National Student Financial Aid Scheme

MEDIA STATEMENT

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NSFAS STATEMENT: NSFAS 2025 FUNDING APPLICATIONS OFF TO A SMOOTH START

The 2025 National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) applications officially opened on the 20th September 2024, offering prospective and current students at public institutions of higher learning a valuable opportunity to secure financial assistance for their 2025 academic year.

To date, NSFAS has received a total of **235 780** applications from prospective recipients in need of financial aid. Within a week of opening of applications, almost **202 044** SASSA beneficiaries applicants are provisionally approved for funding.

Out of a total of **235 780** applications, **60 021** are awaiting evaluation, **3 660** have been withdrawn, and **1 862** are unsuccessful.

The following is a breakdown of applications received per province, according to NSFAS records:

North-West with **6 098**
Mpumalanga with **10 704**
Western Cape with **6 051**
Northern Cape with **849**
Eastern Cape with **13 478**
Free State with **6 314**

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KwaZulu/Natal with **109 026**

Gauteng with **31 491**

Limpopo with **21 234**

With a Total of 235 780

Please note that NSFAS consent form is compulsory for all non-SASSA beneficiaries.

NSFAS calls upon prospective applicants who are currently in Grade 9, 10, 11 and 12 not to wait for their final results or for the closing date before they submit their application.

The process is seamless and easy.

You create myNSFAS profile, complete the required information, upload required documents and submit your application.

The application window is scheduled to remain open until the 15th of December 2024, allowing ample time for applicants to carefully prepare and submit their applications while ensuring that they meet the requirements and provide the correct required documentation for thorough evaluation.

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