**Prime Minister’s Scholarships for Asia (PMSA): Terms and Conditions**

**General**

1. The offer of PMSA funding is specific to the individual and programme as detailed in their PMSA Offer Letter. Any changes to the programme prior to or after uptake of the scholarship must be advised to and approved in writing by Education New Zealand (ENZ).
2. The scholarship will lapse in the event that a recipient fails to gain admission into their programme.
3. Recipients must commence their PMSA-related programme in Asia within six months of the award being offered, or notify ENZ if a different timeframe is required. This is approved on a case-by-case basis.
4. Recipients may hold other scholarships in addition to the PMSA, provided the terms of the other award/s allow for this.
5. Individuals can apply multiple times for PMSA funding.
6. The PMSA will not fund retrospective costs incurred prior to the PMSA submission deadline for the application (either 30 March or 30 September). Costs incurred from the submission deadline to the end of their programme may be applied for and may be approved.
7. Recipients may not hold more than one PMSA award at the same time.
8. Recipients may not receive funding covering more than 24 months active time on scholarship.
9. Recipients are responsible for securing an appropriate entry visa to their host country.
10. Recipients must register with MFAT: <https://www.safetravel.govt.nz/> . This is mandatory. Up to date region and destination-specific risk reports are available on the same website and recipients should ensure they remain informed as to the levels and types of risk relevant to their destination country.
11. Recipients will report to ENZ and agree to all reasonable requests to participate in promotional and
alumni activities.
12. Recipients who wish to change their programme during tenure of the scholarship may do so on gaining written permission from ENZ and their host institution (and home institution if applicable). Request for approval of changes to a programme must be submitted in writing to ENZ prior to the changed activity.

**Code of Conduct**

1. Recipients are expected to take primary responsibility for their own health, safety and welfare while overseas.  Recipients must have regard to the risks and dangers specific to their destination country and must not unnecessarily place their health, safety or welfare at risk.
2. Recipients will maintain behaviour befitting a recipient of a New Zealand government awarded scholarship. Recipients will not bring themselves, their institution or the PMSA into disrepute. In moderating their behaviour, recipients will take into consideration the standards of conduct, dress, speech etc of the particular region/s visited, and remain respectful, polite and positive.
3. Recipients are encouraged to use Internet and digital communication tools[[1]](#footnote-1) to their fullest potential to enhance the scope, quality and innovation of their PMSA-related experiences. Such activities shall comply

with all associated institutional policies of their Asian institution and NZ institution where applicable.
PMSA recipients who are not affiliated with a New Zealand institution must as a minimum comply with the New Zealand Copyright Act 1994 (no material is to be used without the written permission of the copyright owner), and the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993 (it is illegal to possess, own, sell, hire, give or buy an objectionable publication. Users should not intentionally access, send or download objectionable material by Email or through the Internet). Section 3 of the act states that material is “objectionable” if it describes, depicts, expresses, or otherwise deals with matters such as sex, horror, crime, cruelty, or violence in such a manner that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good”.

1. Recipients must not endorse any criminal or anti-social activity. When you are acting on behalf of ENZ do not post or share any activity involving drugs, binge drinking or any other disruptive and/or criminal behaviour.

**Satisfactory Progress and Good Standing**

1. Recipients must maintain satisfactory progress and comply with the rules and regulations of their host institution and programme.
2. Recipients are expected to represent New Zealand (and where relevant, their home institution) positively; particularly demonstrating the quality of a New Zealand education experience.
3. Recipients must demonstrate willingness and preparedness to put into practice the aims of the scholarship.

**Termination of the Scholarship**

1. Failure to maintain satisfactory progress, good standing and appropriate behaviour as outlined above
and as stipulated by their host institution and academic programme will result in the scholarship being terminated.
2. Suspension from the host institution will result in immediate termination of the scholarship.
3. If the Recipient fails to commence the agreed programme the scholarship will be terminated.
4. In cases of termination, scholarship funds may be required to be reimbursed in full or in part.
1. includes but is not limited to: World Wide Web, email, instant messaging, videoconferencing, shared file spaces, the Stream environment, collaboration tools, chat rooms, email lists, peer to peer communications, and telecommunications generally [↑](#footnote-ref-1)