

Dear NSFAS Student

Senior continuing students

You have been assessed in terms of the NSFAS academic criteria and have met the prescribed academic criteria. This means that you register to continue study at the North-West University (NWU) for 2019 for an approved programme.

Funding is approved and finalised according to the following criteria:

- That you qualify according to the academic criteria and your status is **Provisionally Funded**,
- That you continue your studies with an approved funded programme at the NWU. Post graduate and part time programmes are not approved. The only post graduated programmes approved are the PGCE and LLB programmes. Students that have graduated in 2018 and continue with PGCE and LLB studies must submit proof of acceptance to the programme to the Student Accounts and Bursaries inquiry counters on campus. Occasional programmes are not funded
- That you only register at one public higher education institution for **one programme** during this year.
- That you have signed an NSFAS Bursary Agreement in 2018 which indicates that you accept the terms and conditions of the bursary. These terms and conditions include academic and service requirements among others.
- Students that are registered for only one semester, will only be funded for the semester registered for.
- Please note that financial assistance is limited to the minimum duration of the course plus one year for students that have enrolled for the first time at an Institute of Higher Education in 2018 and N+2 for all students that were enrolled to a Higher Education Institution prior to 2018. 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 5th 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.

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 for 10 months and will be paid monthly on the 15th of each month. 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.

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, an 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 their institution, the 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 returning students funded on the pre-2018 criteria, the criteria of 50% courses passed annually within the N+2 rule will continue to apply
- For all returning First Time Entrants of 2018, 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.