

MEDIA STATEMENT

TO: All media

ATTENTION: News Editors/ Reports

DATE: Wednesday, 17 November 2021

For Immediate use:

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Dr Blade Nzimande, wishes to dismiss media reports alleging that the Department of Higher Education and Training and the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) have taken a decision to increase the pass mark to 75% for students to be funded by NSFAS.

These reports are malicious, misleading and cause unnecessary confusion to current and prospective NSFAS beneficiaries because the Department of Higher Education has not as yet announced the 2022 Guidelines for the DHET bursary scheme.

Minister Nzimande calls upon the media to refrain from publishing unconfirmed information from unknown sources.

Minister Nzimande confirms that as an annual administrative process, there are ongoing internal consultations taking place between the Department of Higher Education and NSFAS officials on the 2022 Guidelines for the DHET bursary scheme.

The consultations will be extended to the entire PSET sector before the official announcement of the approved 2022 Guidelines by Minister Nzimande following the conclusion of all the consultations.

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