



PRESS RELEASE N° 26-00019 /MINESUP/SG/IGS/IGA OF 15 JAN 2020
GRANTING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE OPENING OF SELECTIONS FOR DOCTORAL
STUDIES IN STATE UNIVERSITIES

Following the Very High Instructions of His Excellency Paul BIYA, President of the Republic, Head of State, of November 6, 2025, concerning the revival of doctoral programs in State Universities, and in accordance with the Very High Presidential Directives conveyed to the Minister of State, Minister of Higher Education, by correspondence No. B1109/b/SG/PR from the Minister of State, Secretary General at the Presidency of the Republic, of November 28, 2025; the public and the academic community are hereby informed that the President of the Republic has granted his Very High Approval for the resumption of admissions into doctoral studies within State Universities.

This Very High Approval authorizes "the selection, by MINESUP, of six hundred (600) candidates for doctoral studies in all State Universities for the 2025/2026 academic year." Without prejudice to the regulations in force, and within the framework of implementing these Very High Presidential Instructions, the rules to be followed, the quotas per University, as well as the timetable and procedure to be respected are as follows:

I – RULES TO BE FOLLOWED

1. Admission into doctoral studies is carried out through selection;
2. Candidates must hold a Research Master's degree or any other equivalent diploma obtained in fundamental or applied studies, With the exclusion of Master's degrees in professional and technological studies (professional Master's);
3. A minimum grade of 12/20 or C+ is required. This threshold, which can never be lowered, may be raised by the Head of the Institution depending on the specificities of the programs, the number of available places, and the hosting capacity;
4. By way of exception, and provided that the candidate has at least 12/20 or grade C, consideration may be given to an outstanding academic record, gender, and the integration policy for persons living with disabilities;
5. Admission is open for six hundred (600) candidates across all eleven (11) State Universities;
6. Joint supervision and co-tutelage arrangements (with foreign universities) are included within the 600 places allocated;
7. Starting with this cohort, a maximum of three (3) Cameroonian students per Thesis Supervisor is set for the entire Doctoral cycle until the defense of the thesis of the first of the three students;

8. Non-national candidates remain outside the quota. However, starting with this cohort, a maximum of two (2) non-national students per supervisor is established;
9. The three (3) Cameroonian students and, where applicable, the two (2) non-national students assigned to a supervisor apply across all State Universities;
10. Each selected student shall pay an annual University fees amounting to fifty thousand (50,000) FCFA (except for students who are not nationals of CEMAC), while supervision and defense costs are borne by the University Institution.

II – QUOTAS PER UNIVERSITY

On the proposal of the President of the Conference of Heads of University Institutions (CONCIU), and after consultation with the eleven Vice-Chancellors and Rectors of State Universities, taking into account hosting and supervisory capacities, for the 2025/2026 academic year, the quotas are distributed as follows:

N°	UNIVERSITY	QUOTA
1.	BAMENDA	60
2.	BERTOUA	30
3.	BUEA	60
4.	DOUALA	60
5.	DSCHANG	60
6.	EBOLOWA	30
7.	GAROUA	30
8.	MAROUA	75
9.	NGAOUNDERE	60
10.	YAOUNDE I	60
11.	YAOUNDE II	75
TOTAL		600

Each Head of Institution is granted the prerogative to distribute, by doctoral specialty, the annual quota of candidates allocated to the University under his or her responsibility, taking into account the National Development Strategy (SND30) and the specificities of the concerned University Institution.

III – INSTANCES, PROCEDURE AND TIMELINE TO BE OBSERVED

- The national coordination of operations for the selection of doctoral students and the flow of Master's students is carried out by the **National Commission for Doctoral Training**, in accordance with the High Directives of the President of the Republic dated November 28, 2025. This Commission, placed under the authority of the Minister in charge of Higher Education, brings together all Heads of Higher

Education Institutions and representatives of sectoral administrations involved in research.

- The National Commission for Doctoral Training regulates admission and the conduct of doctoral studies. To this end, it oversees the allocation of quotas for selections, monitors the quality of Doctoral Training, and, where applicable, grants support for Doctoral research.
- Heads of University institutions shall launch calls for applications no later than **Friday, January 23, 2026**.
- The internal bodies of the University, according to a schedule set by the Head of the institution, must have completed the selection operations no later than **Monday, February 16, 2026**.
- The Head of the University Institution shall transmit the Press Release proposing the list of selected candidates to the President of **CONCIU**, no later than **Friday, February 20, 2026**.
- The President of CONCIU shall forward the eleven draft Press Releases to the Minister in charge of Higher Education, President of the National Commission for Doctoral Training, no later than **Wednesday, February 25, 2026**, for review and authorization to be granted to Vice-Chancellors and Rectors to sign the said lists.
- Proposals for the supervision of theses by foreign students shall be processed separately, following those of national students in the draft selection list.
- The draft physical lists shall be accompanied by their digital version. These must include, in tabular form, at minimum the following information: doctoral school, doctoral training unit, student's full name, nationality, specialization, thesis topic, supervisor's full name, academic rank, and the university affiliation of the supervisor(s).

