

Notice from the DHERST

2025-2026 Application, Selection and Admissions Cycle

By Law, the DHERST is the responsible agency for the facilitation of Grade 12 school-leaver applications for tertiary admission. Since its launching, the National Online Application replaces the centralized paper-based-national selections. All current Grade 12 students and Non-school leavers (NSL) are encouraged to use the national online application for admission into registered Higher Education Institutions in the country.

The National Online Application 2025-2026 cycle has commenced for 2025 Grade 12 students and interested non-school (NSL) leaver applicants. To access and utilize the [National Online Application](#) , interested applicants must:

1. **Obtain the NOAS invitation letter** - This letter is generated from the nomination list which details grade 12 students in all registered schools. All Grade 12 students must obtain their invitation letter from the school principal or patron. Students' NOAS portal access is now active and students can now log in to commence their applications.

Non-school leavers can obtain the invitation letter from their matriculation center, or contact the DHERST NOAS Support team to obtain this letter. The invitation letter is issued to each student by the school principal and or a nominated senior teacher of the school. The confidentiality of invitation letters must be maintained by the school and the student-applicant. NOAS Support Team contact: noassupport@dherst.gov.pg

2. **Using a laptop, smart phone or tablet to go online to access the NOAS log in page:** apply.dherst.gov.pg

Ensure you have reliable internet access. The personal computer, laptop or smart device being used should be connected to the internet. If the student is using the Secondary School's computer lab, please check with the Lab supervisor to ensure there is internet connection. Student applicants are encouraged to ensure they are within areas with good internet coverage during 'Grace Period'. **This year's selection 'Grace Period' is scheduled for December 8th to 14th, 2025.**

2. **NOAS Timeline** -Applicants are encouraged to read NOAS *MyStatus* to inform themselves on important dates and activities in this Cycle.

Important Dates

- **August 21st 2025** - NOAS student portal available for all Grade 12 applicants to commence applications. All NSL with invitation letters can also log in hereon.
- **August 26th:** STAT-PNG registrations open
- **October 13th at 11:59pm-** STAT-PNG registration close.
- **October 13th-17th:** NOAS access is restricted- Gr12 National Examination Week

- **NOAS Grace Period is in the first week of December, 2025. Tentative Dates: 1st-7th December, subject to final Gr12 exam result returns.**

Other Important Information for 2025 applicants

1. All NOAS applicants are required to have a personal reliable email.
2. All applicants must check and ensure their MyData information are accurate.
3. An e-copy of the NOAS user guide is available
4. STAT-PNG is a prerequisite for some programmes. The STAT-PNG registration link can be accessed using NOAS accounts.
5. Bi-Lateral scholarships are available for specific programmes. Check programme descriptions for details on how to apply for these scholarships.
6. **Maintain the confidentiality of your NOAS account details**. If you lose your login credentials, report this to your patron or DHERST immediately.

National Selections for this year's cycle will be conducted online on Wednesday, December 17th, 2025. Students can view their NOAS accounts for personal **updates**. **Publication of results will be made available on this page on 23rd December, 2025.**

Scholarship status for selected, first year students (in 2026 academic year), will also be published with the **2025-2026 Selection publication list**.

Admission and Registration information will be communicated to selected students after **January 2nd, 2026** onward.