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Accessing higher education loans

Access. The government is determined to increase access to higher education and has been increasing loanable funds over the successive years.

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o every average Ugandan, educating a child in a high institution of learning is a tall order due to the high tuition fees and added costs such as accommodation and scholastic ma-

However, thanks to government and financial institutions such as commercial banks which offer loans to disadvantaged students, higher education is now possible.

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The board offers loans and scholarships to Ugandans who intend to pursue accredited courses of study or programmes of higher Education in accredited institutions of higher learning recognised by the National Council for Higher Education (NCHE).



Graduates share their joy. Many students fail to access higher education due to the high tuition. FILE PHOTO

The students' loan scheme is managed under an Act of Parliament, number 2 of 2014 which was put into place to provide Ugandan students who qualify

with loans and scholarships to pursue higher education.

According records from HESFB, since 2014, the loan scheme has been

in place. Its main mandate is to provide loans and scholarships to Ugandan

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