



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

MEDIA STATEMENT

TO ALL EDITORS/EDUCATION REPORTS

DATE: 03 JANUARY 2025

2025 PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION APPLICATION

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) will as of 06 January 2025 open its student accommodation portal for all its beneficiaries and applicants who qualify for private student accommodation to apply and reserve their spaces for the 2025 academic year. The applications will remain open for all institutions until all NSFAS-accredited properties are filled.

NSFAS launched the Student Accommodation Pilot Project during the 2022/23 academic year to ensure that:

- Qualifying students are provided with conducive private accommodation to ensure academic success.
- Payments for student accommodation reflect the true value of services offered.

In 2023, the NSFAS increased the pilot to twenty-three (23) Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges and seventeen (17) Universities for the 2024 academic year.

In October 2024, NSFAS convened the workshop as part of reviewing the pilot project. The workshop was attended by Students, Student Leadership from both the universities and colleges, Accommodation Providers, Accommodation Provider Associations, and Institutions.

Key to the outcomes of the workshop was for NSFAS to end the pilot and implement the NSFAS private student accommodation both at Universities and TVET Colleges in 2025.

Students are encouraged to follow this link to submit their applications:

<https://www.nsfas.org.za/content/index%20-%2016%20December%202024%20V1.html>

NSFAS Student Accommodation Provider Application (Portal):

<https://www.nsfas.org.za/content/accommodationprovider.html>

NSFAS will still re-evaluate the accredited properties that were identified not to be meeting the Policy on the Minimum Norms and Standards for Student Housing. Should such properties be found no to be compliant, their accreditation certificates will be revoked.

For Media inquiries, kindly send an email to Media@nsfas.org.za

Issued by

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme

The Halyard, 4 Christian Barnard
Cape Town City Center, Cape Town, 8000
Private Bag X1, Plumstead, Cape Town, 7801

T: 0800 067 327
E: info@nsfas.org.za
W: www.nsfas.org.za

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The appointment of Mr Sithembiso Freeman Nomvalo as the Administrator to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme is in terms of Section 17A to 17D of the NSFAS Act (Act 56 of 1999 as amended), effective from 11 April 2024 as published in the Government Gazette No. 50482 by the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr BE Nzimande.