



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

MEDIA STATEMENT

TO ALL EDITORS/EDUCATION REPORTS

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NSFAS CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF A DUT STUDENT

It is with profound sadness that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) learnt of the passing of Mr Sphiwokuhle Madela, a third-year student enrolled in the BHSc Diagnostic Radiography programme at Durban University of Technology who tragically lost his life.

NSFAS was honoured to fully fund this student's studies, and we extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all those affected by this tragic loss.

This student was fully funded by NSFAS for his studies, and we acknowledge his inclusion in the last payment file dated 4th August 2025. He was recorded as an NSFAS returning student on the 22nd January 2025.

We recognise that this is a difficult time for everyone involved, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and the university community. We hope they find comfort and strength in these moments of grief.

NSFAS is committed to providing support to the family and the university during this challenging time.

May his soul rest in peace.

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