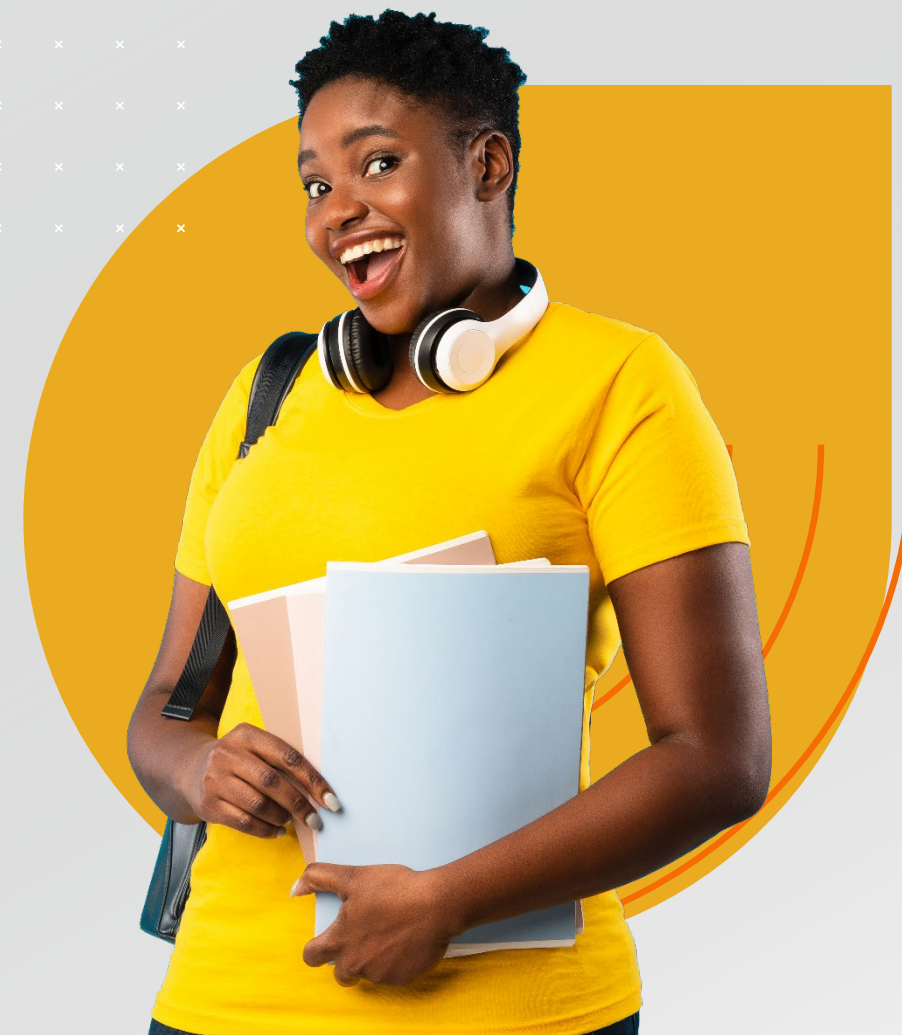


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NSFAS DISABILITY NATIONAL WORKSHOP

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Proposed changes for 2025



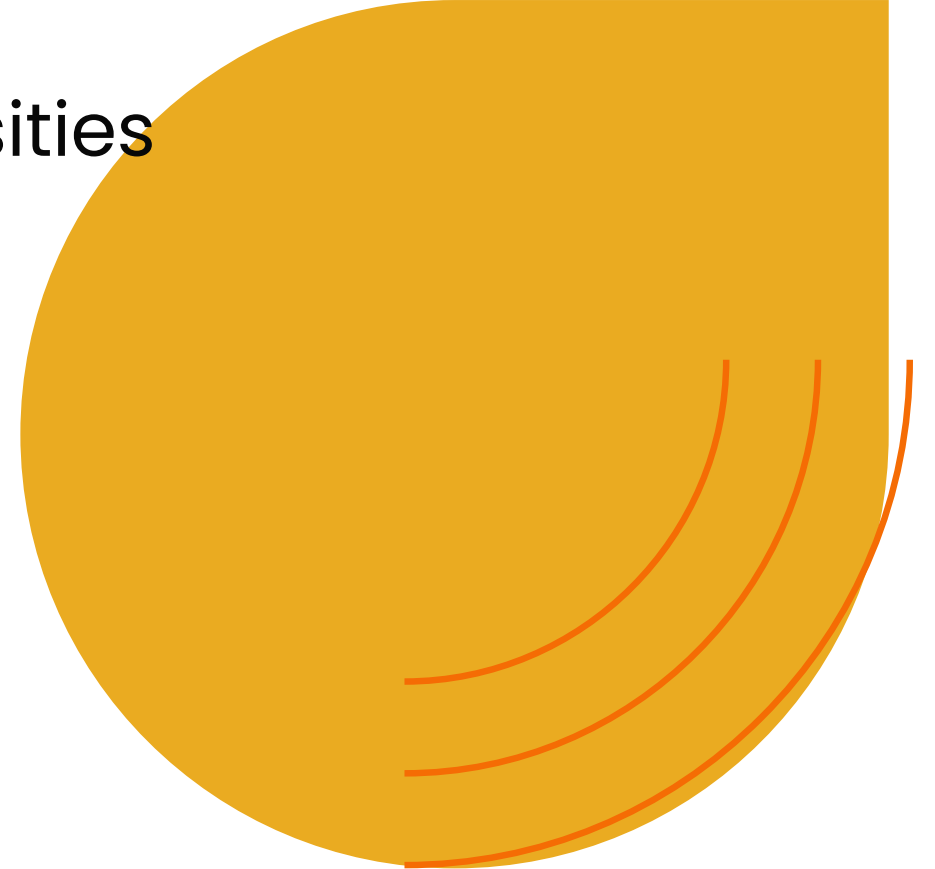
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Disability Students

4.2.5.1. A detailed medical report not older than three years from a medical professional registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa is required to support an application for a student with disability.

