



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

## NSFAS 2020 APPLICATIONS ROADSHOW

The Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Mr Buti Manamela visited Bonteheuwel High School, in Bonteheuwel, Cape Town, on Friday 13 September 2019. Manamela's visit was part of the first leg of the NSFAS 2020 application roadshows, where Grade 10 to 12 learners will be assisted to apply for NSFAS funding online.

The purpose of the roadshow is to reach out to learners and out of school youth who need the NSFAS funding but stay in areas with challenges of application resources. During the roadshows, all qualifying persons wishing to further their studies in 2020 at any public university or TVET college in South Africa will get a chance to apply for funding before the closing date and get assistance from the NSFAS agents present on site.

"NSFAS provides funding to applicants who come from poor and working-class families, therefore I would like make this plea and urge all those applicants who meet the NSFAS requirements to apply for funding before the closing date. It is imperative that we take all necessary steps in bringing government services to the people without any prejudice or discrimination" said Manamela.

Manamela added that the key message being driven through these roadshows is that applicants must apply on time and not wait for the final moment. "Prospective NSFAS beneficiaries need to complete and submit the application as soon as possible to ensure timeous consideration of their applications.

NSFAS applications opened on 01 September, with the closing date being 30 November 2019 midnight. To date, NSFAS has received more than 42 000 applications. On average, NSFAS has been receiving more than 3600 applications a day, with the number going as high as 5900 a day this week. This is a consistent progress as compared to prior years.

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:

- 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:

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- 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

To apply, an applicant needs to create a myNSFAS account on the NSFAS website, or use their social media accounts; Facebook and/or Google. Applicants with an existing account can sign in using their usernames and password or Facebook/Google accounts. Applications are done online through the myNSFAS portal ([www.nsfas.org.za](http://www.nsfas.org.za)). Students can also submit their applications using their smartphones or computer.

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](http://www.nsfas.org.za).**

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