## **Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU)**



# POSTGRADUATE ADMISSION PROCEDURE FOR UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONS

#### Introduction

Sections (12) (2) (a) (b) (c) of the Universities Act, Cap. 346 of the Laws of Tanzania, read together with Regulation 31 (2)(3)(4), give the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU) the mandate to coordinate admissions to University institutions and standardize the criteria for admission into higher education, this case admission into Postgraduate Training programmes in Tanzania.

The procedure applies to all applicants seeking admissions into Post Graduate Diplomas, Masters and PhD studies in university institutions in Tanzania.

#### **Recognized Admission Pathways**

TCU recognizes three postgraduate admission pathways which are:

- a) Bachelor's Degree;
- b) Postgraduate Diploma;
- c) Masters; and
- d) Doctoral studies.

## Criteria for admission into Post Graduate Diploma

Applicants under this scheme must fulfill the following conditions:

(i) **MUST** at least hold a Bachelor's Degree, Advanced Diploma or its equivalent from a recognized institution of higher education. Candidates with equivalent qualifications must also possess at least Secondary School Certificates with at least three credits or four passes at 'O' Level and/or two principal passes with a total of 4.0 points obtained from two subjects;

- (ii) **MUST** have at least a minimum GPA of 2.0 at a Bachelor degree or Post Graduate Certificate;
- (iii) MUST accomplish a minimum of two semesters with 120 credits; and
- (iv) The maximum period of study must be in accordance to the university regulations.

#### Master's Degree

Applicants under this scheme must fulfill the following conditions:

- (i) **MUST** have a minimum GPA of 2.7 at a Bachelor's Degree or at least a GPA of 4.0 at a Postgraduate Diploma level in related field; OR
- (ii) **MUST** possess an Advanced Diploma with Upper Second class or above, from recognized institution; OR
- (iii) MUST possess Professional qualification such as CPA (T), CSP (T), ACCA, CA, CIB, MCIM, CMA certificate) with Bachelor's Degree or Advanced Diploma and
- (iv) To qualify for a Master's degree, a minimum of two semesters with 180 credits will be required;
- (v) The maximum period of study must be in accordance to the university regulations.

### Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Degree

- Minimum Entry Qualifications into a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
  programme requires an applicant to possess a relevant Master's
  Degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from recognized institutions of
  higher education;
- (ii) For a candidate to qualify for a PhD award, a minimum of six semesters with 540 credits will be required; and
- (iii) The maximum period of study must be in accordance to the university regulations.



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