

SA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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South African Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- SACCI is a member based business organisation
- SACCI represents in the region of 22 000 members in the following categories:
 - SMMEs through regional chambers e.g. Diepsloot chamber, Durban Chamber etc.
 - Corporate members e.g. Banks
 - Industry associations e.g The Sugar Association of South Africa



SACCI understands Free Education to mean

- Students will not be denied access to education on the basis of income affordability.
- Students shall not be accommodated by the education institutions (whether on or off campus)
- Students will receive free adequate and meals
- Students will be provided with the necessary tools and resources such as laptops etc.
- Students living at distance to the campus will be provided with free transportation.
- Students will receive convenient and adequate healthcare
- Students will have free access to adequate recreational facilities
- Students shall receive free high speed internet access



How possible is Free education?

- SACCI believes that free education is desirable and possible in South Africa but this will require a step change in thinking and in prioritising.



Should free education apply to everyone?

- The only determination should be income and affordability.
- As a developing country, South Africa cannot afford to provide free education to those who can afford it.



Funding formula for free higher education

- We first have to deal with the failure rate and find solutions to that (nutrition, health care, appropriate accommodation, lifestyle)
- The State should fund students via loans
- Alumni programmes as a source of funding .
- Tax incentives for funding education
- Expansion of broadband delivery for online learning
i.e. Coursera



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