



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

MEDIA STATEMENT

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NSFAS 2020 APPLICATIONS ROADSHOW NORTH WEST

The Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Mr Buti Manamela, visited Motswatemeng High School, Makapanstad North West, on Wednesday 16 October 2019. Manamela's visit was part of the NSFAS 2020 application roadshow where Grade 9 to 12 learners and out of school youth from Motswatemeng High School and surrounding areas were assisted to apply online for funding.

Deputy Minister Buti Manamela also handed over 100 pairs of school shoes to learners at Motswatemeng High School, courtesy of Sizwe Medical Fund.

"Our aim is to reach out to all qualifying individuals who need financial assistance but unable to access NSFAS funding due to lack of internet facilities or application resources in their areas. We would have not done any justice if those who need government services the most were left out of the system," said Manamela.

Of the 197 810 applications received since the opening date, only 7 800 applications were received from North West. This number is significantly higher as compared to the same time last year where we received only 1 330 applications from the province.

I would like to urge all qualifying applicants who meet the funding criteria to use this opportunity and apply for funding. Applications will close on date 30 November 2019 midnight, no late application will be accepted, and there will be no second window.

NSFAS applications are submitted online, therefore NSFAS will not accept any emailed, faxed or posted applications.

To qualify for NSFAS funding for university and TVET college studies, the applicant should meet the following criteria:

1. Be a South African citizen
2. Intends to enrol at any of the 26 public universities; or 50 TVET colleges in 2020
3. Comes from a family with combined household income of up to R350 000 per annum (up to R600 000 per annum if the applicant has a disability).
4. Should not have received NSFAS funding in 2019, (those who were successfully funded previously, are automatically funded for 2020, provided they meet academic requirements)

All applications need to be accompanied by supporting documents.

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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 to 17D of the NSFAS Act (Act 56 of 1999 as amended), effective from August 21, 2019 as published in the Government Gazette by the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dr Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, MP.