to return to Afghanistan for at least two years after completing the scholarship and be willing to sign a contract confirming this
- Not hold, or have held, an Australian government-funded scholarship in the last year
- Be less than 45 years of age at the time of application
- Not already be studying at an Australian institution at the time of application
- Meet the IELTS requirements of 5.5 with not band less than 5.0 (IELTS exam will be arranged by DAFA for potential candidates)
- Be an employee of and supported and endorsed by their Ministry

Available courses of study:

Potential candidates who are successful at initial selection stages will be asked to apply for a master course aligned with the priority areas of their home ministries. The priority areas will be available to candidates at those stages of selection.

Benefits of an ADS (Civil Service) award

AusAID meets the following costs for all ADS awardees:

- All university and academic fees
- Return air travel to and from Australia
- Establishment allowance
- Annual allowance to cover living costs of the ADS awardee only

Please note that AusAID does NOT contribute to expenses associated with awardees' families.

ADS awardees who wish to take their families with them to Australia are responsible for meeting the entire visa, travel and living costs of their family.

Closing date for applications

Your hard copy pre screening application form, supporting document and Ministry's Letter of Endorsement must be delivered to Zoom Logistic at one of the pick locations anytime from now between 09:00a.m and 04:00p.m but not later than 4:00p.m Saturday 31 March 2012.

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