



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

**CIRCULAR NOTICE NO.13 OF 2024  
(TVET COLLEGES ONLY)**

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**TO: PRINCIPALS**

**CC: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS  
FINANCIAL AID OFFICIALS / STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE MANAGERS**

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**DATE: 30 DECEMBER 2024**

**SUBJECT: 2025 NSFAS DISBURSEMENTS - TVET COLLEGES**

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this circular is to share the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) 2025 payment dates schedule, together with the corresponding registration upload dates for the payment of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) college students' tuition and allowances.

**2025 TUITION UPFRONT PAYMENTS**

In efforts to support TVET colleges with being able to manage their beginning of the academic year registration processes, NSFAS will on the 10th of January 2025, advance tuition upfront payments to colleges. The calculation of these payments will be based on 20% of each college's 2025 tuition allocation as communicated to TVET colleges by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET). Thereafter all payments will be made based on valid registration data submitted by colleges, where the tuition upfront payment advanced will be first knocked off.

**2025 TVET ACADEMIC YEAR DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE**

NSFAS plans to open the MyNSFAS Manager Portal on the 13th of January 2025, to enable institutions to upload 2025 student registration data. This is being done to facilitate the early disbursement of allowances to all TVET college students whose colleges have submitted their valid registration data. The submission of accurate registration data remains critical to NSFAS

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being able to make payments to beneficiaries and being able to continuously confirm funding for continuous students who meet academic eligibility requirements.

The allowances payment channel for TVET College students remains their own bank accounts. Colleges should encourage new NSFAS qualifying students to open a bank account at any of the South African banking institutions.

Below is a comprehensive schedule of all the dates when NSFAS plans to make payments towards tuition and allowances for all 2025 academic cycles. The schedule also depicts the different dates TVET Colleges must ensure they have uploaded students' registration data by, to make a specific payment date.

REGISTRATION CUT OFF DATE	DISBURSMENT RUN INITIATION	FINAL APPROVAL	PAYMENT DATE	Affected months payment	Academic Cycle
24 January 2025 10 February 2025 (Annual, S1 & T1 registration upload opening) 10 March 2025 10 April 2025	27 Jan 2025 11 Feb 2025	05 Feb 2025 23 Mar 2025	07 Feb 2025 25 Feb 2025	2 months allowance (February and March)	<b>Annual, S1 and T1</b>
11 Mar 2025	23 Mar 2025	25 Mar 2025	April Monthly allowance	<b>Settlement payment for T1, while Annual and S1 3rd allowance.</b>	
11 Apr 2025	23 Apr 2025	25 Apr 2025	Monthly allowance	Annual & S1 and T1.	

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09 May 2025 (12 May Trimester 2	12 May 2025	21 May 2025	23 May 2025 (25th is on a Sunday)	Monthly allowance & T1 and S1 allowance settlement.	Annual, <b>settlement payment for S1 &amp; T1.</b>
10 June 2025, (15 July Semester 2 & Trimester 3, 08 September) 10 July 2025 08 August 2025	11 June 2025 11 July 2025	23 June 2025 23 July 2025	25 June 2025 25 July 2025	Monthly allowance Monthly allowance	Annual & T2 & S2
11 Aug 2025	23 Aug 2025	25 Aug 2025	Monthly allowance	Annual & S2 & <b>(T2 mop up payment)</b>	
10 September 2025	11 Sept 2025	23 Sept 2025	25 Sept 2025	Monthly allowance, T3 2 months payment	Annual, S2 and <b>(T2 mop up payment), T3</b>

## JANUARY 2025 NSFAS OFFICIALS' DEPLOYMENT TO INSTITUTIONS

NSFAS has held various engagements on 2025 readiness, taking TVET stakeholders through its plans to improve processes and better support students through institutions. These engagements have also granted the NSFAS the opportunity to obtain valuable input from stakeholders.

As part of its student support plans, the NSFAS will deploy its Servicing Administrators to all 50 TVET Colleges for a period of 2 months, from 13 January 2025 until 07 March 2025, on a rotational basis as there is one individual moving between 3 or 4 colleges. Additionally, NSFAS has concluded a graduate recruitment process and appointed 50 graduate interns, one per

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college, to be deployed alongside the servicing administrators and be placed at a particular college for the full duration of the 2-month period.

TVET colleges are encouraged to make full use of the availed resources to fast track beginning of the academic year bursary administration processes thus ensuring the speedy submission of accurate registration data.

Sincerely,

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20 December 2024

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