

CIRCULAR NOTICE NO. 07 OF 2021
(FOR UNIVERSITY ONLY)

TO : VICE-CHANCELLORS, PRINCIPALS AND HEAD(S) OF FINANCIAL AID

FROM : MR ANDILE NONGOGO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE : AUGUST 10, 2021

SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR LIST OF 2021 REGISTERED, YET UNFUNDED STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR NSFAS FUNDING

After careful consideration of the plight of the currently registered university students who were unable to apply for funding due to several reasons, the National Student Financial Aid Student Board resolved to grant a once-off opportunity for them to apply. This initiative is not intended to create any future precedence and has also factored in, amongst other things, the scheme's available funds. This provision is aimed at alleviating the financial burden of eligible and deserving students but also minimising the burden of student debt which usually culminates into protests at the beginning of the year.

This concession is applied only to qualifying students who are registered in the 2021 academic year and are without any other form of bursary and requisite financial support.

To enable NSFAS to correctly identify these students, we request institutions to send us a list of the 2021 registered students who are neither NSFAS beneficiaries nor any other bursary holder, for them to be given an opportunity to apply for funding in this once-off application window. Please note that we require an exhaustive list by no later than August 17, 2021. NSFAS will communicate the initiative and the required process on its website (www.nsfas.org.za), to clarify any queries.

Institutions are kindly requested to send the list of identified students to nomakhayan@nsfas.org.za

The application period will open for two weeks, from August 17, 2021 – September 03, 2021. We encourage institutions to notify the qualifying students on the list to ensure that they apply and provide all relevant supporting documents as applications submitted after the closing date will not be considered.

Application Process

1. Student must register on the myNSFAS portal to apply and track their application status.
 - Log onto www.nsfas.org.za
 - Click on 'register'
 - Complete the required fields (ID number, cellphone, email)
 - Upload copy of ID



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- OTP will be sent to student's cellphone number to activate the account.
- 2. Once a myNSFAS account profile is created, the system will allow the identified student to apply online.
 - Click on 'apply'
 - Complete all required fields where applicable
 - Upload supporting documents
 - A reference number will be sent to the student to their cellphone number and email address

For further enquiries regarding this communication, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Thilivhali Mukondeleli via ThilivhaliM@nsfas.org.za

Sincerely,

Mr Andile Nongogo CA (SA)
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