COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP EMOLUMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1978-1979

Commonwealth Scholarships are normally intended to cover return fares, fees, an allowance for maintenance and books and certain other expenses. They are usually open only to persons under 35 years of age who are Commonwealth citizens or British protected persons and resident in Commonwealth countries other than the awarding country. They are tenable at a university or other institution of higher learning in the awarding country and are normally awarded for advanced study or research to graduates or holders of an equivalent qualification. Under certain circumstances an award may be made to enable a student to proceed to a first degree or to a graduate who wishes to undertake further undergraduate study. The normal period of tenure is two academic years, but awards may be made for shorter or longer periods. The conditions and emoluments of awards are determined by the various awarding countries and are set out below.

AUSTRALIA

Emoluments for Australian Scholarships include:

(a) Travel to and from Australia generally by economy air and by the most direct route. (This is for the scholar only, no provision is made for the travel of dependants).

(b) All compulsory fees.

(c) Living allowances - at the rate of $A4,200 per annum for postgraduate scholars and $A3,016 per annum (out of college) and $A3,900 (in college or hall of residence) for undergraduate scholars.

(d) Establishment allowance of $A162 for postgraduate and $A116 for undergraduate scholars.

(e) Marriage allowance - for a married scholar at the rate of $A1,632 per annum during the time the scholar's spouse is with him/her in Australia. This allowance is payable only to a dependent spouse.

Note - the allowance of $A1,632 is provided only as a contribution towards the support of a scholar's spouse in Australia. A scholar accompanied by his/her spouse will need other resources to supplement this allowance.

(f) Dependent's allowance: $A390.00 for each child.

(g) Clothing allowance where applicable of $A170.

(h) Awardees receive an additional $A20 per day when travelling away from their home base.

(i) Book and equipment allowance of $A200 per annum.

(j) Thesis expenses - a flat allowance in the final year is paid at the rate of $A250 for undergraduate honours or master's thesis and $A400 for a doctoral dissertation.

Benefits payable to students receiving full-time education at a university or college are not taxable in Australia. The allowances payable are reviewed periodically, as required.

BRITAIN

The emoluments are intended to cover expenses of travel, living and study during tenure of the scholarship and will consist of:

(a) A personal maintenance allowance at the rate of £194 per month.

(b) Student concessionary or other approved air fares to Britain and return on expiry of the scholarship (the cost of journeys made before receipt of awards will not normally be reimbursed, nor can fares be paid for a scholar's dependants).

(c) Approved tuition and examination fees.

(d) A grant for books and apparatus of £88 during the first year of study, and of £54 for each complete year of study thereafter; and a grant of up to £80 towards the cost of typing and binding one thesis, where applicable.

(e) A grant for expenses of approved study travel within Britain of up to £40 a year.

(f) An initial clothing grant of £100 in the first year and £12 in each subsequent year for such scholars coming from tropical countries as are recommended to receive it.

(g) For married scholars a marriage allowance of £97 per month is payable provided that the husband and wife are residing together at the same address in Britain. It is not paid when the husband or wife of the scholar is also in receipt of an award,or is in full-time employment.

For married couples accompanied by their children, a child allowance is payable at the rate of £14, £11, and £8 per month respectively for the first, second and third child under the age of 16, and provided they are residing with their parents. For a scholar who is a widower/widow or divorced and is legally responsible for the children of the marriage, a child allowance will be payable provided they accompany and reside with him/her.

These emoluments are not subject to United Kingdom income tax.

CANADA

The emoluments of a Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship are intended to cover the expenses of travel, living and study during its tenure, and include:

(a) Transportation to Canada and return, normally by the most direct economy air passage, as arrnaged by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

(b) Approved tuition and other compulsory university fees (excluding board and residence).

(c) A personal maintenance allowance at the rate of $C350 per month, and an additional supplement of $C125 in special cases.

(d) Approved medical and hospital expenses.

(e) A book allowance of $C200 during each year of study. In universities operating a trimester system, a book allowance of $C100 per semester.

(f) In special circumstances an allowance for special books, equipment and supplies not available in the university.

(g) A clothing allowance of $C350 during the first year of study and $C250 per year in subsequent years.

(h) In special cases provision for travel within Canada up to a total of $C800 if it is an essential part of the scholar's academic programme.

(i) For a scholar who was married before coming to Canada, a marriage allowance of $C150 per month while the spouse resides with the scholar in Canada, plus two-thirds of the cost of the spouse's fare to Canada and return as arranged by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. These payments will be made only if there is adequate assurance that the scholar's spouse will be living in Canada for at least six consecutive months of the tenure of the scholarship and provided the spouse does not hold a scholarship or fellowship in Canada; if the spouse of the scholar wishes to seek paid employment, prior permission must be obtained from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and from the Department of Manpower and Immigration. WE MUST STRESS THAT EMPLOYMENT IS DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AND PERMISSION TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT WOULD ONLY BE GIVEN IF IT DID NOT CONSTITUTE UNWARRANTED USE OF FOREIGN LABOUR, AND DOES NOT DENY THE CANADIAN LABOUR FORCE. If the spouse does obtain employment, there will be a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the marriage allowance during the period of employment - no matter how short a period of time within each month the spouse is employed.

