




FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

2020 ADMISSION

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APPLYING TO POLITEKNIK BRUNEI (PB)

How and where do I apply?

Interested applicants with valid Brunei Identity Card **MUST** be registered to HECAS at www.hecas.moe.gov.bn **AND** must submit their application online via Politeknik Brunei Admission System (PBAS) accessible on this page <http://bit.ly/PBadmission2020>

For those without valid Brunei Identity Card, international applicants and applying under Brunei Government In-Service Scheme (LDP) **MUST** send in their application online via Politeknik Brunei Admission System (PBAS) accessible on this page <http://bit.ly/PBadmission2020>

When will PB start receiving applications?

PB Online Admission will start accepting applicants online on 04 February 2020.

When is the submission deadline to apply to PB?

Deadline for submission of applications to PB is on the 26 February 2020, before 12.00pm.

When will HECAS start receiving applications?

First round of HECAS application will open on 03 February 2020, after 8.30am.

When is the HECAS application deadline?

Deadline for submission of applications to HECAS is on the 22 February 2020, after 4.30pm.

Can I apply to more than one programme?

Yes, you may apply for a maximum of two (2) programmes.

What are the documents needed to apply to PB?

Before starting your online application to PB, please ensure you have the following documents in digital copy form:

- Passport size photo
- Identity Card or Passport
- 'O' Level Certificate
- 'A' Level Certificate (if applicable)
- Diploma/National Diploma/HTec Certificate & Transcript (if applicable)
- English language proficiency certificate (IELTS/TOEFL) (if applicable)

When is the admission to PB?

Admission process usually starts in February as soon as 'O' level results have been released and the new intake will commence in July.

When will I know if I have been accepted into the programme(s)?

Announcement of successful applicants will normally be made via HECAS and PB website. Successful applicants will be contacted directly via email stated in their application.

Result of application would be announced in June before the academic semester starts in July.

If my application is unsuccessful, can I reapply?

Yes, it is possible for students to reapply in the following year.

Will I be interviewed for admission into the programme(s)?

Each programme has specific requirements that must be met. Where applicable, some programmes may invite applicants that meet the minimum entry requirements for an interview session or to sit for entrance test(s).



ELIGIBILITY

What qualifications are accepted?

Acceptable qualifications include GCE 'O' Level Qualification or its equivalent, TVET Qualification or its equivalent and mature applicants with work experiences and those eligible for Brunei Government In-service Scheme. Please refer to PB Entry Requirements 2020 available online at <http://bit.ly/PBadmission2020>

What are the minimum requirements?

Applicants must satisfy the minimum entry requirements, programme specific requirements and to pass a written test/interview conducted by PB, where applicable.

Please refer to <http://bit.ly/PBadmission2020> for more information.

Do I need to have a credit C6 in GCE/IGCSE 'O' Level English to be considered?

Yes. A credit C6 in GCE/IGCSE 'O' Level English is one of the minimum entry requirements to apply to any programme offered by PB. However, a B4 is required for IGCSE English as a Second Language.

PB accepts the equivalent qualification such as IELTS with a grade point of 6.0 as an alternative to the GCE/IGCSE 'O' Level English. Please note that when using IELTS qualification, only a minimum grade point of 6.5 will be accepted for consideration in applying for the Brunei Government Scholarship.

I am retaking my GCE/IGCSE 'O' Level English in June, can I still be enrolled while waiting for my results?

No. All applicants must already possess the minimum qualifications required in order to be considered and enrolled to PB.

Do I need to have a credit C6 in GCE 'O' Level Bahasa Melayu to be considered?

No. You may still be accepted and enrolled without this. However, without a credit in GCE 'O' Level, applicants will not be eligible for the Brunei

Government Scholarship and will automatically be enrolled as fee-paying students at PB.

I am retaking my GCE 'O' Level Bahasa Melayu in June, can I still be enrolled while waiting for my results?

Yes. You will be enrolled as a fee-paying student until you have obtained a credit C6 in GCE 'O' Level Bahasa Melayu.

Can I use my non-English medium GCE/IGCSE 'O' Level subjects to meet the entry requirements?

No. Each programme offered requires applicants to have a minimum credit C6 in various combination of subjects excluding non-English medium subjects.

I only did IGCSE 'O' Level (Core) and no GCE 'O' Level, can I still be considered?

Yes, as long as you obtained grade C in five (5) subjects including English, Mathematics & three (3) other relevant English medium subjects and the points from these five (5) subjects is between 5 to 26 points.

I only have a grade C in IGCSE English (Core), will I still be eligible to apply?

Yes, those with grade C IGCSE Core are still eligible to apply.

I only did IGCSE 'O' Level (Extended) and no GCE 'O' Level, can I still be considered?

Yes, as long as you meet the minimum requirements and specific programme requirements.

I only have a credit C6 in IGCSE 'O' Level English as a Second Language can I still be considered?

Unfortunately, no. With IGCSE 'O' Level in English as a Second Language, the minimum grade that we accept is a B4.

I do not have a credit C6 in IGCSE 'O' Level Mathematics can I still be considered?

Unfortunately, no. A credit C6 in GCE/IGCSE 'O' Level Mathematics is one of the minimum entry requirements to apply to any programmes offered by PB.

