



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

20 November 2018

10 DAYS TO GO BEFORE THE CLOSING OF 2019 APPLICATIONS

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme would like to announce that there are exactly 10 days left before the closing of the 2019 applications cycle for anyone wishing to further their studies in 2019 at any public university or TVET college in South Africa.

The 2019 applications cycle opened on the 1st of September, with the closing date announced to be the 30th of November 2018. From the 01 September till today we have received 262 658 applications, with over 150 000 applications already been evaluated. During the evaluation process a total of 44 702 applications with missing supporting documents were detected, NSFAS has since communicated to these applicants to submit the required documents before the closing date. We will continue to send out communications through the course of the application cycle.

On average NSFAS has been receiving 3500 applications a day, with the number increasing drastically to 5000 a day, which is also significantly higher than the 2018 application cycle.

We call on all young South Africans who have not yet applied for 2019 financial aid to submit their online applications or visit their nearest National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) centres before the closing date. It is imperative to note that we will not accept any late applications after the 30 November 2018 deadline.

We wish to emphasise the following important factors?

- Do not change your cellphone number or email address used for the application. These will be used by NSFAS to communicate the result of your application to you.
- Applicants who wish to inquire about their application status, or contest funding decisions can do so by calling NSFAS contact centre toll free number 0860 007 327.
- NSFAS will only fund applicants who have been accepted on an approved course at a university or a TVET college.

Provincial statistics:

- Eastern Cape 27 824
- Free State 14 361
- Gauteng 56 407
- KwaZulu Natal 76 507
- Limpopo 37 204
- Mpumalanga 21 077
- North West 11 809
- Northern Cape 2 198
- Western Cape 15 199

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The appointment of Dr Randell 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 23, 2018 as published in the Government Gazette by the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mrs Naledi Pandor, MP.