

Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships opportunity for Mental Health Support Professionals in Solomon Islands

The New Zealand High Commission in Solomon Islands is offering an exciting opportunity for Solomon Islands professionals who work in a field related to mental health to study in New Zealand under a Vocational Short Term Training Scholarship (STTS).

Funded under the Manaaki New Zealand Scholarships Programme, this opportunity aims to strengthen your skills and knowledge in your field of practice. It will make you better equipped to provide effective guidance and support and contribute to improved mental health, well-being and resilience within your organisations and communities.

A VSTTS scholarship covers tuition fees, travel, accommodation, a living allowance, visa costs and medical insurance.

What subjects can I study?

A range of courses are available under VSTTS for study in New Zealand or online. VSTTS courses can range from 1 week to 12 months and must be with a certified training provider at Certificate Levels 1 – 4 or Diploma Level 5. Please be aware that tertiary level study at Level 6 or above is not offered under VSTTS.

Examples of courses that applicants may wish to apply for include:

- NZ Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services) with strand in Mental Health and Addiction Support, Level 4
- NZ Certificate in Suicide Prevention, Level 4
- NZ Certificate in De-escalation Skills and Techniques, Level 4
- NZ Certificate in Study and Career Preparation - Social Work, Level 4

Applicants are encouraged to research suitable courses available in New Zealand and identify this in your application. Your chosen training programme must align with the human resource development needs of your country.

Eligibility criteria:

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Have current or prior experience as a mental health or counselling professional, and/or;
- Work in a frontline role where you deal with mental health challenges on a day to day basis
- Be at least 18 years old at the start of the scholarship
- Have relevant work experience

- Meet the academic and English language requirements for entry into a New Zealand institution
- Be a citizen of the Solomon Islands
- Meet Immigration New Zealand visa requirements
- Not have received a Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship within the past two years
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to contributing to the socio-economic development of the Solomon Islands

How to apply

To apply, please submit your application using the [online application portal](#).

The deadline for applications is **16th September 2026**. Please note that we are unable to consider applications submitted after the deadline.

Top tips for applicants

This is a competitive scholarship opportunity with a limited number of places. Competitive applicants will demonstrate:

- Strong alignment between their experience, work area and proposed study
- Clear plans to apply new skills and knowledge within their organisations and communities
- Leadership potential and commitment to community development

Contact details

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