

JULY 2024 ADMISSION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

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APPLYING TO POLITEKNIK BRUNEI (PB)

Who can apply?

Those with:

- GCE 'O' Level Qualification or its equivalent.
- TVET Qualification or its equivalent and
- Mature applicants with work experiences, including those eligible for Brunei Government In-service Scheme.

Please refer to PB Entry Requirements available online at:

<https://pb.edu.bn/politeknik-brunei/admission/>

When do I apply to PB?

HECAS and PBAS Online application for 1st Round July Intake 2024 started on **Thursday, 18th January 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and will be closed on Thursday, 29th February 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**

How and where to apply?

For Applicants with valid Brunei Identity Card (Yellow, Purple & Green IC):

- **MUST** be registered to **HECAS** www.hecas.moe.gov.bn **AND**
- **MUST** apply online via Politeknik Brunei Admission System (**PBAS**) accessible on this page: <https://pbas.pb.edu.bn>

For applicants without a valid Brunei Identity Card, foreign applicants (who do not have a valid Brunei Darussalam issued IC) and those applying under Brunei Government In-Service Scheme (*Latihan Dalam Perkhidmatan*):

- **MUST** apply online via Politeknik Brunei Admission System (**PBAS**) accessible on this page: <https://pbas.pb.edu.bn>

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 format:

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

Can I apply for more than one programme?

Yes, you may apply for a maximum of two (2) programmes offered at Politeknik Brunei.

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

Successful applicants will be announced via HECAS and PB website. Successful applicants will also be contacted directly via email.

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

If my application is unsuccessful, can I reapply?

Yes, you may reapply in the following year or next admission round.

ELIGIBILITY

Will there be any interviews or any additional tests before I can get accepted into PB?

Where applicable, some programmes may invite applicants that meet the minimum entry requirements for an interview session or to sit for entrance test(s).

What are the minimum requirements?

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

For more information, please refer to

<https://pb.edu.bn/politeknikbrunei/admission/>

What is the minimum CGPA to be eligible to apply for PB Diploma Level 5 programmes?

The minimum CGPA to be eligible to apply for our Diploma Programmes is as follows:

CGPA \geq 2.0 [Based on a 3-point system] for National Diploma (ND) (Level 4 in BDQF) or CGPA \geq 2.7 [Based on a 4-point system] for Diploma (Level 4 in BDQF) in related field.

Do I need to have a credit in English for my application to be considered?

Yes, a credit in English is required in order to be eligible to apply for all the programmes offered as shown below:

English Qualification	Minimum Grade Accepted
*GCE 'O' Level English	C6
IELTS	6.0**

*And its equivalent in IGCSE English (As A Second Language).

**Please note that when using IELTS qualification, only a minimum grade point of 6.5 will be accepted when applying for the Brunei Government Scholarship.

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

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

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.

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

No. However, without a credit in GCE 'O' Level Bahasa Melayu, applicants will not be eligible for the Brunei Government Scholarship and will automatically be enrolled as fee-paying student at PB.

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

Yes, you may enrol as a fee-paying student until you have obtained at least a credit C6 in GCE 'O' Level Bahasa Melayu.

I do not have a credit C6 in GCE 'O' Level Mathematics. Can I still be considered?

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 GCE 'A' Level. Can I apply to PB using my 'A' Level results?

Having a GCE 'A' Level can be an advantage to increase your chance of getting accepted to PB, provided that your GCE/IGCSE 'O' Level results meet the minimum entry requirements.

I do not have my certificate yet. Can I apply using my Academic Transcript?

Yes, please make sure your Academic Transcript shows your CGPA clearly. Your CGPA must be ≥ 2.7 (Based on a 4-point system) for HNTec (Level 4 in BDNQF) ≥ 2.0 (based on a 3-point system) for ND (Level 4 NQF*) within related field.

Can I get scholarship outside of Brunei after I graduated from Politeknik Brunei? What is the procedure?

Yes, it is possible to apply for scholarships outside of Brunei after graduating from Politeknik Brunei. The specific procedures and requirements will vary depending on the scholarship programme and the university or organization offering it.

Why are there no programmes from the School of Petrochemical offered starting this July 2024?

All programmes from School of Petrochemical are currently put on hold, effective July 2024 until further notice.

Are there any other 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 blind test and Medical Checkup Test.

Please refer to each programme for its specific entry requirements.

I am a TVET graduate, interested in applying for courses at PB but I am not sure of my CGPA, how do I go about doing it?

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

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 at Politeknik Brunei.

Can non-Bruneians apply for scholarship?

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?

There is no age limit for admission to PB.

However, applicants who have reached the age of 26 or older by September 1st, 2024, may not meet the eligibility criteria for the Brunei Government Scholarship and could instead be enrolled as fee-paying students.

Why are some of us designated to study at Life Long Learning Centre in Lambak and some at Ong Sum Ping Campus?

Politeknik Brunei is currently collaborating with Lifelong Learning Centre (L3C), Lambak to provide a venue to run its diverse diploma programmes. Consequently, some students are designated to study in Lambak, while others are stationed at the Ong Sum Ping campus.

FACILITIES

What level of Diploma does PB offer?

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

What programmes are available at PB?

For the 1st round, PB offers a total of 21 programmes from four (4) schools: School of Business, School of Information and Communication Technology, School of Health Sciences 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 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.

What are my chances to further 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.

Is it possible to finish my course 6 months earlier than the designated timeframe? (i.e. changing my 3-year programme to 2.5 year programme).

Unfortunately, completing your course six months earlier than the designated time frame may not be possible. The timeline for graduation is typically structured based on the necessary academic requirements, course sequencing, and institutional policies.

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

Yes.

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

Politeknik Brunei currently does not provide student accommodation facilities. However, if you wish to apply, there is student accomodation available managed by UBD Corporation Sdn Bhd based in the area around Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Jalan Tungku Link (Terms and Conditions apply).

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

TYPE OF STUDENTS	PROGRAMME	FEE PAYABLE (FULL-DURATION)
Brunei Citizen & Permanent Residents	Non-Laboratory Based Programme	\$10,800.00 for 3 years \$9,000.00 for 2.5 years
	Laboratory Based Programme	\$12,300.00 for 3 years \$10,250.00 for 2.5 years
Foreign Students	Non-Laboratory Based Programme	\$15,000.00 for 3 years \$12,500.00 for 2.5 years
	Laboratory Based Programme	\$18,000.00 for 3 years \$15,000.00 for 2.5 years

Please refer to the fee schedule accessible via this link <https://pb.edu.bn/politeknik-brunei/admission/>

Is there any allowance given for PB students?

All students who meet the requirements to apply for Local Government Scholarship will be eligible to receive monthly allowances and their tuition fees waived.

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