

## The National Student Financial Aid Scheme

Do you come from a poor or working-class family with a combined household income of not more than R350 000 per annum?

The Department of Higher Education and Training has a bursary designed to assist you with funding towards a tertiary qualification of your choice. The bursary is administered by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) and is available for persons who wish to or are studying at a public institution of higher education and training (university or TVET college).

### Who qualifies for NSFAS

Funding will be available to:

- Students from families with a combined household income of not more than R350 000 (three hundred and fifty thousand Rand) per annum, registering at TVET colleges and universities **for the first time**,
- Students returning to TVET colleges and universities to complete or continue their first undergraduate qualification. Only select post-graduate qualifications are funded, please refer to the website for the full list.
- Students from families with a combined household income of up to R122 000 (one hundred and twenty-two thousand Rand) returning to TVET colleges and universities after a gap year or two to complete their first undergraduate qualification.
- Students from families who are recipients of child support grants or disability grants administered through South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) will automatically qualify for NSFAS funding.
- Orphans will automatically qualify for NSFAS funding, provided there is confirmation of their status.

### What the bursary covers

NSFAS funding covers **the actual cost** of tuition plus **prescribed learning materials -this** means the tuition fee for the specific programme that the student is registered for; these fees differ depending on the field of study (e.g. engineering; medicine; art; history etc.) and the institution

that the student is admitted to. AND dependent on eligibility a subsidised accommodation and living costs including meals. The bursary funding is for the duration of study and does not require any repayment.

**Upon qualifying for the NSFAS bursary, a beneficiary is required to sign a NSFAS Bursary Agreement with terms and conditions. Beneficiaries will then be expected to**

- Comply with all academic requirements as set by institutions.
- Attend and participate in lectures, tutorials and academic support programmes as required by the institution;
- Complete all set assignments and/or tasks as required in terms of the due performance requirements of the Institution;
- Undergo all tests and examinations (written and oral) as required in terms of the due performance requirements of the institution;

### **NSFAS funding for postgraduate qualifications**

NSFAS only accepts funding applications for the following postgraduate qualifications:

B TECH: ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY

B TECH: ARCHITECTURE (PROFESSIONAL)

B TECH: BIOKINETICS

B TECH: BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

B TECH: BIOTECHNOLOGY

B TECH: CARTOGRAPHY

B TECH: CHIROPRACTIC

B TECH: CLINICAL TECHNOLOGY

B TECH: DENTAL TECHNOLOGY

B TECH: EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

B TECH: ENGINEERING: CHEMICAL

B TECH: ENGINEERING: CIVIL

B TECH: ENGINEERING: ELECTRICAL

B TECH: ENGINEERING: INDUSTRIAL

B TECH: ENGINEERING: MECHANICAL

B TECH: ENGINEERING: MECHANICAL: MECHATRONICS

B TECH: ENGINEERING: METALLURGY  
B TECH: ENGINEERING: REFRACTORIES  
B TECH: FORESTRY  
B TECH: HOMOEOPATHY  
B TECH: NURSING  
B TECH: NURSING SCIENCE  
B TECH: NURSING: COMMUNITY NURSING  
B TECH: NURSING: PRIMARY HEALTH CARE  
B TECH: NURSING: OCCUPATIONAL NURSING  
PGCE,  
LLB,  
MbCHB,  
PGDA

For more information on how to access this funding, click here ([Link to the NSFAS Website](#))