



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

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NSFAS RECEIVES OVER 190 000 APPLICATIONS IN TWO MONTHS

There are only 30 days left before the closing of the applications for 2019 student funding. Applications will close officially on 30 November 2018.

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) is calling on all young South Africans who have not yet applied for 2019 financial aid to submit their online applications or visit their nearest National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) centres before the closing date.

Applications opened on 1 September 2018 to anyone wishing to further their studies in 2019 on an approved course at any public university or TVET college in South Africa.

“Since the application cycle opened, we have received 191 887 applications. This number is more than double the equivalent number in October 2017, when only 90 000 applications had been received.”

“On average, NSFAS has been receiving 3 500 applications a day. The numbers can be attributed to the easy-to-complete online application system that allows applicants to complete the application within 5 minutes. “Our Partnerships across the country have also improved our outreach”, said Randall Carolissen, NSFAS Administrator.

At the beginning of the campaign, NSFAS partnered with the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) to utilise their branches in all 9 provinces to support online applications and to receive and capture manual applications, onto the online system. More than 30 000 students have been assisted through the NYDA branches since the opening of applications.

NSFAS has communicated to all Vice-Chancellors and TVET Principals that the closing date for applications is 30 November 2019 and that no extension will be granted. Institutions were also informed that NSFAS funded students, with a confirmed bursary offer, should not pay a registration fee when they present themselves for registration in January 2019.

We wish to emphasise that there will be no extended window period for the 2019 applications, therefore NSFAS will not accept any late applications after the 30 November 2018 deadline.

Important message for applicants:

1. Do not change your cellphone number or email address used for the application. These will be used by NSFAS to communicate the result of your application to you.
2. Applicants who wish to inquire about their application status, or contest funding decisions can do so by calling NSFAS contact centre toll free number 0860 007 327.
3. NSFAS will only fund applicants who have been accepted on an approved course at a university or a TVET college.

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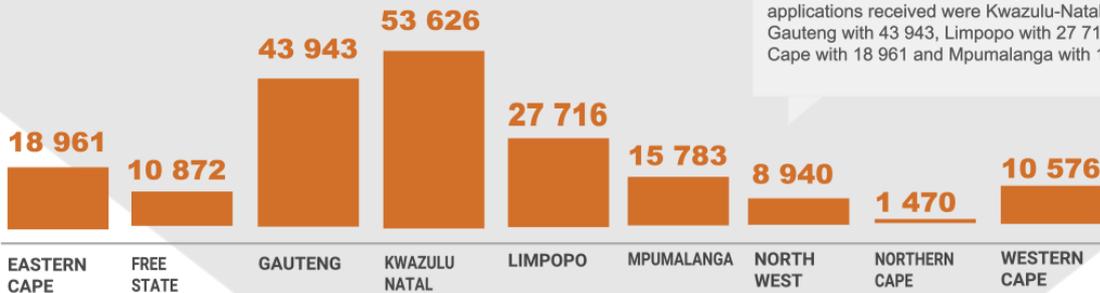
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The appointment of Dr Randell Carolissen as the Administrator to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme is in terms of Section 17A (3)(a) of the NSFAS Act (Act 56 of 1999 as amended), effective from August 23, 2018 as published in the Government Gazette by the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mrs Naledi Pandor, MP.

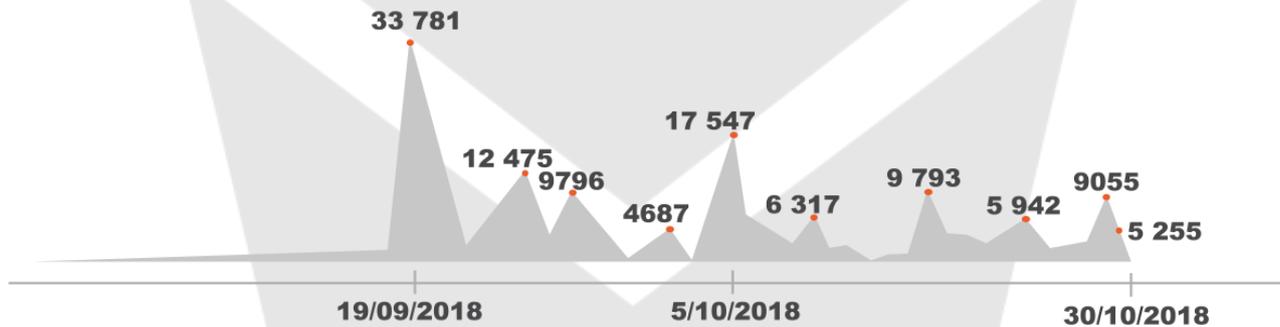
2019 Application update

Applications by province



The top 5 provinces with the highest number of applications received were Kwazulu-Natal with 53 626, Gauteng with 43 943, Limpopo with 27 716, Eastern Cape with 18 961 and Mpumalanga with 15 783

Applications by date received



17 322 TVET college applications
174 565 University applications



69 565 Female applicants
122 322 Male applicants

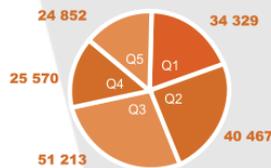
Top 10 institutions selected by students as their preferred place of study

UNIVERSITY	TVET COLLEGE
UNISA 46788	1172 Elangeni TVET College
University of Johannesburg 17036	1014 Capricorn TVET College
Tshwane University of Technology 15421	778 Coastal KZN TVET College
University of Kwazulu-Natal 10672	706 Tshwane North TVET College
University of the Free State 10105	664 South West Gauteng TVET College
North West University 8383	625 Central Johannesburg College
Durban University of Technology 6991	595 Waterberg TVET College
University of Limpopo 6542	583 Thekwini TVET College
Walter Sisulu University 5737	524 Ehlanzeni TVET College
Nelson Mandela University 5605	446 Motheo TVET College



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SASSA recipients

Applicants by Quintile**



Total number of applications received **191 887**

* Primary race is different from those listed.

** The quintile system classifies public schools dependent on how poor or wealthy the area in which the school is situated in. A quintile 1 school would be in a very poor community and a quintile 5 school would be situated in a wealthy community. Schools listed as quintile 1 to 3 are no fee schools which means that no payment of school fees are required, where as quintile 4 and 5 schools require payment of school fees.