



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

MEDIA RELEASE

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FAKE NEWS ABOUT NSFAS CUTTING ALL TIES WITH TUT

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has been made aware of a screen shot of a purported news article circulating on social media platforms alleging that ***NSFAS probes decision of cutting all ties with Tshwane University of Technology (TUT)***. The article further states that this decision was subsequent to the recent protests hailing from TUT regarding meal allowances for students residing in non-accredited residencies following the organisation's discontinuation of using FUNDI to distribute funds to students.

NSFAS has engaged with Tshwane University of Technology and would like to put in on record that this screen shot and the news contents of the so-called news article are fake news. NSFAS has not discussed any plans to cut ties with TUT or any other institutions. With regards to student allowances disbursement, NSFAS has never had any agreement with FUNDI or any other third-party service provider. Such malicious content, is not only unreliable, but might cause panic and discomfort and should therefore be disregarded and condemned.

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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 (3)(a) of the NSFAS Act (Act 56 of 1999 as amended), effective from August 21, 2018 as published in the Government Gazette by the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mrs Naledi Pandor, MP.