

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE SIGNED LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH ACCREDITED PRIVATE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION PROVIDERS

The University has successfully negotiated with NSFAS to relax its current regulations with regards to the maximum claimable allowance for accredited private accommodation. In this regard it should be noted that students who are confirmed for NSFAS funding may now receive up to a maximum of R32000 per annum. It needs to be noted however that this will only be applicable to the 2017 academic year and the amount will be revisited for 2018 depending on the availability of funds.

Students who have been referred by ARLC to accredited private student accommodation and who have taken up residence in such accommodation should take note of the following:

- It is the responsibility of the student signing a lease agreement with the relevant landlord to ensure that he/she pays the landlord and it is the responsibility of the landlord to collect payment from the student. In cases where the NSFAS maximum allowance is not sufficient the student must make own arrangements with the landlord for these payments.
- In the event where the student is dependent on NSFAS or other funding the University will facilitate these payments in accordance with the rules and policies of the University and the funder.
- A copy of the signed lease agreements between the landlord and the students must be submitted to the student's local Financial Aid Office (FAO) as soon as possible. The lease agreements must confirm the duration of the occupancy as well as the amount charged by the landlord.
- The FAO will confirm that the student has taken up occupancy with the relevant landlord after which accommodation allowances will be activated on the system and the student will receive communication.
- Students must then make payments to the accredited accommodation provider through the Fundi card system.

Any further enquiries with regards to this notice should be directed to any of the FAO offices.

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