



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### NSFAS STATEMENT ON THE PAYMENT OF THE 2025 STUDENT ALLOWANCES

Pursuant to thorough discussions, and consultation with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and the Post School Education and Training sector, the approved allowance caps for 2025 have been finalized and are ready for implementation.

### 2025 APPROVED UNIVERSITY ALLOWANCES

The table below outlines the approved allowance caps for the 2025 academic year

	New Books	Accommodation	Living Allowance	Travel Allowance	Personal Care Allowance	Human Support	Assistive Device
UNI Catered - Disability Metro	6,240.00	69,633.00	-	-	3,167.00	52,000.00	54,080.00
UNI Catered - Disability Non-Metro	6,240.00	60,273.00	-	-	3,167.00	52,000.00	54,080.00
UNI Catered - Metro	5,678.00	65,993.00	-	-	3,167.00	-	-
UNI Catered - Non-Metro	5,678.00	56,633.00	-	-	3,167.00	-	-
UNI Non-Catered - Disability Metro	6,240.00	52,000.00	20,800.00	-	-	52,000.00	54,080.00
UNI Non-Catered - Disability Non-Metro	6,240.00	42,640.00	20,800.00	-	-	52,000.00	54,080.00
UNI Non-Catered Metro	5,678.00	52,000.00	17,160.00	-	-	-	-
UNI Non-Catered Non Metro	5,678.00	42,640.00	17,160.00	-	-	-	-
UNI Disability Transport	6,240.00	-	20,800.00	8,190.00	-	52,000.00	54,080.00
UNI Transport	5,678.00	-	17,160.00	8,190.00	-	-	-

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UNI Distance learning/ UNISA	660 per module (R5,678.00 Maximum)				3,167.00		
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Should institutions see a need to deviate from the allowance caps, they must first obtain written approval from NSFAS before submitting any allowances above the provided caps.

## 2ND UPFRONT PAYMENT

NSFAS released the second upfront payment to universities during the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025, allowing institutions to disburse March allowances to students by Friday, 07<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

## PAYMENT DATE TO TVET COLLEGES

NSFAS released payment from 07<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to cover two months' worth of allowances and this payment is based on valid registrations received. At the commencement of the business day on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025, we had 18 TVET Colleges which had uploaded registrations. As a result, NSFAS made the initial payments to these 18 TVET colleges' students.

NSFAS will closely monitor the uploading of registration data by colleges and ensure that another second payment run is prepared for the payment on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The registration upload cut off for the second payment was Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025. This payment will ensure that all students whose valid registration data which was uploaded since the initial cut-off date receive allowances within the month of March 2025.

Allowance Types	Accommodation	Living Allowance	Travel Allowance	Personal Care Allowance	Human Support	Assistive Device
TVET Catered - Disability Metro	69633	0	0	3167	0	54080
TVET Catered - Disability Non-Metro	60273	0	0	3167	0	54080
TVET Catered - Metro	65993	0	0	3167	0	0
TVET Catered - Non-Metro	56633	0	0	3167	0	0
TVET Disability Transport	0	20800*	8027	0	0	54080
TVET Non-Catered - Disability Metro	52000	20800*	0	0	0	54080
TVET Non-Catered - Disability Non-Metro	42640	20800*	0	0	0	54080
TVET Non-Catered Metro	52000	17160*	0	0	0	0
TVET Non-Catered Non-Metro	42640	17160*	0	0	0	0
TVET Transport	0	17160*	8027	0	0	0

\* Living allowance is inclusive of personal care.

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## URGENT CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF APPEAL DOCUMENTS

NSFAS calls upon all students who lodged an appeal for the 2025 academic year to urgently submit required documents. A student must submit an appeal within 30 days of receiving their application results. Submission of these documents will enable NSFAS to finalise funding decision timeously.

## REGISTRATION UPLOAD TIMELINES

Following confirmation of the 2025 allowance caps, the NSFAS portal is ready to receive valid registration data. Institutions are strongly encouraged to submit their registration data to avoid delayed payment of allowances.

Institutions are required to adhere to the following timelines when submitting cancellations, blocks, and any instructions to NSFAS:

INSTALMENT NUMBER	EXCLUSIONS CUT OFF DATE	PAYMENT DATE	ACADEMIC CYCLE
1	Upfront	10-Jan-25	Accommodation, Books & Tuition
2	Upfront	05-Mar-25	Accommodation, Books & Tuition
3	14-Mar-25	31-Mar-25	Annual and Semester
4	16-Apr-25	30-Apr-25	Annual and Semester
5	15-May-25	30-May-25	Annual and Semester
6	13-Jun-25	30-Jun-25	Annual and Semester
7	15-Jul-25	31-Jul-25	Annual and Semester
8	15-Aug-25	29-Aug-25	Annual and Semester
9	15-Sep-25	30-Sep-25	Annual and Semester
10	15-Oct-25	31-Oct-25	Annual and Semester
11	14-Nov-25	28-Nov-25	Annual and Semester

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