



## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**By The Honourable Diallo V. Rabain, JP, MP**

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**Launching the Government Public Service Scholarships**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Mr Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to inform this Honourable House of the launch of the new Government Public Service Scholarships programme.

The launch of the programme represents delivery on another 2025 Throne Speech commitment and shows that this Government is deeply committed to Bermudianisation and to preparing Bermudians for brilliant careers at home. The Public Service is a vital part of the country's economic and social wellbeing, so attracting and nurturing high calibre talent is of vital importance to fulfil the Government's mission to improve the lives of the people of Bermuda.

Mr Speaker, the Public Service Scholarships programme will support Bermudians to prepare for critical jobs that are hard to fill here in Bermuda and often globally. It expressly links areas of study to specific roles that are needed across the Government, as each year the eligible disciplines are designed and targeted around positions that we anticipate will need to be filled and/or Bermudianised in the foreseeable future.

This design and forward planning also supports the Public Service succession planning, as it will ensure that we prepare young people to be the best talent available for key positions throughout the Public Service. Mr Speaker, ultimately, this new programme is a

win-win for both prospective graduates and the Public Service, as it increases opportunities and nurtures talent for critical posts.

Mr Speaker, the scholarships offer up to \$30,000 a year for studies in areas needed to meet critical, future workforce needs. Students who receive a scholarship will participate in paid internships during school breaks and will have the guarantee of employment within the Public Service after completing their studies; a five year commitment will form part of the agreement to support the new graduates. This programme will ensure the Government is able to fill vital roles with trained Bermudians.

Applications are now open for the Scholarships programme. Bermudians are invited to apply by 30<sup>th</sup> April at [www.BermudaScholarships.com](http://www.BermudaScholarships.com).

Mr Speaker, to be eligible for a Public Service Scholarship applicants will have to meet the following criteria:

- a) possess Bermuda status;
- b) have had at least five (5) years of schooling in Bermuda;
- c) complete the education programme and training before the age of 65;
- d) be enrolled in an accredited programme and earning institution ranked “Competitive” (or equivalent) or higher;
- e) have at least completed an undergraduate freshman year or pursuing a graduate degree; and finally
- f) For Public Officers already within the Service, they must have worked as a full time Public Officer for a minimum of 3 years.

Mr Speaker, when applying students must provide the required documents such as references, transcripts, proof of status, identification, etc. Applicants must also review the list of targeted

posts and note the employment commitment upon the completion of their studies.

Mr Speaker, I want to encourage Bermudians to apply for this excellent new opportunity. The programme not only offers financial support, but also creates clear career pathways and helps students to obtain the qualifications and skills needed to strengthen our public services and enhance the lives of the people of Bermuda.

For more information on eligibility, required documents, and the list of posts, visit [www.gov.bm/publicservicescholarships](http://www.gov.bm/publicservicescholarships). To apply, go to [www.bermudascholarships.com](http://www.bermudascholarships.com).

Thank you, **Mr Speaker**.