

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?



ELIGIBILITY	TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY (TES)	FREE TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (FTVET)	*STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM (SLP)
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) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Admission fees 2. Athletic fees 3. Computer fees 4. Cultural fees 5. Development fees 6. Entrance fees 7. Guidance fees 8. Handbook fees 9. Laboratory fees 10. Library fees 11. Medical/ Dental fees 12. Registration fees 13. School ID fees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grantees enrolled in SUCs, CHED-recognized LUCs and private HEIs are entitled to receive PhP 20,000.00 per academic year or PhP 10,000 per semester Additional benefits for TES grantees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 15,000 per academic year or PhP 7,500 per semester 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition and Other School Fees Training Support Fund Other benefits include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>*Applications are suspended while the SLP guidelines are under review.</p>
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 CHED Registry 	Implemented by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State-run Technical-Vocational Institutions 	

Prioritization

Year after year, TES slots are **subject to prioritization and more importantly, to availability of funds.**

Priority is given to the applicants included in the Listahanan 3.0 of the DSWD.

Remaining slots are for other poor and deserving students who are not part of the Listahanan 3.0, ranked according to estimated per capita household income, including students belonging to the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

Submission of application does not guarantee automatic inclusion into the program.



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