National Student Financial Aid Scheme

MEDIA STATEMENT

TO ALL EDITORS/EDUCATION REPORTS

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NSFAS STATEMENT ON THE PAYMENT OF THE CENTRAL JOHANNESBURG COLLEGE (CJC) AND SEDIBENG TVET COLLEGE LANDLORDS

The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) Administrator, Mr Freeman Nomvalo, has been briefed about challenges at the Central Johannesburg College and the Sedibeng TVET College regarding threats of eviction of students by landlords.

The NSFAS has been engaging with landlords in these respective colleges as well as in other institutions. NSFAS established that there are landlords who accommodate students without the confirmation of funding by NSFAS. In some instances, incorrect data is provided by some landlords thereby delaying the payment process. This often relates to incorrect Identity Numbers or the institutions in which students are registered. As a result, the integrity of data provided is questionable.

To remedy the situation, NSFAS has been working with landlords to provide a list of all students in their respective properties to enable NSFAS to verify each student. This therefore means that each case will be dealt with on an individual basis. In instances where funding has been confirmed, NSFAS has been paying landlords.

NSFAS would like to call upon landlords to stop evicting students without first verifying if they are NSFAS funded. If NSFAS funded, the landlords should submit such claims to NSFAS for settlement. Landlords are therefore urged to continue engaging NSFAS using our dedicated email address NSFASAccomProv@nsfas.org.za.

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NSFAS remain committed that legitimate claims are solved, and landlords are paid in the next payment cycle. This process of verification and payment of accommodation providers could be concluded efficiently through the collaboration of landlords, students and the institutions where students are enrolled.

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