



Minister Nkabane successfully launches NSFAS 2025 online applications

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The Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Nobuhle Nkabane officially launched the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) 2025 online applications on Friday, 20 September 2024 at the GCIS in Pretoria.

Minister Nkabane was joined by learners from various schools in Pretoria, the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) Administrator Mr Freeman Nomvalo, the Department of Higher Education Director-General, Dr Nkosinathi Sishi, and other various stakeholders in the post-school education and training (PSET) sector.

Prior to the official launch and media briefing, Minister Nkabane took part in the live application demonstration, where learners were assisted to apply. This exercise was to ascertain the readiness and responsiveness of the NSFAS application system.

"Today as I am launching this application season here in Pretoria – and we have invited learners from various schools around Tshwane to come and apply for funding assisted by the NSFAS servicing

administrators and officials," Minister Nkabane said.

The NSFAS' live applications launch also took place across all provinces, targeting townships and rural areas.

Application drives will continue to take place across provinces until applications officially close on 15 December 2024.

Minister Nkabane urged all students who wish to study in any of the public universities and TVET Colleges to apply for funding on time. The minister further advised matriculants not to wait until they receive their matric results before they apply for funding.

"This year alone, NSFAS is supporting about 1,2 million students, and this number is anticipated to grow in 2025," she said.

She added that social transformation entails changing the material conditions of all South Africans for the better, and education plays a vital role in ensuring that this becomes a reality.

"NSFAS has been an instrumental vehicle in making sure that we produce the necessary labour force for a capable state, and it is the

"I urge students to provide accurate information particularly parental information when applying so that when validations occur with Home Affairs students can be funded timeously"

Mr Freeman Nomvalo,
NSFAS Administrator



only tool we have at our disposal for the total liberation of children of historically oppressed people," Minister Nkabane said.

Mr Freeman Nomvalo outlined the different financial support that NSFAS offers, which is the NSFAS Bursary and Loan.

The Administrator emphasised the importance of providing correct information and uploading correct supporting documents while applying for funding.

"The correct supporting documents are important in ensuring that NSFAS process your funding application in time for registration at an institution of higher learning," Mr Nomvalo said.

The NSFAS bursary is open to all South African citizens and permanent residents with a combined household income of not more than R350 000 per annum.

SASSA grant recipients automatically qualify for funding, while the household income for students with disabilities is capped at R600 000 per annum.

The NSFAS Bursary covers the cost of Registration, Tuition, Learning Material, Living Allowance, Personal Care, Transport or Accommodation.

"The loan scheme is meant for students who come from families who have a total income of more than R350 000, but not more than R600 000 per annum," Mr Nomvalo added.

The NSFAS Loan only covers the cost of Registration, Tuition, Learning Material, and Accommodation. The Living/Personal Care and Transport allowances are not part of the loan scheme funding.

Applicants need to ensure that they have a working cellphone number, email address and valid ID number when applying.





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What documents are needed to apply?



Before we make a final funding decision, we verify information you submitted online with third parties to ensure that the bursary and loan is allocated to a deserving individual:

The following supporting documents might be requested during your application process:

- Copy of your **Identity Document**.
- Copy of parent/s or guardian/ spouse **ID Document**.
- **Proof of income** where applicable.
- **NSFAS Declaration Form** to be completed by the Principal of the School or the Social Worker. (non-SASSA)
- If you are under 18 years, you need to submit the **Orphan/Vulnerable Child Declaration Form** completed by a Social Worker.
- A **NSFAS Consent form** completed by the applicant and/or parent/s, guardian or spouse. (SASSA recipients are not required to submit a consent form).
- **Proof of guardianship issued by the Court** if you have a legal guardian. Those whose guardianship are not appointed by the court, are required to **NSFAS declaration form**.
- **Disability Annexure form**: If you are a person with disability, you are required to **download a Disability Annexure form** that must be filled and certified by a registered medical professional.
- **Marriage Certificate** if applicable.
- **Provisional /Firm/ Pre-Enrolment offer letter** from the institution. You are however allowed to continue to apply if you have not received the offer letter.



NSFAS does not accept affidavits as supporting documents.





NSFAS 2025 APPLICATION DRIVES

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has embarked on outreach programmes across all provinces to assist learners and out-of-school youth with applications for funding.