As no child allowances are payable to scholars, it is essential for scholars bringing children to Canada to have additional financial resources for their support.

GHANA

Scholars will receive:

(a) Fare, to and from Ghana, by tourist/economy air.

(b) A subsistence allowance of ₵4,800 per annum, from which the scholar has to pay charges for board and accommodation.

(c) Approved tuition, laboratory and examination fees.

(d) Cost of books and apparatus up to ¢350 per annum.

(e) Initial clothing allowance of ¢400 for scholars who normally reside in temperate climates.

(f) An allowance of ¢600 per annum to cover the cost of travelling within Ghana, in connection with the scholar's studies or research.

(g) Scholars will normally be housed in a university hall of residence. It is not possible to provide housing for a scholar who is accompanied by his wife. There is, however, no objection to a scholar bringing his wife with him as long as he takes full responsibility for her support and accommodation.

These allowances are not subject to Ghana income tax.

HONG KONG

The emoluments of the Hong Kong scholarships cover:

(a) Return passages (normally by the most direct economy air passage).

(b) University fees.

(c) Maintenance allowance - $HK1,700 per month.

(d) Books and apparatus allowance - $HK400 per annum.

(e) Additional travel allowance - $HK400 per annum.

(f) Clothing allowance (if necessary) - $HK640.

(g) Medical facilities: Normal University Health Service for the scholar only provided on the same basis as for all other students in the university. Free medical treatment in Government hospitals for scholar and his wife. These facilities do not include hospital maintenance fees, dental and ophthalmic treatment, maternity treatment, nor the cost of any hearing aids or appliances, all of which must be paid for by the scholar and his wife.

The above emoluments are not taxable in Hong Kong.

An additional marriage allowance of $HK1,100 per month will be paid to a male scholar who is married at the time of taking up his award if accompanied by his wife. This allowance will not be payable if the wife holds a scholarship or is in paid employment.

INDIA

Each scholarship is intended to cover the expenses of travel, living and study during its tenure, which will be as follows:

(a) Cost of air or sea passage from the port of embarkation in the home country by tourist or economy class to the port of disembarkation in India and back and also first class train or bus fare from the port of disembarkation in India to the place of training in India and back.

(b) Approved tuition and other compulsory university fees (excluding board and residence).

(c) A personal maintenance allowance at the rate of Rs.400 per month for undergraduate studies and Rs.500 per month for postgraduate studies.

(d) A grant for books or equipment subject to a maximum of Rs.300 per annum.

(e) Approved medical expenses.

(f) A grant for expenses of approved study tours within India and for attending approved holiday or youth welfare camps at prescribed rates.

(g) An outfit allowance of Rs.200 only on joining the institution.

These payments are not taxable in India.

There is no provision for any additional allowance if a scholar brings his family with him.

JAMAICA

The emoluments are intended to cover expenses of travel, living and study during the tenure of the scholarship, and will consist of:

(a) Fares (normally tourist class sea or air rates) to Jamaica and return on expiry of the scholarship; in the case of a male married scholar accompanied by his wife, half the return passage to Jamaica will be paid in respect of his wife, provided the duration of the course is more than one academic year.

(b) Approved tuition, laboratory and examination fees.

(c) A personal maintenance allowance at the rate of $J3,300 per annum for graduates and $J2,700 for undergraduates.

(d) A maximum grant of $J250 per annum for books and apparatus.

(e) A grant for expenses of approved travel in connection with the course of up to $J100 per year.

(f) A clothing allowance of $J150 for scholars coming from temperate countries.

(g) For married scholars accompanied by their spouses, a marriage allowance at the rate of $J800 per annum. This allowance will not be payable unless the scholar was married at the time of application and will also not be payable in respect of a spouse who holds a scholarship or who is in paid employment.

MALAYSIA

The value of the award has been fixed so that under normal circumstnaces the maintenance allowance and other benefits will cover the expense of travel, living and study of the scholar during tenure of the scholarship. The following payments will be made:

(a) Travel to and from Malaysia by tourist class sea or air by the most direct route as arranged by the Malaysian Liaison Committee. (No provision is included for expenses of dependants except for the wife who is accompanying the scholar).

(b) Approved tuition, laboratory and examination fees.

(c) A personal maintenance allowance, payable monthly, at the rate of M$6,000 per annum.

(d) A grant for books or equipment of M$150 per annum.

(e) A grant of up to M$200 per annum for approved travel within Malaysia.

(f) An additional marriage allowance at the rate of M$1,200 per annum for a male married scholar accompanied by his wife. The allowance will not be payable during the first year of the tenure of the scholarship unless the scholar was married at the time of his application for an award and will not be payable if the wife herself holds a scholarship of is in paid employment while in Malaysia.

