



Application for BOU Programmes through RPL for Access -2026/27 Academic Year

The Botswana Open University (BOU) invites applicants who are interested in the following programmes but do not meet their entry requirements. If you have workplace knowledge relating to the programme and you can demonstrate the knowledge, please apply for admission through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). You will be assessed and if you are found competent, you can be admitted through the alternative route.

| Name of Qualification | School | Entry Requirements |
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| Diploma in Early Childhood Education (DECE) | School of Education | Minimum 2 years experience in Early Childhood setting. |
| B.Ed. Early Childhood Education (B.Ed. ECE) | School of Education | Minimum 3 years experience in Early Childhood setting. |
| B Ed Primary Education (BPRIM) | School of Education | JC or BGCSE with Minimum 3 years work experience |
| Diploma in Human Resource Management (DHUM) | School of Business and Management Studies | JC, or BGCSE with Minimum 3 years work experience |
| Diploma in Business Management (DBUSM) | School of Business and Management Studies | JC, or BGCSE with Minimum 3 years work experience |
| Diploma in Marketing Management (DMM) | School of Business and Management Studies | JC or BGCSE with minimum 3 years work experience. |

Deadline for RPL Applications is 31st January 2026

International qualifications should be evaluated by the Botswana Qualification Authority (BQA) before you submit your RPL application. When your qualification has been evaluated, submit the copy of evaluation with all the other documents required.

Click [HERE](#) to download the access form. Complete it and submit with the relevant documents to: rpl@bou.ac.bw

The decision to grant RPL is an academic decision made by the academic departments of the University. If your application gets approved, you will receive an email from the institution informing you of the outcome.

As an RPL applicant, you have a right to appeal if you are unsatisfied at any stage of the RPL process. You are required to contact the RPL Unit if you want to appeal by sending an email to: rpl@bou.ac.bw In the letter, explain the grounds for your appeal.