

# Experience of the Recipient of Nsfas and other Funding

The raise and fall



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# INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Nsfas, an answer to many students' prayers providing an affordable and quality education to obtain our degrees. When Nsfas was introduced the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) was an initiative to counter this and make higher education (HE) more affordable for the poor and more representative of the country's demographics.
- ▶ The brick wall are there for a reason. The brick walls are not there to keep us out. The brick walls are there to give us a chance to show how badly we want something.



# HOW ARE STUDENTS FUNDS ALLOCATED ?

- ▶ Submission of required documents
- ▶ Money divided within faculties so that students receive equal amount of money
- ▶ In terms of Accommodation, Money for books and tuition fees



# HOW ARE STUDENTS FUNDS ALLOCATED ?

- ▶ The criteria or formula Nsfas uses:
- ▶ Taking account of the number of students enrolled within an institution
- ▶ Assessed in terms of “means test’
- ▶ Universities then apply rules set down by Nsfas to determine which students to be funded



# WHAT CHALLENGES HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED OVERTIME?

- ▶ Long queues to stand waiting to be approved
- ▶ Signing of agreement forms
- ▶ Allocation doesn't cover for all expenses
- ▶ Off campus accommodation money



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STUDENT ACCOMMODATION & CATERING

**PAYMENT FOR ACCOMODATION 2014**  
**First payment for accomodation fees**

To: Finance Department  
From: Student Accommodation Date: 01/08/2014  
Names: G SHONGWE Student Number: 212097415  
Res. Name: Park Village Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount to be paid: R1450.00  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOM DEPOSIT**

TO: Finance Department  
FROM: Student Accommodation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Names: G SHONGWE Student Number: 212097415  
Res. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount to be paid: R700.00  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Room deposit fees must be captured under Deposit account and not Fees account!

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NSFAS  
National Student Financial Aid Scheme

**LOAN AGREEMENT:  
DHET / GENERAL**

NATIONAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID SCHEME

and  
G SHONGWE

Important Note  
This Funding is only available to South African Citizens  
Attach a certified copy of your South African Identity Document.  
Please use black ink when completing the Loan Agreement Form.  
Use of correcting fluids, (eg. Tippex) will invalidate this Loan Agreement Form.  
Any alterations must be countersigned by the student and the witness.  
All pages must be initialed by the student and the witness.

**1. PARTICULARS OF STUDENT:**


Identity Number: 9311160280089 Date of Birth: 1993-11-16  
Surname: SHONGWE Title: Ms  
Maiden surname, if applicable: GXOLETHU  
Gender:  Male  Female Disability:  Yes  No If yes please specify:  
Race (for statistical purposes only):  African  Coloured  Indian  White  Asian  
Marital Status:  Single  Married  Divorced  Widowed  
Physical Home Address (Not a P.O. Box): 8996/114 WILDCREST NUT PROTEA GLEN Code: 1319  
Postal Address (if different from home address): SCWICTO Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone No (Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_ (Number) CallPhone: 013 500 5000  
E-mail Address (Institution): check student card  
E-mail Address (Personal): shongwegeyikhu554@gmail.com

**2. PARTICULARS OF ALTERNATE POINT OF CONTACT (NEXT OF KIN)**

Surname: SHONGWE Initials: Mrs N.O Title: Mrs  
Relationship (parent, legal guardian, sibling, spouse, partner, other): Mother  
Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_ Code: 1319  
Work Telephone No (Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_ (Number) CallPhone: 084 054 5252  
Home Telephone No (Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_ (Number) \_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Initials: \_\_\_\_\_



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 UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY  
FINANCIAL AID BUREAU  
NSFAS STUDENTS  
CLAIM FORM

SURNAME & INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
IDENTITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NO.:	COURSE	SEMESTER	YEAR

MOTIVATION FOR CLAIM: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF BURSARY: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BANKING DETAILS	
ACCOUNT HOLDER'S DETAILS	:
ACCOUNT NUMBER	:
BANK	:
BRANCH CODE	:
CONTACT NUMBER	:

Balance of Account R \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

CLAIM	
REFUND TO	AMOUNT
	R

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_  
RECEIVED BY \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
COMPILED BY \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED BY \_\_\_\_\_

## PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

- AFFIDAVIT MUST BE DONE BY THE LANDLORD STATING HOW MUCH THE STUDENT IS PAYING PER MONTH.
- CONFIRMATION OF BANKING DETAILS OF THE LANDLORD FROM THE BANK WITH THE BANK STAMP FOR EASY PROCESSING OF PAYMENT.
- LATEST CERTIFIED OR ORIGINAL PROOF OF ADDRESS (MUNICIPALITY ACCOUNT).
- LATEST CERTIFIED LANDLORD ID COPY (NOT OLDER THAN 3 MONTHS).
- IF MARRIED (MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE)
- COPY OF STUDENT CARD WITH STUDENT CELL PHONE NUMBER.
- CERTIFIED STUDENT ID COPY.



# WHAT ARE THE IMPROVEMENTS?

- ▶ Online applications
- ▶ Less queues to stand in
- ▶ Increase money to cover all



# PERSONAL ENCOUNTER

- ▶ Rise and fall



# CONCLUSION

- ▶ Regarding the online application we are not certain since it was only introduced in our University this year, specifically for 2017 applicants. So far it can be stated that, long queues will be officially eliminated next year.
- ▶ Difficulties faced were taken into consideration by the SRC
- ▶ Students that reside in private accommodations are still not fully funded.



# RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ NSFAS is made for students, the question is, is there a committee which is responsible for fees allocation?
- ▶ Are there students involved?
- ▶ Do they understand what it is and its main objective?
- ▶ I suggest that there should be an awareness created for the fund itself to explain how the fundamentals work
- ▶ Furthermore to get the students involved in this awareness
- ▶ Addressing of high dropout rate
- ▶ Join forces with Universities and employers.

QUESTIONS?

