

What is the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act or Republic Act No. 10931?

RA 10931 made it possible for students to pursue quality tertiary education without paying tuition and other school fees in state universities and colleges and CHED-recognized local universities and colleges. Students can enroll in technical-vocational education and training programs in public training institutions for free.

It provides financial aid to students from the poorest of the poor households found in the latest Listahanan 3.0 of DSWD.

Who implements RA 10931?

The Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education or UniFAST is an attached agency of the Commission on Higher Education mandated to implement RA 10931.

It was created in 2015 by virtue of RA 10687 as a system to unify existing government student financial assistance programs for tertiary education in the Philippines.

UniFAST ensures that deserving Filipinos are given equitable access to educational opportunities.



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What you need to know about the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act or Republic Act 10931

- Free Higher Education
- Free Technical-Vocational Education and Training
- Tertiary Education Subsidy
- Student Loan Program

What are the four programs of RA 10931?

 FREE HIGHER EDUCATION (FHE)	 TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY (TES)	 FREE TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (FTVET)	 *STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM (SLP)
ELIGIBILITY Students enrolled in their first undergraduate degree program, subject to the admission and retention policies of the public higher education institution	Undergraduate students enrolled in SUCs, CHED-recognized LUCs and quality-assured private Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and programs in the CHED Registry <i>Subject to prioritization and availability of funds including the Tulong Dunong Program (TDP)</i>	Learners enrolled in their first post-secondary TESDA-registered TVET programs Learners who are not holding a National Certificate III or higher, except those enrolled in bundled programs <i>Subject to prioritization and availability of funds</i>	Undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in SUCs, CHED-recognized LUCs and quality-assured private HEIs
BENEFITS Tuition and Other School Fees (TOSF) <div><div>1. Admission fees</div><div>2. Athletic fees</div><div>3. Computer fees</div><div>4. Cultural fees</div><div>5. Development fees</div><div>6. Entrance fees</div><div>7. Guidance fees</div></div> <div><div>8. Handbook fees</div><div>9. Laboratory fees</div><div>10. Library fees</div><div>11. Medical/ Dental fees</div><div>12. Registration fees</div><div>13. School ID fees</div></div>	Grantees enrolled in SUCs and CHED-recognized LUCs are entitled to receive PhP 20,000.00 per academic year or PhP 10,000 per semester For Private HEIs PhP 27,000.00 per academic year or PhP 13,500 per semester • Additional benefits for TES grantees TES 3A - Persons with Disability (PWD) PhP 10,000 per academic year or PhP 5,000 per semester TES 3B - Board/Licensure Examination maximum of PhP 8,000.00 one-time reimbursement Tulong Dunong Program PhP 7,500 per regular semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuition and Other School Fees• Training Support Fund• Other benefits include: National Competency Assessment Instructional Material Uniform Allowance Accident Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-term loan covers expenses for undergraduate and graduate programs, including medicine and law *Applications are suspended while the SLP guidelines are under review.
CO-IMPLEMENTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)• CHED-recognized Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SUCs• CHED-recognized LUCs• Private HEIs in the CHED Registry	Implemented by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State-run Technical-Vocational Institutions	

TES Prioritization

UniFAST Board Resolution No. 2024-019 approves the prioritization in the following order of the allocation of new TES slots for **Academic Year 2024-2025 onwards, subject to the availability of funds:**

1. Students under the most updated Listahanan for all SUCs, LUCs and Private HEIs, including PNSLs;
2. Students included in the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), ranked according to household per capita income for all SUCs, LUCs and Private HEIs, including PNSLs; and
3. The remaining slots are to be allocated to other poor students in Private HEIs with no SUC/LUC (PNSL) not included in the 1st and 2nd prioritization categories.

Documentary Requirements for TES application

- Certificate of Registration/Enrolment
- Person with Disability ID (if applicable)

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Please coordinate with the UniFAST Focal Person of the HEI once there is a Call for TES Application.