



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

CIRCULAR NOTICE NO.5 of 2023
(FOR ALL UNIVERSITIES)

TO: VICE CHANCELLORS, PRINCIPALS, REGISTRARS/ DVC's ACADEMIC, DVC's FINANCE/CFOs
FINANCIAL AID OFFICERS, SRC's

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FROM: NSFAS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE: 17 June 2023

SUBJECT: 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR FUNDING DECISIONS UPDATE

1. PURPOSE

The objective of this circular is to provide institutions with an update on the funding outcomes **(statuses on the portal, funding list and appeals)** for the 2023 academic year.

2. 2023 STUDENT FUNDING MATTERS

As previously communicated, NSFAS undertook a comprehensive data review and remediation exercise for returning and first-time entrants (FTENs) to ensure accuracy and completeness in the final funding outcomes. The exercise entailed reviewing additional student information received that impacted the initial funding decision.

Please see below important updates on:

- ❖ Students whose statuses were on **'pending decisions'** have now been assessed and the outcome is reflecting on the profile on the NSFAS portal. Students who are funded will reflect on the funding list whilst those who are rejected can lodge appeals with correct supporting documentation. It should be noted that if the appeal option button is not available on the student's profile it means that the application has been declined and closed due to reasons that cannot be appealed.
- ❖ The **updated funding list** as of 15 June 2023 is available on the NSFAS portal for institutions to view.
- ❖ **Update on appeals:** NSFAS is continuously processing the appeals. As and when the appeal is approved, it will be updated on the funding list and the student funding outcome will be reflected on their student portal. If an appeal is rejected that will also be

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communicated to students on the portal.

Noteworthy, is the huge number of students that have appealed but did not submit the relevant supporting documents. NSFAS cannot conclude these appeals without supporting documentation. We will be issuing SMS to those students to submit the relevant documents within 10 working days before we can close their appeal. We urge institutions to encourage students to submit these documents.

Please contact your servicing administrator for enquiries regarding this correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

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