

Brief Statistical overview of students under student loan scheme

The student Loan Scheme for Tertiary Education was instituted in the 11th Five year (2014 – 2018) plan in the form of concessional education loan under the Special Support Scheme of the Economic Stimulus Plan (ESP) with an allocation of Nu 150 million.

The scheme was implemented through a student loan committee consisting of members from the Ministry of Labour and Human Resource, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance, Royal University of Bhutan, Khesar Gyaplo Medical Sciences of Bhutan, and Bhutan National Bank Ltd. The Higher Education Planning Division, as the Secretariat to the student loan committee, developed operational guidelines based on the Cabinet Executive order. Accordingly, the loan scheme was implemented from the year 2014 to 2018. A total of 488 students availed the loan out of which 237 students could successfully graduate as of December 2019. The table below shows the details of student loan implemented in the 11th FY plan.

Sl. No	Cohort		Applied	Selected	Actual Availed	Currently studying	Graduated
1.	2014	Bhutan	86	81	41		
		India	72	9 (6)	6		
		Total	158	90	47	06	35
2.	2015	Bhutan	153	116	133		
		India	84	14	14		
		Total	237	129	147	30	111
3.	2016	Bhutan	195 + 5	123	123	91	81
4.	2017	Bhutan	138	120	120	104	10
5.	2018	Bhutan	158	60	60	60	nil
	Grand Total		832	522	488	291	237