

Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU)  
SMS Guide for the Central Admission System (CAS)

## 1. Introduction

The Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU), in collaboration with University Institutions, National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) and other higher education institutions has established a Central Admission System (CAS), which will be operating starting in the 2010/2011 admissions.

Under the new system applicants will lodge their applications through either the Internet or Mobile phones.

TCU has produced this pamphlet in order to assist applicants to lodge their applications through mobile phones.

## 2. How to Apply

To apply through mobile phones, applicants should follow the steps below:

### 2.1 Applicants with National Certificates

- Go to message mode
- Enter “REGISTER” (put a space) followed by “O” level index number (put a space) then year (put a space) then “A” level index number (put a space) then year and send to 15789. (Index numbers should be in the following format: S002/2515 2010)
- Those with multiple sittings should enter “ADD” (put a space) followed by “O” level or “A” level index number whichever applies (put a space) then year and send to 15789.
- Enter “EMAIL” (put a space) followed by a valid email address and send to 15789.

- Enter “PAY” (put a space) followed by a pre-paid card pin code numbers and send to 15789.
- Enter “APPLY” (put a space) followed by programme codes\* and send to 15789. Put a space after each selected programme and make sure that you enter between 8 and 12 programme codes.

## 2.2 Applicants with Foreign Certificates

Applicants holding “O” level and or “A” level foreign certificates i.e. obtain from system of education other than Tanzania system cannot apply either through Internet or Mobile Phones. However, they can only use the SMS system to obtain other services as outlined under section 16 of the student guidebook or section 3 below of this pamphlet.

## 3. Other Services

There are other services which applicants can receive through mobile phones, which are:

- Requesting for information on available SMS services type “INFO” and send to 15789.
- Requesting for information from TCU type “HELP” and send to 15789.
- Checking for personal information type “PINFO” and send to 15789.
- Changing programme choices type “CHANGE” and send to 15789.
- Viewing applied programmes type “SHOW” and sent to 15789.
- Obtaining information on entry requirements type “CRITERIA” followed by programme code and send to 15789.
- Checking one’s application status type “STATUS” and send to 15789.
- Requesting for further assistance types “ASSIST” followed by the question. The question should not exceed 40 characters and send to 15789.

NB

The cost of a Pre-paid card is TShs.30,000/= and the cards are available in all branches of the CRDB Bank countrywide except Mlimani branch, Kariakoo and Tower branch.

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