(g) Approved medical hospital expenses with the exception of the following:

(i) hearing aids
(ii) spectacles
(iii) any form of dental treatment.

MALTA

The value of the scholarship will include the payment of:

(a) Fares from and to the country of origin.

(b) A maintenance allowance of £M90 per month.

(c) A marriage allowance of £M25 per month; this allowance will not be paid when the scholar's wife is in employment, or when the wife does not accompany the scholar to Malta.

(d) Approved tuition, laboratory and examination fees.

(e) A book and equipment allowance of £M50 for the whole course.

(f) Free medical treatment in Government hospitals.

NEW ZEALAND

The value of the award has been fixed so that under normal circumstances the living allowance and ohter benefits, will cover the scholar's expenses of travel, living and study during the tenure of the scholarship. The following payments will be made:

(a) Travel to and from New Zealand by tourist class sea or air passage as arranged by the New Zealand authorities. (No provision has been included for the expenses of dependants).

(b) Approved tuition, laboratory and examination fees.

(c) A personal maintenance allowance at the rate of SNZ300 a month from the date of arrival in New Zealand.

(d) A refund of actual and reasonable expenditure on necessary books up to $NZ150 a year subject to the books on the list being certified by the scholar's supervisor as necessary for the scholar's course. A scholar may apply, with the support of his supervisor, to use part of this grant for the purchase of a calculator.

(e) Where appropriate, a cloting allowance of up to $NZ200 - this will apply in the main to scholars coming from tropical countries.

(f) Medical and hospital expenses with the exception of the following:

(i) hearing aids
(ii) spectacles
(iii) any form of dental treatment.

(g) Marriage and child allowance provided the spouse neither holds a scholarship nor is in paid employment:

Marriage allowance	$NZ70 a month
Child allowance	$NZ6 a week for one child
	$NZ10 a week for two or more children

(h) The Scholarships Committee, on the recommendation of the Head of the Department in which the scholar is working, may make grants in aid of internal travel and field expenses connected with the scholar's programme.

(i) Where a scholar has a spouse and child to support and the spouse has not been able to earn while in New Zealand, the return fare of the spouse at the most economical rate.

(j) Assistance with the production of a thesis.

The allowances named above are not taxed in New Zealand.

NIGERIA

Each scholarship is intended to cover expenses of travel, living and study during tenure of the award, and will consist of:

(a) Fares - normally first class sea or tourist air passage to Nigeria and return to the candidate's country of origin on completion of study or research.. The cost of journeys made before receipt of an award will not normally be reimbursed.

(b) Approved tuition, laboratory and examination fees.

(c) A personal allowance of ₦1,560.

(d) An allowance of ₦260 a year for books and apparatus.

(e) An allowance for approved travel in Nigeria for the purpose of study or research, not exceeding ₦200.

(f) A clothing allowance of ₦100 for scholars from temperate countries.

As hostels in Nigerian universities are designed presently for single students and because suitable lodgings may not be readily available, candidates for the awards are expected to be single or if married to leave their families behind.

SRI LANKA

Each scholarship is intended to cover expenses of travel, living and study during the period of tenure, as follows:

(a) Transportation to Sri Lanka and return as arranged by the Sri Lanka authorities.

(b) Approved tuition, laboratory and examination fees.

(c) A personal maintenance allowance of up to a maximum of Rs.700 per month.

(d) A grant of Rs.250 per annum for approved books and apparatus (subject to a limit of Rs.500 for the whole course).

(e) A grant of Rs.350 per annum for approved travel within Sri Lanka.

(f) A grant of Rs.1,500 as stationery allowance for the preparation of a Ph.D. thesis.

(g) Free medial treatment. Reimbursement of any medical expenses for treatment rendered by a private doctor or private hospital will not be entertained except under exceptional or extenuating circumstances.

Note - the allowances may vary in the case of undergraduate scholarships.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

The following expenses will be met:

(a) Passage from the nominating country to Trinidad and back for the scholar as arranged by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago.

(b) Tuition and examination fees.

(c) Any other compulsory university fees (excluding board and residence fees but including refundable deposits such as Caution Money, which will be paid by and refunded to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago).

(d) Cost of approved travelling connected with the course of study in Trinidad and Tobago to a maximum of $TT315 per annum. (This is not intended to cover travelling from the normal places of residence to the University).

(e) Book allowance of $TT500 per annum.

(f) A personal maintenance allowance of $TT475 per month to cover board and lodging, daily travel and personal expenses.

(g) Reasonable hotel charges for a period of one week after arrival in Trinidad (hotel accommodation to be arranged by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago) to permit the scholar to final suitable accommodation.

If the scholar is accompanied by his wife and/or children:

(h) A wife allowance of $TT2,280 per annum provided that she is not employed.

(i) Allowances of $TT540 per annum for the first child and $TT480 per annum each for the second and the third child. Allowances are not paid for more than three(3) children.

The above allowances are not subject to tax in Trinidad and Tobago.