



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

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### **CLARIFICATION ON DHET QUALIFICATIONS ISSUE**

NSFAS is aware of Circular Notice No.3 of 2021 and can confirm that it is accurate and authentic.

On July 06, 2016, a Government Gazette No. 40123 was published by the Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Technology Dr. Blade Nzimande indicating December 31, 2019, as the last date for the first time entering students to consider studying or registering for academic programmes that are not aligned with DHET qualifications Sub-Framework. These qualifications are referred to as legacy qualifications.

About the circular that was sent on February 12, 2021, this communication was sent to universities to remind them not to register new students on the legacy qualifications in 2021 as they are no longer offered and NSFAS will no longer be funding these for new entrants.

Students who are already enrolling in these legacy qualifications may continue and complete their qualifications as their funding will not be affected. Universities are required to register first-time entrance students on the new qualifications aligned to the Higher Education Qualification Sub Framework (HEQS) as from the 2020 academic year. The Bachelor of Nursing and the BEd - NQF level 7 replace the BCurr and the NQF level 8 – Bachelor of Education (BEd) qualifications and are both NSFAS funded qualifications.

NSFAS will further communicate with universities and provide clarity on the issue.

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