



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

LETTER OF NOTICE 01 OF 2024
(FOR ALL UNIVERSITIES AND TVET COLLEGES)

TO: ALL UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLORS AND COLLEGE PRINCIPALS

CC: HEAD(S) OF STUDENT ACCOMMODATION, FINANCIAL AID OFFICE, STUDENT SUPPORT MANAGERS AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS

FROM: OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE: JANUARY 06, 2024

SUBJECT: STUDENT ACCOMMODATION PILOT PROJECT FOR NSFAS BENEFICIARIES IN 2024

Dear Vice-Chancellor and Principal

In reference of Circular 1 of 2023 shared with all institution.

The Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Innovation, Prof. Blade Nzimande, MP, met with National Student Financial Aid (NSFAS) to implore its Board and Management to ensure that the start of the academic year is as smooth as possible.

The private student accommodation pilot is one project that if not managed properly could pose risks for a smooth start, however, NSFAS is encouraged by the support it has received from institutions on the pilot. NSFAS has resolved to work collaboratively with institutions to ensure that we account for all NSFAS-funded students.

Many of our students have fallen victim to the point that some have lost their belongings at the hands of unaccredited accommodation providers. NSFAS would increasingly ensure that it continues to accredit all properties on the system hence NSFAS would like to once again reiterate the principles that underpin this project. These are

- Institutions must ensure that students are placed in institutionally owned properties first, prioritizing first-time entering students (FTENs). Private accommodation providers must respect the right of institutions to place students in institutionally owned properties first. That applies particularly to first year students. NSFAS will be guided by the position of institutions regarding this matter.
- Institutions will then allocate and/ or provide to the remaining students the list of accredited private accommodation providers wherein NSFAS-funded students must reside.
- NSFAS reserves the right to allocate available places to students up to capacity per institution before they are placed in properties accredited by institutions.

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- Institutions following their accreditation processes will be allowed to place students in those identified and accredited accommodations.
- NSFAS will NOT pay for NSFAS-funded students residing in any unaccredited properties.

For any clarity-seeking questions, these should be directed to the following email addresses;
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Issued by:

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Student Accommodation Unit