

MEDIA STATEMENT

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NSFAS 2020 APPLICATIONS ROADSHOW LIMPOPO

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has assisted more than 1200 Grade12 learners and out of school youth from Seshego and surrounding areas to apply online for funding. NSFAS visited Capricorn TVET College on Thursday 19 September as part of the nationwide 2020 application roadshows, which is aimed at reaching out to those who need financial assistance but unable to access NSFAS funding due to lack of internet facilities or application resources in their areas.

NSFAS (Acting) Corporate Communications Manager, Tsepo Khanye urged educators and parents to assist learners to apply on time and to ensure that they submit valid supporting documents when making applications.

The Capricorn TVET College Deputy Principal, Mr Allen Riba stressed to Leaners to apply on time and also to ensure that once they have been approved and registered at the college, they do well academically to continue to receive the NSFAS funding.

NSFAS applications are open for Grade 9 to 12 learners and out of school youth who wish to further their studies in 2020 at any public university or TVET college in South Africa. The applications are done online through the myNSFAS portal (www.nsfas.org.za), applicants can submit their applications using their smartphones, or computer.

To apply, an applicant needs to create a myNSFAS account on the NSFAS website or use their social media accounts; Facebook and/or Google. They must make sure they submit the correct cellphone number and email address when they create their myNSFAS account. Applicants with an existing account can sign in using their usernames and password or Facebook/Google accounts.

NSFAS applications opened on 01 September, with the closing date being 30 November 2019 midnight. To date, NSFAS has received more than 71 822 applications. On average, NSFAS has been receiving more than 5000 applications a day since the previous week.

To qualify for NSFAS funding for university and TVET college studies, the applicant should meet the following criteria:

- 1. Be a South African citizen
- 2. Intends to enrol at any of the 26 public universities; or 50 TVET colleges in 2020
- 3. Comes from a family with combined household income of up to R350 000 per annum (up to R600 000 per annum if the applicant has a disability).
- 4. Should not have received NSFAS funding in 2019, (those who were successfully funded previously, are automatically funded for 2020, provided they meet academic requirements)

The following documents need to accompany the application: All applicants

Certified copy of your ID, not older than 3 months
A signed and completed consent form (Downloaded from our website)

If you are a SASSA recipient, please provide:

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The appointment of Dr Randall Carolissen as the Administrator to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme is in terms of Section 17A to 17D of the NSFAS Act (Act 56 of 1999 as amended), effective from August 21, 2019 as published in the Government Gazette by the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dr Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande. MP.

· A signed and completed consent form

If you are dependent on your parents/guardian/spouse, please provide:

- Certified ID copies of parent/s, guardian, spouse not older than 3 months
- Proof of income of parent, guardian or spouse (payslip or appointment letter)

If you are self-sufficient and employed please provide:

- Proof of income (payslip or appointment letter)
- 3yrs IRP5

If you have a disability, please provide:

• Completed and signed Disability Annexure A (if your information is not pre-populated on the portal) Downloaded on our website.

If you are an orphan please provide:

· Orphan Declaration and Consent Form (excluding consent form)

Other documents required, if applicable:

- · Retrenchment letter
- Death certificate/s
- Divorce decree

NSFAS in partnership with Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) **Thusong Centres**, and Department of Basic Education **District Teacher Development Centres** will provide applications resources across the country where learners can go in and apply.

The District Teacher Development Centres are located in districts which are easily accessible to teachers from schools in the district. The centres have been equipped with ICT resources and internet connectivity.

For full addresses of all applications centres visit www.nsfas.org.za. It is important to note that the closing date will not be extended.

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