



Natural Resources Development College (NRDC) is a tertiary training institution under the Ministry of Agriculture. NRDC was established in 1965 to provide training in agriculture and other related disciplines.

## OUR DIPLOMA COURSES

NRDC offers 3-year Diploma programs underwritten (or certified) by the University of Zambia (UNZA). The College offers the following Diploma courses:

- i.) Diploma in Agriculture: This has four specializations or majors namely Agribusiness Management (ABM); Animal Science (AS); Cashew Production and Technology (CPT); and Crop Science (CS);
- ii.) Diploma in Agricultural Education & Extension (ED)
- iii.) Diploma in Agricultural Engineering (AE)
- iv.) Diploma in Fisheries and Aquaculture (FS)
- v.) Diploma in Food and Nutrition (FN)
- vi.) Diploma in Horticulture (HM), and
- vii.) Diploma in Water Engineering (WE)

Duration of training is three academic years

## SHORT TERM COURSES

NRDC also offers short term tailor-made courses on request from interested organizations.



## ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for admission, applicants must have at least credits in English, Math, any Science, and two other subjects. Applicants for Food and Nutrition must have Credits or better in English, Math, Science, Biology (or Agric. Science), and any other subject. Holders of 2-year college certificates also qualify for admission in courses related to such certificates.

A non-fundable application processing fee of K250 for Zambian and SADC citizens (or K350 for non-SADC citizens) must be paid as part of the application process. This fee should be paid by cash deposit in the NRDC Business account, Account number 1166700300144, ZANACO, Twin Palm Branch, Lusaka.

Application forms for the 2024 intake can be obtained from the College campus (Lusaka), or downloaded from the college website [www.nrdc.biz](http://www.nrdc.biz)

The 2024 intakes will commence on 8th Jan 2024 for Distance Learning, and 19th Feb 2024 for fulltime (i.e., Regular, and Parallel) modes. Admission is on first come first serve basis. Deadline for applications is 5th Jan 2024 for Distance Learning, and 16th Feb 2024 for Full-time programs.

## MODES OF STUDY

### FULL-TIME MODE

Full-time students are enrolled under two categories:

**Regular Program:** In this mode students are enrolled as boarders but can also opt to be day scholars. In the 2024 academic year, new students in boarding will pay K9950 per semester. This fee includes tuition, accommodation, and meals. Day scholars will pay K4,820 per semester.

**Parallel Program:** This is a second stream of fulltime students. Students in this mode are enrolled only on day scholar basis and have to make their own accommodation arrangements with various boarding houses around the college. First year Parallel program students for 2024 will pay K4,820 per semester.

### DISTANCE LEARNING MODE

This is an alternative to full-time study. Learning is mainly by self-study with the help of materials provided by the college. Students are however required to attend a 4-week residential school in each semester. During this period, students report to the college in order to attend classes, and also to participate in practical sessions at the college farm, laboratories, and the engineering workshop. The residential school is also used to conduct assessment tests and examinations.

In 2024, new distance learning students reporting as boarders will pay K5,540 (tuition, accommodation, and meals) while those who will attend the residential as day scholars will pay K3,880 (**tuition only**) per semester.