

30 January 2025

Dear UFS Student

UPDATE: FINANCIAL CONCESSIONS MADE BY THE UFS – 30 January 2025

The University of the Free State (UFS) is in continuous engagement with the National Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) to resolve outstanding matters. The university's Financial Working Group (FWG), which includes representatives of the Institutional Student Representative Council (ISRC), meets regularly to determine how it can best assist students, taking into consideration the financial constraints of the university.

It is important to note that the concessions below will enable 96% of NSFAS-funded students and 91% of returning self-paying South African students to register for the 2025 academic year.

Here is an update on the financial concessions made by the UFS:

1. RETURNING STUDENTS (NSFAS-FUNDED):

Criteria:

- NSFAS funding for 2025 must be confirmed and reflected on the ADS or Registration Verification document.
- Historic debt may not exceed R35,000 (increased from R20,000).

Concessions:

- No payment required.

- Students will be eligible for full registration.

2. FIRST-TIME ENTERING STUDENTS (NSFAS-FUNDED):

Criteria:

- NSFAS funding for 2025 must be confirmed and reflected on the ADS or Registration Verification document.

Concessions:

- No payment required.
- Students will be eligible for full registration.

3. RETURNING SELF-PAYING SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS:

Criteria:

- Historic debt must not exceed R35,000 (increased from R20,000).
- Must sign an Acknowledgment of Debt (AOD).

Concessions:

- No payment required.
- Students will be eligible for provisional registration. Provisional registration applications must be submitted, and all other terms and conditions will apply.

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