



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

## HOLDING STATEMENT

19 JUNE 2019

### ADMINISTRATOR RECEIVES MEMORANDUM FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

The NSFAS Administrator, Dr Randall Carolissen, received the Memorandum of Demands from the student representatives from various universities and TVET colleges, detailing a list of demands (See attached) relating to the concerns of the students. The lists of demands was received at the NSFAS Head Office offices in Wynberg, Cape Town, during a peaceful march.

In his response, Dr Carolissen acknowledged the issues raised by the students, and reiterated that he will work with the student leaders to ensure that the 2% of the student population that is still unresolved is prioritised. He assured the students that he will study the memorandum of demands, and bring to the attention of the Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology, and Treasury (DHESTT).

On the issue of historic debt, the Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology, and Treasury (DHESTT) availed 900 million to clear and address historic debt. Institutions have been tasked with identifying and providing a list of qualifying students. This process is still in progress.

NSFAS funds approved and accredited qualifications, applications for funding are provisionally funded subject to NSFAS receiving registration data from the institutions with all the relevant information. It is therefore standard practice that when students apply band enrol for unfunded courses NSFAS withdraws the provisional funding.

“Out of the 566 000 students approved for funding in 2019, more than 98% students have received their allowances. As of May 2019 NSFAS has paid R7 598 580 868.00 to Universities and R2 382 251 875.00 to TVETS Colleges for a total of 533 637 students”, he said.

Currently, NSFAS administers the student funding based on government policy. The rules and guidelines for the administration of the subsidised higher education funding are entrenched within the published guidelines for both the TVET and University sector, which makes provisions for the issues raised by the students.

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#### OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

The appointment of Dr Randall 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 21, 2018 as published in the Government Gazette by the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mrs Naledi Pandor, MP.