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Our ref : CFTC/CSASF/ 238

(Please Quote this reference number in  
all correspondence)

Dear Mr Morake,

Cata- Lebohlang Mohlakoane

Course in motor mechanics

The above-mentioned candidate has applied to the  
Commonwealth Secretariat for an award under the Commonwealth  
. Nassau Fellowships scheme, details of which are provided in the  
attached paper. He/she has indicated that you would be  
willing to submit a reference in support of this application.

I shall be grateful for your comments on the  
applicant's personal and academic suitability for such an  
award. Your reply will, of course, be treated in the  
strictest confidence.

Yours sincerely ,

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Fellowships & Training Programme,

Human Resource Development Group.

# COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT

## COMMONWEALTH PROGRAMME FOR SOUTH AFRICANS: COMMONWEALTH NASSAU FELLOWSHIPS (information for applicants)

The Commonwealth Programs for South Africans was established in 1964, following a decision made by the Commonwealth Heads of Government at their meeting in Nassau in October 1964. It is designed

to assist South Africa's students who are suitably qualified for further education at universities, technical colleges or other training institutions, and who require financial assistance to meet the costs

of their study and training programmes. In order to distinguish this new Commonwealth initiative from other existing schemes, all awards under the scheme are known as "Commonwealth Nassau Fellowships".

These Fellowships are made available under two separate arrangements. The first consists of bilateral scholarships which governments administer, using their High Commissions and Missions to identify suitable candidates. The Commonwealth Secretariat has no role in administering these

awards. The rest of this information paper refers to the second arrangement, which consists of multi-lateral scholarships. Governments contribute in several ways: by providing places at their education and training institutions, by contributing to the Commonwealth South Africa Scholarship Fund, by waiving tuition fees and by offering employment opportunities for those who have completed

commas. This scheme is administered by the Commonwealth Secretariat's Fellowships and Training Wing. Under this multilateral tier, the Secretariat makes awards to selected students, who are placed and supported at appropriate education institutions in Commonwealth developing countries, especially in Africa. Except in very exceptional circumstances (e.g. men training in a particular

course is available in a developing country of the Commonwealth) awards are not granted for study in Australia, Britain, Canada and New Zealand. They are never made available for study in non-Commonwealth countries.

Eligibility 1.1.1 To be eligible for consideration for a Commonwealth Nassau Fellowship, an applicant must be:

(a) a South African who is disadvantaged by apartheid;

(b) at least 16 years of age;

(c) medically fit;

(d) in possession of at least 'O' level qualification, or their equivalent;

(e) qualified to continue studies at a university, technical college or on an appropriate vocational course. (South Africans with 'O' level or 'M' qualification who wish to pursue their studies at university, but who need 'A' levels or equivalent for admission purposes, can be considered for study at this level. However, this category of training will form a very small part of the programme);

(f) prepared to return to South Africa on completion of the course or, if this is not feasible at the time, to apply for employment outside South Africa.

Priorities The resources available to the Commonwealth Programme are limited and it is likely that there

will always be far more applicants than can be offered assistance. In these circumstances, preference is given to candidates who have not already obtained a first degree, a diploma, or a technical

or professional qualification, and who wish to study in fields where subsequent employment opportunities in developing countries are likely to be relatively easy to find. Particularly favourable consideration

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is given to applicants seeking financial assistance to enable them to pursue work of technical and vocational education and training.

The possibility exists of Commonwealth Nassau Fellowships being provided for postgraduate courses.

but very few events are granted for study at that level.

Further

Am normally cover the following items:

(a) travel to the place of training by the most direct means and by the most private and economical means available;

(b) travelling fees;

(c) books;

(d) modest allowances for board, lodging and personal maintenance.

All Commonwealth Nassau Fellowships are provided on the understanding that they will normally be continued for the period of study or training for which they are granted but may be terminated

at any time for reasons of poor health, unsatisfactory conduct, breach of the conditions of the award, or failure to make satisfactory progress.

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Should students so wish, the Secretariat will endeavour to assist them to secure suitable employment in Commonwealth developing countries, on the basis of their curriculum vitae. This assistance

includes sending completing trainees' job applications to the governments of Commonwealth countries and

to selected agencies such as the OAU's Bureau for Refugees.

to apply

(a) Applicants may be able to obtain advice and application forms from the Ministry of Education, or from High Commissions, if they are living in a Commonwealth country.

If applicants are living in a non-Commonwealth country, the Embassies of Commonwealth countries may be in a position to assist. :- .

(b) Candidates may find it more convenient to write to the Commonwealth Secretariat and to address their enquiries to:

the Director,

Fellowships & Training Program,

Commonwealth Secretariat,

Marlborough House,

Whitehall,

London SW1A 1HQ.

Applications should be submitted at least four months before the beginning of the proposed

course of study or training. It is particularly helpful if candidates can submit satisfactory evidence of their acceptance on suitable courses at publicly financed and managed institutions in Commonwealth developing countries. However, if applicants have not already received such offers, the Commonwealth Secretariat will endeavour to wage wide placement.