



Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Ocean Resources

Malé, Republic of Maldives

Selection Criteria for Postgraduate / Masters and PhD courses

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following:

1. Academic Qualification - 70 Percent
2. Working Experience – 30 Percent

Point Scoring System of Academic Qualification

A grade point average is calculated based on points given to individual scores on the transcript as specified below.

Grade							Numeric Grades	Points
Highest Grade	HD (High Distinction)	A	A+	A-	1st Class	Excellent	100-80	6
2nd Highest Grade	D (Distinction)	B	B+	B-	2nd Class Upper	V. Good	79-70	4
3rd Highest Grade	C (Credit)	C	C+	C-	2nd Class Lower	Good	69-60	2
4th Highest Grade	P (Pass)	D	D+	D-	3rd Class	Pass	59-50	1

(If the university's marking scheme differs from the above classification, then the scores are determined according to the university's marking scheme mapped on to the closest possible grading mechanism specified above).

Calculation of 70% for Academic Qualification

The Grade Point Average (GPA) for academic qualifications shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{GPA} = \text{Total Score} \div \text{Number of Subjects}$$

For example, if an applicant has achieved 10 High Distinctions (HD), 5 Distinctions (D), and 5 Credits (C):

Total Score:

$$(10 \times 6) + (5 \times 4) + (5 \times 2) = 90$$

GPA:

$$90 \div 20 = 4.5$$

Academic Qualification Percentage:

$$(4.5 \div 6) \times 70 = 52.5\%$$

Therefore, the applicant would receive 52.5 points out of the maximum 70 points allocated for Academic Qualifications.

Point Scoring System for Working Experience

Working experience shall be awarded points as follows:

- Working experience with the Ministry of Fisheries and Ocean Resources (MoFAOR): 3 points per year, up to a maximum of 20 points.
- Working experience relevant to the field of study: 1 point per year, up to a maximum of 10 points.

The maximum possible score for working experience is therefore 30 points.

Working Experience Percentage Calculation:

For example, if an applicant has 4 years of working experience relevant to the field of study and 4 years of working experience with MoFAOR, the points shall be calculated as follows:

Relevant Working Experience:

$$4 \times 1 = 4 \text{ points}$$

MoFAOR Working Experience:

$$4 \times 3 = 12 \text{ points}$$

Total Working Experience Points:

$$4 + 12 = 16 \text{ points}$$

Working Experience Percentage:

$$(16 \div 30) \times 30 = 16 \text{ points}$$

Therefore, the applicant would receive 16 points out of the maximum 30 points allocated for Working Experience.

The overall selection score shall therefore consist of 70% Academic Qualification and 30% Working Experience, for a maximum total score of 100 points.

*** Note:** An applicant applying for a Master's degree scholarship shall not be eligible if the applicant already holds a Master's degree or any qualification equivalent to or higher than a Master's degree.

