

## **INCREASE IN BOARDING AND LODGING FEES FOR TESAS STUDENTS - 2025**

The University Council has resolved to increase the boarding and lodging Fees for students on government scholarships under the Tertiary Education Scholarship Assistance Scheme (TESAS).

TESAS covers two categories of sponsorship which includes the Higher Education Contribution Assistance Scheme (HECAS) and the Academic Excellence Scholarships (AES).

In the last five years, the University has been considerate of the harsh economic situations on parents and has not increased the Boarding and Lodging fees for TESAS students, hence, the HECAS students were paying K882.41 and the AES students were paying K445.82 annually while the real cost is K8040.00 yearly.

While a Self/Private Sponsor student pays the full Fee of K8041.65 yearly for board & lodging, a TESAS student on HECAS pays K882.00, and an AES student pays K445.82 respectively to access the same service.

The government subsidy for boarding & lodging per year for TESAS is K4320.00 per student, and it is the same across all other Universities.

The table below shows the Breakup of Fees received for Board & Lodging (Unitech)

<b>TESAS Category</b>	<b>Student Fee Component</b>	<b>Government Subsidy</b>	<b>Total Payment received</b>	<b>Unitech Board &amp; Lodging Fees</b>	<b>Difference/shortfall</b>
AES	445.82	5760.00	6,205.00	8,041.65	1,836.65
HECAS	882.41	4320.00	5202.41	8,041.65	2,838.59

While other government run universities have transferred the difference/shortfall in the Board & Lodging Fees to the Parents, Unitech has not done this. Board and Lodging Fees have remained constant with TESAS students paying the lowest for Board & Lodging for the last five years compared to TESAS students at other universities.

For both categories of students, there is a difference of about K1 800 to K2, 800 compared to other government-run universities.

### **a) AES -Comparison of Fees paid for Board & Lodging with other Universities**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Total Payment</b>	<b>Total charged by</b>	<b>Difference</b>
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	<b>for B&amp;L /student</b>	<b>Institution</b>	
Unitech	K6,205.00	K8,041.65	-K1,836.65
UOG	K8,850.00	K8,850.00	Nil
UPNG	K8,562.00	K8,562.00	Nil
DWU	K8,190.00	K8,190.00	Nil

**b) HECAS -Comparison of Fees paid for Board & Lodging with other universities.**

	<b>Total Payment for B&amp;L /student</b>	<b>Total charged by Institution</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Unitech	K5,202.41	K8,041.00	-K2,838.59
UOG	K8,850.00	K8,850.00	Nil
UPNG	K8,562.00	K8,562.00	Nil
DWU	K8,190.00	K8,190.00	Nil

After considering the rising cost of goods and services, the constant delay in government grants, and the non-increase of Boarding and Lodging fees in the last five years, the University Council unanimously resolved:

1. To increase the fees as outlined below;
  - a. HECAS Student = K2, 400
  - b. AES Students = K2, 000
2. The fees will be spread out and paid over two years, with 50% in 2025 and another 50% in 2026. Hence, HECAS students will pay K1, 200 and AES students will pay K1, 000 in 2025 and the same rate will be applied in 2026 to reach the full required fees.

The Fee Schedule for 2025 is attached

3. The Upfront payment of fees for registration in 2025 has been reduced from 75% to 60% with the outstanding fees to be settled by 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

The Council noted that students receive support from various sources for school fee assistance including funds from DSIP, PSIP, HELP, Corporate Companies, Landowner Companies, Business Houses, and other private sponsorships while the University has been covering the shortfall in fees, hence the decision.

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