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## **All District Secretaries**

## Australian Awards Scholarships (AAS) - Intake for Academic Year 2015

The Department of External Resources (ERD) has informed that the applications have been invited from Managerial Level Officers by the Government of Australia for the above Scholarship Programme.

The objective of AAS is to strengthen officers in key areas of Sustainable economic growth, Health, and Education. Applicants must:

- Have a Bachelor Degree or equivalent
- Have at least 3 years experience in the relevant field and be confirmed in their position
- Not have previously received any Sri Lankan or overseas government funded scholarship for long term academic studies in a foreign country.
- Not already following a course of study at a university abroad.
- English language proficiency: IELTS result with an overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0 or a paper based TOEFL overall score of at least 580, with a minimum of 4.5 in the test of written English, or an internet based TOEFL score of at least 92, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests or PTE academic overall scores of 58 with no communicative skill score less than 50

Accordingly, you are kindly informed to circulate this AAS among all relevant officers come under this Ministry in your District. Further, please advise all nominees to visit <a href="https://oasis.ausaid.gov.au">https://oasis.ausaid.gov.au</a> and fill the application and submit online. Hard copy of their applications along with the completed ERD Form No 02 should be submitted to this Ministry with your recommendation on or before 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

The following documents must be submitted by the candidates at the time of application.

- 01. Proof of citizenship (Birth Certificate/ Passport/ National ID/ Driving License)
- 02. Tertiary degree certificates (Certified copies)
- 03. Original Academic Transcript (Academic grades)
- 04. Proof of English language proficiency (IELTS/TOEFL or PTE)
- 05. Other Document (Certificate of special achievements or merit)
- 06. Curriculum vitae
- 07. Letter evidence that the applicant has received in principal support for their research topic from a potential supervisor. (Masters by research applicants only)
- 08. Research Proposal (Masters by research applicants only)
- 09. Referee Reports Must be from two academic referees. Referee's seal must be placed. (Templates for referee reports are available)
- 10. Employment Letter
- 11. Any other document you wish to upload ensuring your eligibility

Please make sure to nominate officers who have fulfilled all the requirements to avoid rejections. For more information please refer <a href="http://www.ausaid.gov.au/countries/southasia/srilanka/pages/home.aspx">http://www.ausaid.gov.au/countries/southasia/srilanka/pages/home.aspx</a> \*, <a href="http://www.aid.dfat.gov.au/australia-awards">http://www.aid.dfat.gov.au/australia-awards</a> or <a href="http://www.australiaawardssrilanka.org">www.australiaawardssrilanka.org</a>

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Australia awards Office Sri Lanka for any clarification on the application process.

If you need further information in this regard do not hesitate to contact me. (T.P.-011 2688124)

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For Secretary