

2019 NSFAS ALLOWANCES - NSFAS/DHET GENERAL FUND

ADMITTED TO HIGHER EDUCATION PRIOR TO 2018

Please find herewith information on how 2019 NSFAS allowances will be made available to students. This is relevant for the NSFAS General bursary fund only.

Cap funded students do not qualify for the new full cost bursary allowances. Allowances are payable up to the funding cap of R88 600 for 2019.

Legitimate costs for 2019 will be paid in the following priority order:

1. Tuition fees
2. Books
3. Private accommodation
4. Meals
5. Transport

Taking the above mentioned into consideration the following allowances are applicable according to the different accommodation types. The following are examples of how the amount of allowances and pay-out thereof will be administered:

1. STUDENTS STAYING IN CAMPUS RESIDENCES

Students will receive, apart from full tuition and on campus accommodation, the following allowances:

ALLOWANCES	AMOUNT	NOTES
Books	R 5,000.00	
Meals	R 14,400.00	(Inclusive of the R2 750 living allowance)
Transport	R -	
Total annual allowance	R 19,400.00	
Paid out as follows:		
First allowance payment	-R 5,275.00	This amount will be paid as soon as possible after 15 February 2019
Available allowances	R 14,125.00	To be paid in 9 equal amounts
Balance to be paid over 9 months	R 1,569.44	(March - November 2019) 1st week of each month

Should your total legitimate costs be within the maximum of R88 600.00 you will receive further monthly payments of R1 569.44. Should your total legitimate costs exceed R88 600.00 your further monthly payments, if any, will differ.

2. STUDENTS STAYING OFF CAMPUS IN PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Students will receive, apart from full tuition, the following allowances:

ALLOWANCES	AMOUNT	NOTES
Books	R 5,000.00	
Meals	R 14,400.00	(Inclusive of the R2 750 living allowance)
Transport	R -	
Total annual allowance	R 19,400.00	
Paid out as follows:		
First allowance payment	-R 5,275.00	This amount will be paid as soon as possible after 15 February 2019
Available allowances	R 14,125.00	To be paid in 9 equal amounts
Balance to be paid over 9 months	R 1,569.44	(March - November 2019) 1st week of each month
Plus the actual rent to a maximum of R32 000.00		

Rent will be paid up to a maximum of R32 000.00 per annum. This allowance amount will be determined during the private accommodation fee application process which will soon be communicated.

Should your total legitimate costs be within the maximum of R88 600.00 you will receive further monthly payments of R1 569.44. Should your total legitimate costs exceed R88 600.00 your further monthly payments, if any, will differ.

3. STUDENTS LIVING AT HOME

Students will receive, apart from full tuition, the following allowances:

ALLOWANCES	AMOUNT	NOTES
Books	R 5,000.00	
Meals	R -	
Living allowance	R -	
Transport	R 10,000.00	Including incidental allowance. See note 1.
Total annual allowance	R 15,000.00	
Paid out as follows:		
First allowance payment	-R 5,275.00	This amount will be paid as soon as possible after 15 February 2019
Available allowances	R 9,725.00	To be paid in 9 equal amounts
Balance to be paid over 9 months	R 1,080.56	(March - November 2019) 1st week of each month

Note 1: NSFAS Guidelines: "In general, qualifying students whose home address is within a radius of 30km from the university campus would not be considered for an award for an accommodation allowance. These students qualify for travel allowance determined by the institution, up to a maximum of R10 000 in 2019. This includes a R2 750 incidental allowance."

Should your total legitimate costs be within the maximum of R88 600.00 you will receive further monthly payments of R1 386.11. Should your total legitimate costs exceed R88 600.00 your further monthly payments, if any, will differ.

4. DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENTS

Students will receive, apart from full tuition, the following allowances:

ALLOWANCES	AMOUNT	NOTES
Books	R 5,000.00	
Meals	R -	
Living allowance	R -	
Transport	R -	
Total annual allowance	R 5,000.00	
Paid out as follows:		
First allowance payment	-R 5,000.00	This amount will be paid as soon as possible after 15 February 2019
	R -	No further available allowances for 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Allowances for other NSFAS administered funding e.g. Funza Lushaka, Social Development etc. will be paid according to the donor's requirements. Any allowance may only be administered and transferred to students as per the terms and conditions of the funder. It may also mean that the allowances must be paid to pockets.
2. All qualifying registered NSFAS students will receive the first allowance amount, irrespective whether a NSFAS agreement have been signed yet. Further allowance payments will only be made after you have signed your NSFAS agreement and payment was received from NSFAS.
3. Allowances will be transferred to students' bank accounts through Fundi procedures.
4. Since the allowances will be provided in cash it is the student's responsibility to manage their allowances wisely and to use it for the purpose received for. NSFAS Circular 6 dated 21 January 2019: "The NSFAS allowance funding is to assist eligible students with funding for costs related to their studies such as books, accommodation, food and travel where applicable. In the process we want students to grow to be responsible citizens and take charge of their economic needs and responsibilities."