I have just completed BGCE 'A' Level. Can I apply to PB using my 'A' Level results?

Having a BGCE 'A' Level can be an added advantage to increase your chances of being accepted to PB provided that your GCE/IGCSE 'O' Level result meet the minimum entry requirements.

What is the minimum GPA in order to be eligible for application for Politeknik Brunei (PB) Diploma Level 5 programmes?

The minimum GPA to be eligible for our Diploma Programmes are as follows:

GPA ≥ 2.0 [Based on a 3 points system] for **National Diploma (ND)** (Level 4 in BDNQF).

GPA ≥ 2.7 [Based on a 4 points system] for **Diploma** (Level 4 in BDNQF) in **related field**.

GPA ≥ 2.7 [Based on a 4 points systems] for **HNTec** (Level 4 in BDNQF) in **related field**.

Are there any specific entry requirements for each of the Diploma programmes?

Yes. Every diploma programme may set varying requirements depending on the nature of the programme. For instance, Diploma in Health Sciences programmes require applicants to pass medical fitness examinations and must be certified fit to join the programme. Some programmes under the School of Science and Engineering require applicants to undergo a colour blindness test.

Please refer to each programme for its specific entry requirements.

I am a TVET graduate and interested in applying courses at Politeknik Brunei but I am not sure of my CGPA, how do I go about this?

We strongly advise students to check with their previous colleges regarding the calculation of CGPA. Please take note that such calculations may differ from one college to another due to differences in weightage and credit schemes of the respective programmes and colleges.

I am in my final year of TVET study and currently doing attachment, can I apply to further my study at Politeknik Brunei?

You must complete your study with evidence of academic results and completion being presented at the time of application. Predicted result will not be considered.

If my academic results are slightly below the required points, will I still be considered for admission?

No, all applicants must meet the minimum entry requirements.

I have a National Diploma (ND) qualification. Can I be considered as a direct-entry Year 2 student?

There is no direct-entry into the second year in Politeknik Brunei.

Can IBTE graduates apply to Politeknik Brunei using their GCE/IGCSE 'O' Level results?

Yes.

Can non-Bruneians apply to PB?

Yes. Interested applicants may send in their applications online via Politeknik Brunei Admission System (PBAS) accessible on this page <http://bit.ly/PBAdmission2020> However, non-Bruneians will not be eligible to apply for the Brunei Government Scholarship and will only be enrolled as fee paying students.

Is there an age limit for admission to PB?

No. However applicants who are more than 25 years old on 1 September 2020 may not be eligible for the Brunei Government Scholarship and will be enrolled as a fee paying student.



OUR PROGRAMMES

What level of Diploma does PB offer?

All of the Diploma programmes that PB offers are at Level 5 according to the Brunei Darussalam National Qualification Framework (BDNQF) which is equivalent to Higher National Diploma.

What is the duration of a Diploma Programme at PB?

3 years.

What are the programmes available at PB?

PB offers a total of 22 programmes from four (4) schools: School of Business, School of Health Sciences, School of Information Communication Technology and School of Science and Engineering.

The list of programmes offered can be obtained from our website.

What is the language of instruction used in Politeknik Brunei?

All modules are in English medium except for Pengajian Melayu Islam Beraja (MIB) and Pendidikan Islam modules.

How do I know what is the most suitable Diploma programme for me based on my results?

While we may not be able to make the decision for you, you may refer to the list of programmes and its programme structure from our website to assist you in making a more informed decision.

You may also meet our lecturers and obtain more insight to help you with any queries during the upcoming Higher Education Expo on 8th and 9th February 2020.

What are my chances of furthering my study after completing my Level 5 Diploma at Politeknik Brunei?

Our Level 5 Diploma programme is equivalent to a Higher National Diploma as endorsed by the Brunei Darussalam National Accreditation Council (BDNAC), Ministry of Education. Upon successful completion, the next level of study is a Bachelor's Degree for those not immediately seeking for employment.

FACILITIES

Will accommodation be provided for those living outside of the Brunei-Muara District?

Accommodation may be available for rent at The Core, UBD. However, room availability is limited and candidates will need to apply via the PB Student Affairs Department, PB.

Is there any accommodation or transportation provided for students who will be studying at the School of Science and Engineering, Lumut Campus?

Currently there is no accommodation provided. However, a private bus service is available at a chargeable monthly fee decided by the selected bus company.



FINANCIAL MATTERS

How much are the tuition fees?

For Brunei Citizen and Permanent Resident (full-time and part-time) it is at B\$3,600 per year for non-laboratory based programme and B\$4,100 per year for laboratory based programme.

For international students (full-time and part-time) it is at B\$5000 per year for non-laboratory based programme and B\$6000 per year for laboratory based programme.

Please refer to the fee schedule accessible via this link <http://bit.ly/PBadmission2020>

Is there any allowance given for PB students?

All students who meet the requirements to apply for Brunei Government Scholarship will be eligible to receive monthly allowance and their tuition fee are waived.

*To check your eligibility for Brunei Government Scholarship please visit this link:
<http://www.moe.gov.bn/SitePages/Scholarship%20Section.aspx>*