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ATTENTION: ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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2024 NSFAS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Waterberg TVET College is aware of the student protest taking place at the different delivery sites of the college. The college's bursary committee which includes the Student Representative Council, held a meeting on 13 February 2024 at Central Office in Mokopane, where the 2024 NSFAS Eligibility Criteria and Conditions for financial aid was explained.

Higher Education Minister Blade Nzimande, in alignment with the Department of Higher Education and Training's directives, has greenlit the 2024 NSFAS Eligibility Criteria and Conditions for financial aid. The newly approved criteria apply to students enrolled at Public Universities and Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges.

Noteworthy adjustments, include the revised NSFAS accommodation caps and living allowances aimed at narrowing the gap between university and TVET college students. Additionally, stringent academic eligibility criteria underscore the importance of academic progression for students funded by NSFAS.

TVET college managed and leased self-catered accommodation and private off-campus accredited accommodation will be capped at R50,000 in metros and R41,000 in other areas, as per lease agreements with landlords, whilst TVET

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college-owned catered residence will be capped at R60 000 in metros and R51 000 in other areas, per beneficiary.

In 2024, the annual living allowance will be R10 000 for TVET college students and personal care of R3045 per annum. This allowance is distributed to students, for example, over ten months for annual students, five months for a semester students and three months for a trimester student.

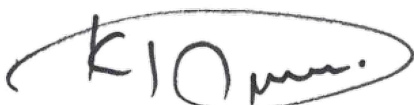
The bone of contention is regarding clause 5.4.7 in the NSFAS guidelines, where it is stipulating that, "TVET College students that are not allocated accommodation by their institution can apply to NSFAS for private accommodation. NSFAS and the Institution must **enforce** the rental/ lease agreement on favourable terms for the students and claim accommodation allowances according to the lease agreement amount not exceeding the accommodation cap for metro and other arears". "It further states that students must confirm proof of home address when applying for the accommodation and confirm that such student is not residing with relatives or immediate family members". Instead of adhering to applying to allowances as stipulated, our students resorted to disruptions of lessons until their demands of a flat rate are met.

We encourage all NSFAS-funded students to visit the NSFAS website regularly to familiarize themselves with the NSFAS guidelines to ensure timeous payment of allowances. Students are reminded to submit their allowance application forms before 22 February 2024. Failure to do so, will result in the students in forfeiting their allowances.

The college calls upon all students to report to class immediately.

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