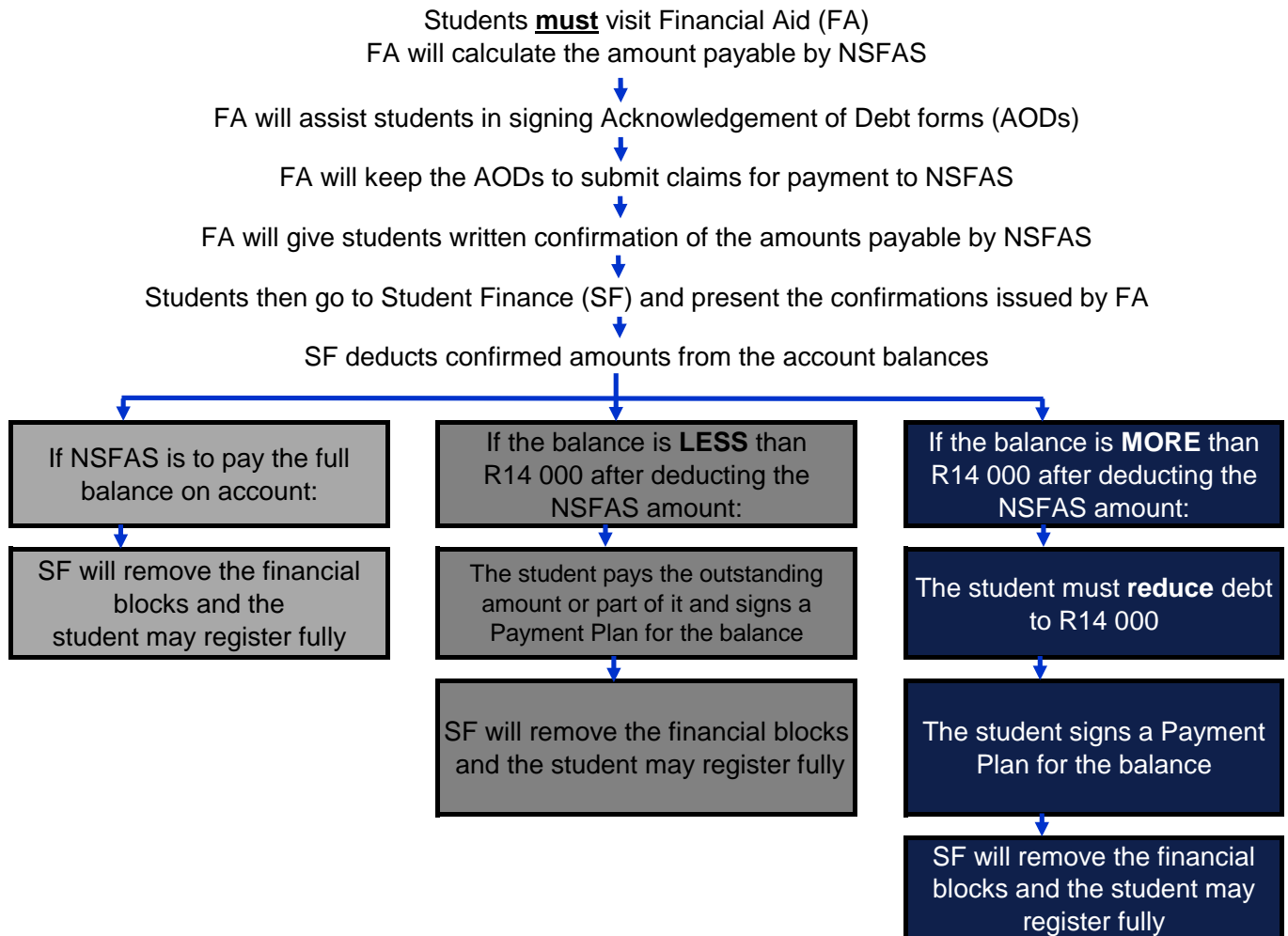


## FIRST PAYMENTS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

### 1. Senior students with CONFIRMED NSFAS funding for 2019 and historic debt



### 2. Senior students in the 'Missing Middle' category

The Minister announced that the government would continue to pay the fee adjustment grant paid in 2018, but **only** for students who received the fee grant waiver in 2018. The Minister also indicated that no new applications for gap grants will be accepted. DHET will not fund the 5,3% increase for 2019.

After discussions with the ISRC to assist missing-middle students who are to receive gap grants in 2019 again, the senior management has agreed that gap-grant recipients experiencing difficulty with their first payments would be allowed to register as follows:

\* All students in the 2018 missing-middle category who were funded with a discount and who owe **less** than **R5 000**, will be allowed to **fully** register by paying **R2 050** if they are non-residence students or **R4 000** if they are residence students. They must sign Payment Plans for the 2018 outstanding amounts.

\* Returning students who received the grant in 2018 will be allowed to register provisionally for 2019, on condition that they meet the criteria for provisional registration as approved by the Council. It is necessary for students to register in order to receive the grant again in 2019. They will have to make the prescribed payments for provisional registration (R2 050 for non-residence students and R7 290 for residence students).

After registration, the grant will be calculated on the module and accommodation fees charged to the student's account. The grant will be set off against the amount payable for full registration. If the amount paid by the student, plus the grant, covers the outstanding debt (if any) and the first payment for 2019, then the student's registration status will be updated from provisionally registered to fully registered.

### 3. Non-NSFAS students and students who did not receive the Missing Middle discount in 2018

If students in this category owe **less** than **R5 000** and pay **R7 420** – if they are non-residence students – or **R14 020** if they are residence students, they will be fully registered. They must sign Payment Plans for the 2018 outstanding debt.

### 4. All other students

The first payments for all other students can be viewed by visiting **[www.ufs.ac.za](http://www.ufs.ac.za)** and following the *link* 'First Payments 2019' under the heading **Helpful Links**.