



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

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NSFAS STATEMENT ON SOCIAL GRANT APPROVED APPLICANTS

On an ongoing basis NSFAS has been reviewing rejected applicants following the instruction issued by the NSFAS Administrator in December 2018. NSFAS has now validated and approved for funding an additional 11 613 social grant beneficiaries. These students will become fully funded pending registration at a public university for an approved qualification. For the 2019 academic year this brings the total number of social grants NSFAS approved students to about 60 000, their financial eligibility status is now “confirmed and approved” subject to registration. This completes the processing of the majority of social grants applicants.

This review has now reduced the number of ineligible students from the initial 109 000 in December 2018 to 58 000. Further work is being done through the appeals process. The review of students who were rejected for other reasons are ongoing and the outcome will be communicated soon. All students are urged to check their latest funding status on MyNSFAS. We urge all NSFAS approved students to complete registration for approved qualifications at a public university or TVET college as soon as possible.

We want to thank the Department of Social Development for assisting NSFAS in meeting its mandate.

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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.