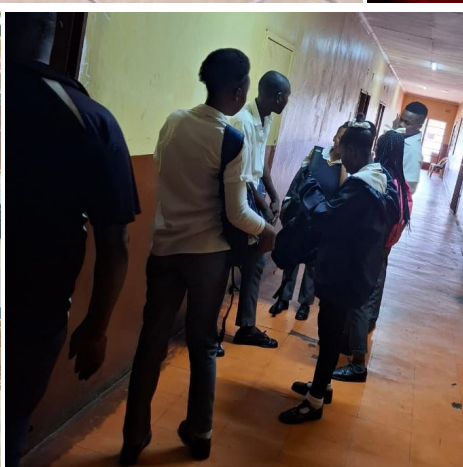
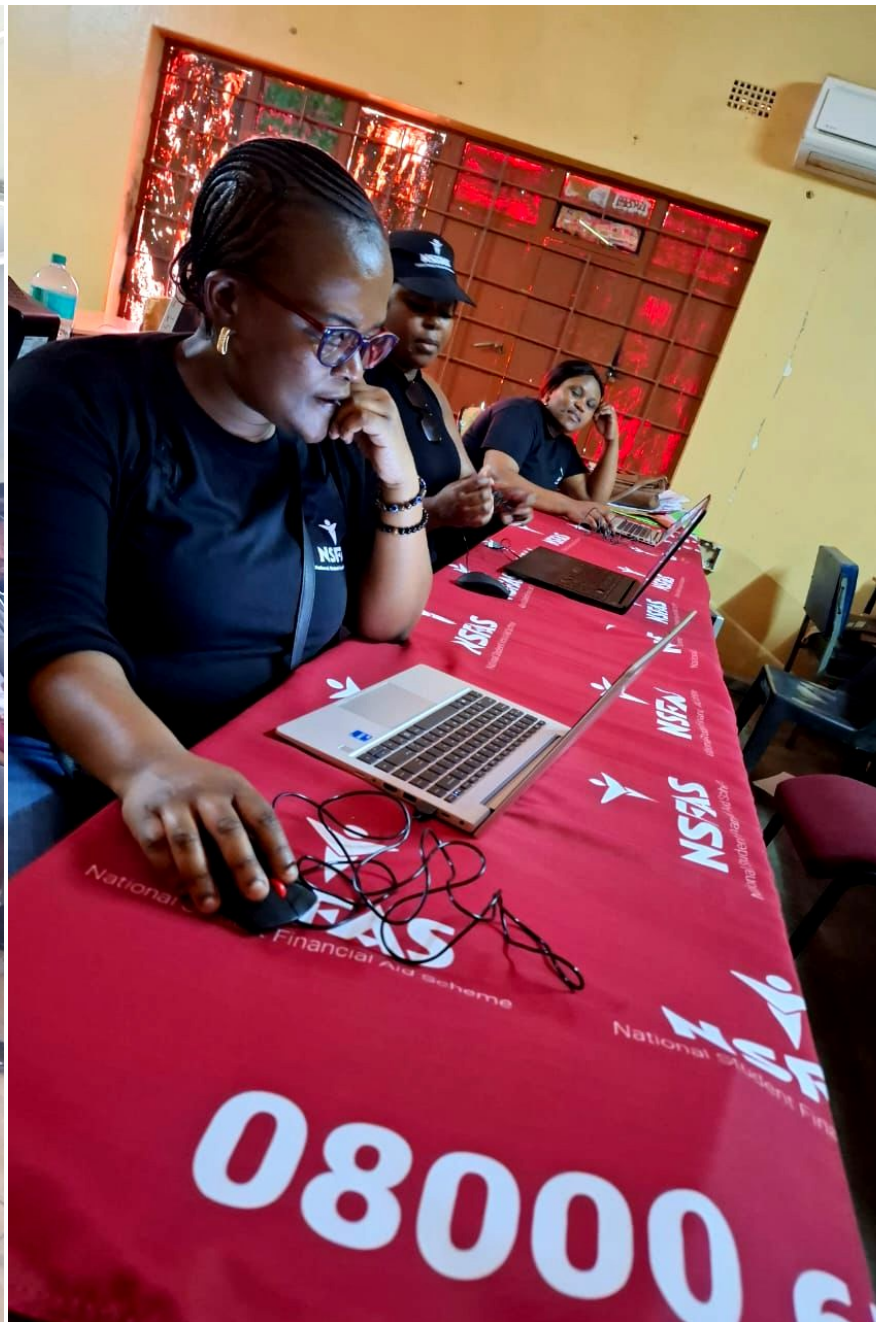
The NSFAS application drives will continue for the duration of the application period, targeting townships and rural areas.

The NSFAS online applications closes on **15 December 2024**.

HERE IS HOW STUDENTS CAN APPLY, BY FOLLOWING THESE EASY STEPS:

- Go to www.nsfas.org.za and click on the 'myNSFAS' tab
- Create a myNSFAS account
- Click on the 'APPLY' tab and complete the sections on the screen
- Upload required supporting documents where applicable
- Click on 'Submit'





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