

MEDIA STATEMENT

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URGENT CALL TO NSFAS APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTS FOR 2025 APPLICATION PERIOD

National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) calls upon all bursary and loan applicants for the 2025 academic year to urgently submit their outstanding documents. Submission of these documents will enable NSFAS to finalize funding decision timeously.

Since the opening of NSFAS 2025 funding application on 20 September 2024, NSFAS has received a total of **890 599** bursary and **17 369** loan applications from prospective recipients in need of financial aid.

Applicants who submitted incomplete information are urged to adhere to the application process and complete their application by submitting the documents where applicable. NSFAS has already communicated to all applicants who should submit additional documents. Students do not have to re-submit documents that they have already submitted.

Some of the documents that should be submitted are:

- **NSFAS Declaration Form** to be completed by the Principal of the School or the Social Worker. (non-SASSA).
- **The Orphan/Vulnerable Child Declaration Form** (for applicants under 18 years) is completed by the Social Worker.
- **The NSFAS Consent form** is completed by applicant and/or parent/s, guardian or spouse. SASSA recipients do not require this form.
- Document, that is issued by the Court, to prove guardianship when an applicant has indicated that they have a **Legal guardian**.
- **NSFAS declaration form should be provided by the applicant if the guardianship was not court appointed.**
- **Disability Annexure form:** The form must be filled out by a certified, duly registered medical doctor or another suitably qualified professional (such as an optometrist, physiotherapist, or head



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of the disability unit), who may confirm the student's status as disabled and specify the kind of support the student needs as well as how the student would benefit from the suggested support.

Applicants must note that only applicants who received communication to upload documents must submit such documents. It must also be emphasized that for NSFAS to make funding decisions, applicants must ensure that the submission of the required documents are submitted urgently.

Furthermore, it must be emphasized that students will only receive feedback on their application outcome once all necessary documents and verifications have been concluded.

Applicants who are SASSA beneficiaries are excluded from the submission of supporting documents.

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