4.2.5.2. Any other chronic diseases or medical conditions can only be considered based on a full medical evaluation, and a detailed report.

4.2.5.3 The detailed report must outline how the condition is manifested in the students' difficulties in accessing teaching and learning, with or without support.

Conversion Process

FROM DHET TO DISABILITY

For all students that are disabled but funded under DHET General, please send a signed and stamped copy of the students' annexure to disabilitysupport@nsfas.org.za in order for the student to be converted to the DHET Disability bursary. The request, once attended to will then be submitted to NSFAS ICT for actioning of the conversion request.

Conversion Process

FROM DISABILITY TO DHET/GENERAL

For all students that are not disabled but classified under NSFAS Disability, please send an email to your servicing administrator for your institution requesting conversion. The servicing administrator will log a change request to reassess the application under DHET General conditions with the NSFAS ICT Department.

We are working on an automated solution to address conversions seamlessly.



**Students with
disabilities qualify for
the following
allowances
2024**

Allowance	Applicability	Conditions	Amount
Living allowance	Students qualify on the same basis as all their University /TVET students	The same conditions apply as to other University students. No separate meal allowance is provided for human support.	R20,000 per academic year
Learning materials allowance	University Students qualify on the same basis as all other University students TVET College learning material allowance is included in the cost of tuition	Where the cost of learning materials differs, a motivation must be submitted to NSFAS for approval	R6,000 per academic year for university students only

Human Support Benefits

Human support	University students only may qualify for human support if this is required in terms of a report approved by a Registered Medical Professional with the HPCSA, and the institution's Disability Unit and approved by NSFAS. Students qualify for a single human support each academic year.	The human support must be relevant to the student's Disability and must be in respect of support that is required to facilitate access to teaching and learning resources.	Actual cost limited to R50,000 per academic year. Human support allowances will be disbursed to TVET College students by TVET Colleges.
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Assistive Devices

Assistive devices	Students may only qualify for an assistive device if this is required in terms of a report from medical doctor, approved by the institution's Disability Unit and approved by NSFAS. Students qualify for one assistive device over the duration of their studies. An additional assistive device due to changing needs of a student maybe considered on condition the stipulated assistive device allowance is not exceeded over the study duration.	The device must be relevant to the student's Disability and must be in respect of devices that are required to facilitate access to teaching and learning resources.	Actual cost limited to R50,000 as a once off allowance.
Repairs and maintenance of assistive devices	Students qualify for a repairs and maintenance of assistive devices if these are required as a result of normal wear and tear.	No new assistive devices can be purchased with this allowance Damage or breakage of the assistive device must be as a result of normal wear and tear and not as a result of neglect, abuse or carelessness.	Actual cost limited to R2,000 per academic year.

Assessment Costs

Assessment costs	Students qualify for an assessment cost allowance only if requested by the Disability Unit (and approved by NSFAS) for the purpose of determining the teaching and learning support requirements.	The assessment must be for the purposes of determining the human support or assistive device required by the student for access to teaching and learning resources.	Actual cost limited to R2,000 as a once off allowance.
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Claims Process

For all of the students that you would like to claim human support please provide:

- a) The disability annexure
- b) A medical report that clearly states the need for the human support and/or assistive device being claimed for. The recommendation must come from a registered medical professional.
- c) A human support for claim form and all supporting documentation
AND/OR
- a) A quotation for the assistive device from an accredited service provider.

When approvals are communicated from NSFAS, the institution must load registration for the approved amounts.

Approved Claims

Status	Approved		
Count of Institution	Claim Type		
Institution Name	Assistive Device	Human Support	Medical Assessment
Central Johannesburg College	1		
Durban University of Technology	6	9	
Elangeni College	1		
Flavius Mareka FET College	1		
Goldfields FET College	1		
IKHALA PUBLIC FURTHER ED AND TRAINING	1		
Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University	1		
Tshwane University of Technology	1		
University of Fort Hare	1	7	
University of KwaZulu-Natal	14	11	
University of Limpopo	24		
University of Mpumalanga	1		
University of South Africa	21		1
University of the Witwatersrand	1		
University of Zululand	1		
Vaal University of Technology	1		
Grand Total	77	27	1



Claims awaiting approval

Status	Awaiting Approval		
Count of Institution	Claim Type		
Institution Name	Assistive Device	Human Support	Medical Assessment
Durban University of Technology	1	1	
University of Free State	1		
University of South Africa	1	1	
Walter Sisulu University	6	3	4
Grand Total	9	5	4

Disability Funding Payment Timelines

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NSFAS pays all qualifying registrations on a monthly basis

TVET payment dates – 25th

UNI payment dates – 30th or last working day of the month



Progression and performance

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University Academic Eligibility Criteria

Continuing university students must achieve a course credit pass rate of 60 percent for the end of the 2024 academic year to succeed academically for 2025 funding year.

TVET academic eligibility criteria

4.5.3.1, A bursary may only be awarded to students progressing to the next NC (V) level if they passed at least 5 subjects in the previous NC (V) level.

4.5.3.2. A bursary may only be awarded to students progressing to the next Report 191 level if they passed a minimum of 3 subjects in the previous N-Level.

4.5.3.3. Academic progression criteria requirements for continuing students studying occupational programmes will be determined by TVET Colleges, and results shared with NSFAS.

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