

MEDIA STATEMENT

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NSFAS STATEMENT ON THE PAYMENT OF JULY 2026 ALLOWANCES TO UNISA STUDENTS

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) wishes to provide an update regarding the payment of July 2026 allowances to students funded through the NSFAS DHET Bursary Scheme at the University of South Africa (UNISA).

NSFAS can confirm that allowance funds due to eligible UNISA students were transferred to the university on 2 July 2026 following the completion of the necessary reconciliation processes.

In line with the NSFAS funding model for universities, NSFAS transferred the required allowance funds to UNISA on 2 July 2026 after completing all necessary payment and reconciliation processes. Responsibility for the disbursement of allowances to eligible students thereafter rests with the institution. NSFAS was subsequently informed of technical challenges experienced during the university's payment process, which have since been resolved. We continue to engage with UNISA to monitor progress and ensure that all affected students receive their allowances as quickly as possible.

Following the transfer of funds, NSFAS was informed by UNISA that it had commenced processing student allowance payments. The university subsequently advised NSFAS that it had experienced certain technical system challenges that affected the processing of payments for some students.

We have since been informed that these technical challenges were resolved on 6 July 2026 and that the outstanding payments are being processed.

According to information provided by the university, approximately 93,093 students who were scheduled to receive their monthly personal care allowances were affected by the processing delays. The university has further indicated that some students had already received their allowances, while the remaining payments are expected to be finalised during the course of this week.

The delays relate specifically to the monthly Personal Care Allowance. UNISA students do not receive meal allowances under the NSFAS funding model. Eligible students at the institution

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receive support through the Book/Study Material Allowance and the Personal Care Allowance.

NSFAS currently provides funding to:

- **168,480** students for Book Allowances, amounting to **R425.6 million**; and
- **93,910** students for Personal Care Allowances, amounting to **R148.6 million**.

NSFAS understands the concerns raised by affected students and appreciates the inconvenience that delays in allowance payments may cause. We remain in close engagement with UNISA and continue to monitor progress to ensure that all eligible students receive their allowances as soon as possible.

We wish to assure students that NSFAS remains committed to working collaboratively with institutions to ensure the timely and efficient disbursement of student funding and allowances. Students are encouraged to continue monitoring official NSFAS and UNISA communication platforms for updates regarding allowance payments.

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