# THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

**SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY (SONAM)**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING – DIRECT ENTRY**

**ADMISSION INFORMATION BOOKLET**

Aga Khan University promotes a transparent and open application process. We apply equal opportunities for students from all backgrounds.

The AKU SONAM Kenya invites interested persons to apply for the **Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Direct Entry programme in the 2025 Admissions Cycle.**

**Eligibility Criteria**

For the 2025 admissions cycle, eligible candidates must satisfy the criteria below.

1. **Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)**:
   A minimum aggregate score of C+ (plus). In addition, a candidate must meet the cluster grades as shown below:

   **Cluster A:** Applicants should possess an aggregate grade of C+ in the following cluster of subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics; and English or Kiswahili.

   **OR**

   **Cluster B:** Applicants should possess an aggregate grade of C+ in the following cluster of subjects: Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Mathematics; and English or Kiswahili.

2. **Advanced Level Certificate Holders:** Minimum entry requirements include 2 Principal passes in Biology , Chemistry,  and a subsidiary pass in  Mathematics or Physics

3. **International Baccalaureate (IB):** Grade 4 and above in the cluster subjects of Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics or Physics.

Applicants who are writing their certification exams in the summer of 2025 may apply provisionally provided they meet the minimum requirements. However, an official admission letter will only be issued upon submission of final results, which must be received no later than Friday, August 8, 2025.

*Students who have studied outside East Africa are encouraged to apply. However, apart from those with A-Level and IB qualifications, all other applicants are required to have their academic credentials equated by the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) or the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC). This ensures proper assessment and recognition of their qualifications during the admission process*

Individuals with a Diploma in Nursing/Midwifery may apply for admission to the Post RN/M Bachelor of Science in Nursing/Midwifery programmes.

**H**OW TO **A**PPLY

All applications will be done online. For assistance in completing the online application, applicants are advised to go through the **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** or **Understand the Online Process** sections on the online application portal.

Only in very exceptional situations where the online application is not accessible may applicants request for a paper-based application form by emailing the Admission Office at admissions.ke@aku.edu.

Candidates must note that whether submitting application online or in hard copy, the following documents:

a) Copies of your Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE), International Baccalaureate (IB) Certificate, Advanced Level certificate, Diploma in Medical Sciences, Undergraduate degree certificate or other relevant academic documentation.
b) Copy of school leaving certificate
c) Copy of National Identity Card or Passport or Birth Certificate (for those under 18 years of age).
d) A copy of the equivalence certificate from the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) or Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) where it applies.
e) Passport size colour photographs (labelled with your name for those submitting hard copy applications (see photograph specifications section below).

Incomplete applications will not be processed. An application is considered incomplete when requisite information is not provided on the Application Form, or where required documents are not included in the application submitted.

**S**UBMITTING A HARD COPY **A**PPLICATION

The deadline for submitting the application is **March 28, 2025.** In the case where an applicant has been allowed to submit hard copy, the University is not responsible for any delays. You may use the following address:

THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY
The Registrar's office
3rd Parklands off Limuru Road
P.O. Box 39340 - 00623 Nairobi, Kenya
Tel: +254 203 747 483
Email: admissions.ke@aku.edu; Website: www.aku.edu

**A**PPLICATION **F**EE

A non-refundable application fee of **Kenyan shilling 3,000/-**
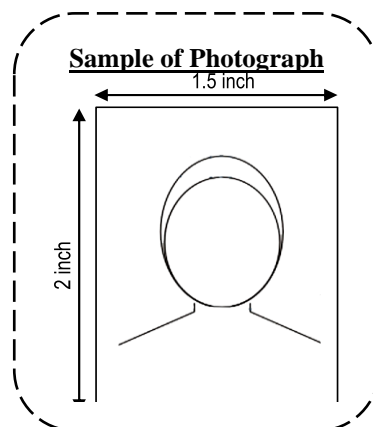
### MODE OF PAYMENT

The page for payment on the application site/platform will have a link to Direct Pay online (DPO). DPO accepts **MPESA credit/debit cards** and therefore will serve both local and international applicants.

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### PHOTOGRAPH SPECIFICATION

Your photograph is a vital part of your application. Please follow these instructions carefully.

- Passport sized; coloured photo with white background; attested on the back.
- Taken within the last one week to reflect your current appearance.
- The photo should show a clear, front view, full face of the person.
- Snapshots, mobile phone photos or low-quality photos are not acceptable.

**Sample of Photograph**
1.5 inch
2 inch

If your photograph does not reflect your current appearance, even if it is not older than one week, the University will not allow you to write the Admission Test.

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### REPEAT APPLICATIONS

Applicants not successful in their first/previous attempt may apply again with additional information supporting their application.

A fresh application together with necessary documentation must be submitted for a particular admission cycle. The University does not have a policy of automatically carrying forward applications from one cycle to the next.

### PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS

Aga Khan University accepts provisional applications from candidates with pending documents, such as result slips or certificates based on predicted grades. These applications are evaluated on a provisional basis. To finalize the selection process, applicants must submit their pending documents according to minimum eligibility requirements by the specified date. Failure to do so will result in application cancellation.

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that pending documents are received in the Admission Office according to the published schedule. Reminders will not be sent from the Admission Office.

**THE WRITTEN TEST**

All applicants are required to write an Admission Test scheduled **Saturday May 3, 2025**. The specific schedule including test centre and timing will be provided in good time on the admit card. The Test is administered in English and consists of multiple-choice questions for Mathematics and Science (Biology & Chemistry) Knowledge.

**ORAL INTERVIEWS**

Applicants who successfully attempt the written test will be invited for oral interviews, scheduled to take place between **Friday May 16, 2025.** Each applicant will meet a panel of interviewers for approximately one (1) hour. Applicants should note that interviews are a mandatory component of the application process, and do not guarantee selection.

**ADMISSION PROCESS SUMMARY**

**APPLICATION PROCESS (NOVEMBER 29, 2024- MARCH 28, 2025)**
Submit application in accordance with eligibility requirements of the
Aga Khan University

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**WRITTEN TEST (SATURDAY MAY 3, 2025)**
**ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES ONLY**

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**SHORTLISTING**

Shortlisting for interviews is based on the specified admission criteria and
AKU Admission Test score

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**ORAL INTERVIEWS (FRIDAY MAY 16, 2025)**

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**FINAL SELECTION**
Merit list of successful applicants

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Deadline for submission of final grades
for International Curricula admitted with Predicted Grades **(Friday, August 8, 2025)**

**REVOKING ADMISSION**

Aga Khan University reserves the right to admission; to revoke admission and registration if an application form is discovered to be inaccurate or incomplete, or if supporting documents are discovered to be fraudulent. Any candidate who presents a fraudulent document in support of an application for admission may be identified to other universities and colleges.