



The General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS POLICY

Policy Statement:

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) is committed to admitting highly qualified individuals who demonstrate the potential to excel academically, display leadership qualities, and possess a strong commitment to serving the country. This policy outlines the admission criteria, application process, and requirements for prospective students seeking admission to KDU.

Scope and Applicability:

This policy applies to all undergraduate and graduate programmes offered by KDU. It is applicable to prospective students seeking admission to the university.

Definition

Student: Day scholars or cadet officers

Day scholar: fee levying students

Cadet officer: student who following completion of his studies at KDU joins tri-services

Admission Criteria:

Admission to KDU is competitive, and applicants are evaluated based on the following criteria:

Academic Excellence:

Applicants must possess GCE A/L, Edexcel, Cambridge or equivalent qualification in the relevant discipline applied for with a fair knowledge of English language for undergraduate programs.

Specific entry requirements must be as detailed in the latest prospectus of KDU.

International Students

In accordance with the decisions of the Cabinet of Ministers, it has been decided to offer a maximum of two scholarships for Officer Cadets from following countries and four scholarships for Officer Cadets from Maldives (if other countries are not availing the opportunity only) on gratis basis:

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| a. Bangladesh | b. Bhutan | c. Cambodia | d. China | e. Egypt |
| f. Indonesia | g. India | h. Iran | j- Kenya | k. Laos |

l. Malaysia m. Maldives n. Myanmar o. Nepal p- Nigeria
q. Pakistan r. Philippines s. Rwanda t. Senegal u. South Africa
v. Sudan w. Tanzania x. Thailand y. Uganda z. Vietnam
aa. Zambia ab. Seychelles

Leadership and Character:

A key emphasis is placed on leadership qualities, integrity, and character. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to ethical conduct and service. The cadets are getting their military training in respective military academies whereas the day-scholars get their leadership training organized by the university.

Physical Fitness:

Physical fitness is essential for defence-related professions. Applicants may be required to meet specified fitness standards and undergo a medical examination.

Standardized Tests:

Applicants are required to take standardized tests as determined by the university. These tests include a English Language Proficiency, IQ, General Knowledge and Psychometric analysis.

Letters of Recommendation:

Submission of letters of recommendation from principals of their schools, head priest of the temples, or other individuals who can attest to the applicant's character and capabilities together with a police report of the applicant.

Interview:

The applicants are required to participate in a couple of interviews as part of the admission process in successful completion of the written and physical tests mentioned above.

Application Process:

Prospective students must complete the official application form available on the university website. The application process includes a set of relevant documents specified by the university.

Admission Decision:

The Admissions Committee, comprised of representatives from relevant academic departments and defence experts, will review all applications. Admission decisions are based on a holistic evaluation of the applicant's academic record, leadership potential, character, and fitness for a defence-related career.

Notification of Admission:

Applicants will be notified of their admission status through KDU website and through their official channels. Accepted students will receive instructions on the next steps, including enrolment procedures and any additional requirements.

Enrolment and Orientation:

Selected students must complete the enrolment process, including payment of tuition and fees, and attend the orientation program to familiarize themselves with university policies, resources, and expectations.

Periodic Review:

This admission policy will be periodically reviewed to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with the university's mission and goals.

KDU aims to attract and develop individuals who will contribute significantly to defence-related professions through academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to serving their country.

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