



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

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STATUS UPDATE ON NSFAS 2021 NEW APPLICATIONS

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) would like to congratulate the matric class of 2020 on their achievement, especially under these difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the 2021 application cycle, NSFAS has received an unprecedented number of applications in comparison to previous years. Approximately 730,000 online applications were received and additionally, approximately 60,000 applications were received through the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) college walk-in process. We are currently finalising the due diligence and quality checks of the application information received. We will communicate funding results once the verification and quality assurance processes are complete, in order to ensure the credibility of this important process.

It is imperative to note that NSFAS will fund eligible students once they have been registered at a public university or TVET college. Students are hereby given assurance that NSFAS is aware and takes into account, that communication should be finalised before the registration windows of the various learning institutions close. The release of matric results is indeed an important step; however, it is not the final one. Students are advised to regularly track their funding statuses on the myNSFAS portal, this will also assist them to upload any pending documents where required.

Applicants and NSFAS funded students must take note of the following:

- Keep your myNSFAS account username and password safe.
- Contact NSFAS should your cellphone number change or if it has been lost.
- Do not share your NSFAS Wallet account details.
- Do not leave your personal information exposed, and make sure you logout of your myNSFAS account when you are not using it.
- Note that your status will be communicated directly to you officially only by NSFAS (Be aware of fake news).
- Report any suspicious communication that requests you to share your personal information or passwords to the Vuvuzela Fraud and Corruption Hotline on 0860 247 653, via email to nsfas@theline.co.za or SMS Call Back to 30916.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavours and congratulate you on your great success.

Regards

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