

## **2021 Commonwealth Scholarships – Importance notice**

Please see the below communication available on the Commonwealth website that makes Malawi not eligible to nominate for Masters scholarships for the year 2021. We are however still open for PhD applications. Please email [training@mlw.mw](mailto:training@mlw.mw) and cc [cmatthews@mlw.mw](mailto:cmatthews@mlw.mw) by **Friday, 8th January**, if you are applying for the PhD scholarships for us to support you with the internal screening for the nomination process.

*Candidates may note that in 2021 that some national agencies will not be invited to nominate for Master's Scholarships. In the context of broader constraints on the UK's development assistance budget, the CSC must regrettably select fewer Master's candidates in 2021. New Master's recruitment will be drawn from countries not invited to nominate for PhD study, while countries not invited to nominate this year will be represented by Master's Scholars selected in 2020 but who, due to the challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic this year, have been supported by the CSC in deferring their scholarship to commence in 2021. This has included the deferral of a significant number of Master's Scholarships.*

*Whilst the Commission keeps the allocation of nominations under annual review, the decision to not offer nominations for Master's Scholarships, or to reduce the number of Scholarships for some nominators in 2021 is based on the unique impact of Covid-19 and does not reflect a permanent decision by the Commission on its allocation of awards to individual programmes or countries.*

*The agency-nominated Master's programme is one of three Master's programmes offered by the Commission. Our other two programmes, Commonwealth Shared Scholarships and Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships are open in 2021 to citizens of least developed, low, and lower middle-income Commonwealth countries. Details of how to apply for these programmes are available on the [CSC's website](#). Commonwealth Shared Scholarships and Commonwealth Distance Learning Scholarships will open in February 2021 (<https://cscuk.fcdo.gov.uk/scholarships/commonwealth-masters-scholarships/>)*