



MEDIA RELEASE

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10 DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE CLOSING OF THE NSFAS 2020 APPLICATIONS

Prospective students who wish to study at a public university or TVET college in 2020 have exactly 10 days left before the closing of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) application cycle on November 30, 2019. As part of the intensified application drive, NSFAS has rolled out a regional “town to town” outreach intervention programme; to reach out to prospective beneficiaries and students who have not submitted their applications.

NSFAS aims to utilise these programmes to leverage equal opportunities for access in, and success to, higher education and training, mainly telescoping disadvantaged communities, and provinces with low number applications received.

Over the next few days, NSFAS officers will continue to be deployed across all nine provinces with focus to Eastern Cape, Free State, North West, Northern Cape, and Western Cape due to the low number of applications received in these provinces.

To date, the scheme has received 365 922 applications nationwide, with KwaZulu Natal, Gauteng, and Limpopo provinces continuing to lead with the highest number of applications. NSFAS Administrator Dr Randall Carolissen said that although the number of applicants living with disability increased significantly over the prior year to over a 1000 it remains disappointingly low. Carolissen said that NSFAS has prioritized engagements with relevant government departments and agencies to improve applications in this regard.

Applicants who do not have access to computer facilities and smart phones, are urged to visit their nearest National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) offices, local libraries, Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), Thusong Centres, and Department of Basic Education (DBE) District Teacher Development Centres national wide, to apply for funding.

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Outreach Events for 2020 Applications

Eastern Cape

20 November 2019	Port Elizabeth – Thembelihle High School
20 November 2019	Uitenhage - Gamble Street Secondary School
21 November 2019	Lady Frere – Nzimankulu High School
22 November 2019	Lusikisiki – Ingwe TVET College, Ngqungqushe Campus
25 November 2019	Mthata TBC
30 November 2019	East London TBC

Free State

23 November 2019	Thabo Mofutsanyana District, Qwaqwa
23 November	Fezile Dabi District
24 – 30 November	Lejweleputswa District, Welkom

Gauteng

26 November 2019	Randfontein TBC
28 November 2019	Reiger, Boksburg

KwaZulu-Natal

23 November 2019	Ugu District
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Limpopo

23 November 2019	Opposite Rooiberg Community Hall, Thabazimbi
29 November 2019	Masesha Primary School – in Bloodriver

Mpumalanga

30 November 2019	Ehlanzeni TBC
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Northern Cape

27 November 2019	Namaqualand – SA vanWyk High School, Aggeney High School & Regefeld High School
29 November 2019	Kuruman – Kuruman Primary School
30 November 2019	Kimberley – Mayibuye Centre

North West

20 November 2019	Taung
21 November 2019	Mathe – Walter Letsie High School
21 November 2019	Vryburg – Vryburg High School
23 November 2019	Taung – Mokgareng High School

Western Cape

23 November 2019	Dal Josaphat Athletics Stadium, Groenheuwel, Paarl
29 November 2019	Beaufort West TBC
30 November 2019	Lwazi Enrichment Program, Hartzenberg Street, Parkersdam, Worcester
30 November 2019	George TBC
30 November 2019	Delft TBC

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2020 NSFAS Applications Statistics

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 Province	 Total Applications
KwaZulu Natal	105 086
Gauteng	74 561
Limpopo	57 241
Eastern Cape	37 052
Mpumalanga	29 298
Free State	21 855
Western Cape	20 297
North West	17 419
Northern Cape	3 150

Gender



125 076
Male

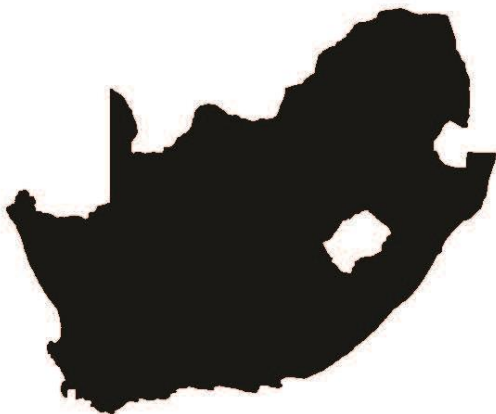


240 883
Female



312 289
University

53 670
TVET



TOTAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED NATIONALLY (20 November)

2020

365 922

2019

278 738

African 243 894

Coloured 14 518

White 3 917

Indian 3 285

Other 345