

## Dear NSFAS Student

### FTEN students (students that enrolled for the first time at a Higher Education Institution)

You have been assessed in terms of the NSFAS financial criteria and have met the financial means test. This means that should you register to study at the North-West University (NWU) for 2019 for an approved programme, only then you will be approved for funding.

Funding is approved and finalised according to the following criteria:

- That you qualify according to the financial criteria and your status is **Successfully Funded, awaiting registration** or **Funding eligible with admission offer**.
- That you register for an approved funded programme at the NWU. Post graduate and part time programmes are not approved. Uniprep and Occasional studies are not approved.
- That you only register at one public higher education institution for one programme during this time.
- That you sign an NSFAS Bursary Agreement which indicates that you accept the terms and conditions of the bursary. These terms and conditions include academic and service requirements among others.
- Please note that financial assistance is limited to the minimum duration of the course plus one year.

The amount of funding you qualify for will depend on your actual study costs and where you will live whilst studying.

### Accommodation

Your accommodation approval will be subject to the NWU's policies. All students approved need to register on the following link to indicate their accommodation status. Please take note of the rules to qualify for private accommodation.

<http://diyservices.nwu.ac.za/nsfas-bursary-service>

No accommodation applications will be accepted after **15 February 2019**. Students that want to change their accommodation, need to report to the Student Accounts and Bursaries inquiry counters on campus.

### Other allowances

#### Meal allowance

Approved students qualify for a monthly meal allowance of R1 440 per month for 10 months. The due date for receiving meals is the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. The first allowance is due on 5 February. The allowance will be distributed via the Fundi card (Vaal Triangle and Mafikeng Campus) and the student card (Potchefstroom Campus). No allowance will be paid in cash. The allowances of students who have received meals on campus during the R&O period, allowances will be reduced with the value of meals received.

#### Learning materials allowance

Approved students will receive a R5 000 allowance per annum. via the Fundi card. This allowance will enable students to purchase books/e-books and electronic devices. The allowance will be paid at the beginning of the year. No additional funds will be available for second semester purchases. The due date for receiving the allowance will be 7 February 2019.

#### Travel allowance

All students that do not stay in university residences or make use of private accommodation can apply for a travel allowance. Refer to the link provided for accommodation preference.

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The allowance is R1 000 per month and will be paid monthly on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for 10 months. The first payment is due on 15 February 2019. The allowance will be distributed via the Fundi card and can be withdrawn at Checkers or Pick a Pay. The cost is R5 per transaction.

#### Signing of contracts

On registration, the NWU will submit your study costs to NSFAS after which a National Bursary Agreement (NBA) will be generated for your acceptance. Funds will only be disbursed after acceptance of your NBA online.

A notification via SMS will be sent to the cell phone number that you applied with. It is therefore essential to keep and use the same cell phone number. NSFAS must be informed if your cell phone number or e mail address changes.

**Please take note that allowances will be stopped if students that were notified to sign a contract, did not sign their contract by 30 April 2019.**

#### **General bursary conditions**

- Students on a full DHET bursary may not receive another full cost or study bursary from another source
- If a student receives a partial bursary from another source, a NSFAS bursary may be awarded, but the allocations must be reduced accordingly. NSFAS may not pay for amounts already covered by another funder. Universities are obliged to report this information to NSFAS and to reduce the fee account accordingly.
- If a student receives a merit award from the NWU, NSFAS funding will also be reduced accordingly, so that the full cost of study is covered, but the student does not receive an amount over and above the full cost of study.
- It is the student's responsibility to inform NSFAS about any other funding that they may have been awarded. Failure to do so will be regarded as fraud, and will result in the termination of the bursary and return of any funding fraudulently received.

#### **Academic progression criteria**

For all First Time Entrants of 2019, the criteria remain 50% of courses passed annually within N+1

For any inquiries please visit your Student Accounts and Bursaries inquiry counters on campus.

The Department of Higher Education and Training document, Guidelines for the Department of Higher Education and Training Bursary Scheme for Students at Public Universities 2019 is available on the NWU website.