

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING 2018 FEES

FEE ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2018

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) has already reached agreement with the university sector on fee adjustments for the 2018 academic year. The University will adjust fees by 8% on the 2017 fees for both tuition and residence.

As in 2017, government has made available gap funding to pay the fee increases for all qualifying registered students with a gross combined family income up to R600 000 per annum in 2018. This is a grant, which covers the increases for tuition fees and university managed accommodation (where applicable), and will not have to be repaid by qualifying students. To qualify for the grant, students must apply for the DHET 2018 fee adjustment grant through the gap funding process as communicated by the university.

FULLY SUBSIDISED FREE HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

On 16 December 2017, the President announced that "government will now introduce fully subsidised free higher education and training for poor and working class South African undergraduate students, starting in 2018 with students in their first year of study" and that this would be provided through the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS).

For 2018 this funding is only available to new first time entry students into undergraduate studies from families earning a gross household income of up to R350 000 per annum.

NSFAS and universities have put a process in place to ensure that each student with a firm offer from the university identify themselves to the university as a student from a family earning a gross household income of up to R350 000 per annum. These students need to go to the financial aid office and each student will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis between the University and NSFAS. Students will be required to submit all relevant supporting documentation as per the NSFAS criteria.

[FAQs on expanded NSFAS and bursary scheme](#)

APPLICATION ACCEPTANCE FEE

The application acceptance fee for 2018 has been reduced to R250 for all new first time entry students. This decision was made to assist students who qualify for the fully subsidised free higher education and training. Once the accepted applicant is registered with the university, the amount paid is credited to the students fee account.

REGISTRATION FEES

The initial payments at registration have been kept the same as 2017 and amount to R3 750 if registering for tuition and a further R2 750 if registering for residence.

For international students, the total tuition fees and residence fees are payable in full prior to registration (refer to section 11 of the fees booklet).

STUDENT FEES GUIDE 2018

The complete student fees guide for 2018 is available on the UKZN website

[Student Fees Guide 2018](#)

QUERIES

Students and staff who have any queries are encouraged to utilise the existing university structures to ensure speedy resolution of queries.