



8 Steps to registration for international students

To make your enrolment at NWU as smooth as possible, please follow the guidelines to ensure you meet South African immigration requirements to register and start your studies.

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Obtain the necessary documents

Before you arrive at NWU, you must submit all required documents to the NWU Global Engagement (GE) Office.

To get started, submit your category identifier and request a letter of invitation from the GE Office.

This is available via the Central Application Hub.

Identify your current visa or permit. The GE Office will review it to confirm if it meets the requirements to study at NWU. If your visa does not meet the requirements, they will advise you on what action to take, such as applying for a new visa.

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Visa and invitation letter

To apply for a study visa, you will need a four-page invitation letter issued by the GE Office. This letter is required when submitting your visa application to a South African mission abroad. Please note that the acceptance letter from NWU is not sufficient for visa purposes and submitting it instead of the required invitation letter will result in the rejection of your application.

For certain visa types, such as critical skills visas, spouse visas, or work visas, you must ensure that they include a secondary condition permitting you to study at NWU. Meeting these requirements will help avoid delays or complications in your visa application process.

If applicable to your visa or permit, specific directives for certain visa types will be implemented. Therefore, it is important to consult with the GE Office, as they will provide guidance and inform you of any required supporting documents.

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Submitting documents before departure

Before leaving for South Africa, send all your colour scanned documents in one email to the GE Office. They will handle the administrative processes and ensure compliance with the Immigration Act.

The permission to be registered at NWU, issued by the GE Office, indicates that immigration rules and regulations have been met, allowing for registration. However, it does not guarantee registration, as NWU's requirements, including the payment of financial fees, must also be met.

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Medical aid requirements

To study in South Africa, you must provide proof of adult vaccinations for MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) and Meningitis. International students from Yellow Fever-endemic countries must also present a Yellow Fever certificate. You are required to have medical aid cover from a provider approved by the South African Medical Board, as travel insurance is no longer accepted. Proof of medical cover must be submitted with your study visa application and remain valid throughout your stay.

Once your visa is issued, the medical cover cannot be cancelled. Therefore, it's essential to choose a compliant provider and maintain your coverage for the entire duration of your studies.



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Accommodation

If you wish to apply for accommodation at NWU, please contact Residential Services. They have specific requirements for placements but unfortunately only assist long-term students. They do not assist exchange or visiting students (those staying for less than 90 days), as their accommodation needs are different.

Short-term students will need to make alternative accommodation arrangements.

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Permanent Residence Permit Holders

If you hold a Permanent Residence Permit (PRP), proof of medical aid is not required. However, please submit a colour scanned copy of your PRP and green identity document. You must also report to the GE Office to update your status in their records.

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Adhering to Immigration Regulations

As an accredited institution, NWU strictly adheres to the guidelines set by the **Department of Home Affairs (DHA)**. The GE Office can only proceed with registration when there is a directive from the DHA. International students must wait for these instructions and should not expect registration via social media or other platforms.

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Contact the assigned staff member per campus

To ensure smooth communication, please contact the person responsible for your campus:

- Potchefstroom Campus: Annelishé Van Der Spoel Annelishé.VanDerSpoel@nwu.ac.za
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- Central Application Hub: Hester Parkin Hester.Parkin@nwu.ac.za

Feel free to reach out to the GE Office for guidance and double check that all your documents are ready before you arrive.

Get all your information: <https://www.nwu.ac.za/global-engagement-office/steps-accepted-prospective-international-students>

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