

## **NSFAS GUIDELINES 2026 - STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Students must apply for the NSFAS financial aid on time, submitting all the valid required documents.
2. Students must submit accurate, complete and correct information to the NSFAS when applying for financial aid and when submitting appeals. Failure to do so will result in applications and appeals being rejected.
3. Should a student or applicant submit data that is incorrect or incomplete, and this results in students that are funded that should not be funded, or a student being paid more than the actual cost of study, the NSFAS will withdraw financial aid and claim the funds back from the student.
4. Students must inform the NSFAS and their institutions if they have other sources of funding (i.e. double-dipping) within 10 days of receipt of such funding.
5. Students must notify the NSFAS in the event of a change of qualification or when they exit a qualification.
6. Students must confirm with the institution that the qualification they register for is an approved qualification and is indeed funded (and not expired).
7. Students must meet all academic progression criteria and attendance requirements of their courses and institutions.
8. Students must meet individual financial commitments, e.g. managing allowances.
9. NSFAS students are subject to the student residence and private accommodation policies, including accommodation contract conditions of the institution and accommodation providers where they reside.
10. Students are required to read and understand the institution policy with respect to accommodation allowances and especially note the terms and conditions when

electing to shift from one accommodation type to another during the academic term.

11. Students who apply at various institutions must cancel registration at all institutions where they are not eventually formally registered to avoid dual registrations. Failure to do so will result in the NSFAS blocking all payments to such students until dual registrations are resolved.
12. The NSFAS funded students who register at multiple institutions have a responsibility to deregister and confirm with the NSFAS, within 10 days of the start of the academic term, the institution that they chose to study at.
13. NSFAS funded student shall not:
  - Engage in activities that aim to defraud the scheme and fellow students,
  - Engage in any dishonest, or deceptive activities,
  - Use the bursary funds or allowance for any purposes other than the intended educational expenses,
  - Bring the name or reputation of NSFAS into disrepute and
  - Apply for NSFAS funding with the knowledge that the student is receiving or will be receiving bursaries/financial aid from elsewhere for the same academic year of studies.
14. Where a NSFAS-funded student is required to submit documents to the NSFAS for funding decisions, the student must do so within 10 days of receipt of notification to submit required information to the NSFAS.
15. Students must always ensure that their contact details are updated to maintain constant communication with NSFAS.
16. Students must aim to complete their studies within the N+ Rule and maintain the academic progression rules of the NSFAS.
17. Students must use the learning material allowance for the intended use (acquisition of study material or a digital learning device).
18. All students in receipt of financial aid from the NSFAS must abide by the terms and conditions as set out in the agreement.
19. A student may not bring the NSFAS into disrepute. Any issues/ dissatisfaction on the part of the student must be brought to the attention of the NSFAS for resolution.