

2017 fee support announcement: Infographics

26 September 2016 – The announcement made by Minister Nzimande on 19 September 2016 on the 2017 fee support has been broken down into eight easy to read and understand infographics. The infographics talk to issues such as the Presidential Commission of inquiry into higher education and training funding, DHET's budget for 2016/17, overview of funding, National Skills Funding track record for bursaries, artisan funding, university fee adjustment as well as who qualifies for the funding next year.

Also go to the Department's YouTube account at oo.gl/0dFxnH to watch the full announcement (goo.gl/v4TNhw) or look at selected clips. More infographics available (<http://www.dhetnews.co.za/category/understanding-higher-education/>)

2017 FEE SUPPORT TO STUDENTS FROM POOR, WORKING AND MIDDLE CLASS BACKGROUNDS

- Government is aware of financial challenges
- Committed to free post-school education for the poor & working class, assist middle class families who are unable to pay

FEE SUPPORT TO STUDENTS FROM POOR, WORKING AND MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILIES

TOGETHER BRIDGING POVERTY: SCHOOLS, EDUCATION & TRAINING FORWARD

The infographic features a dark background with orange and white text. On the right side, there is an orange icon of a piggy bank with a coin being inserted. At the bottom right, there is a small logo for the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) and the slogan 'TOGETHER BRIDGING POVERTY: SCHOOLS, EDUCATION & TRAINING FORWARD'.

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES FOR GREATER ACCESS TO POST-SCHOOL EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Presidential Commission of inquiry into higher education and training funding conducting its work; Report due in April 2017
- Substantial increases in funding to NSFAS since 2010
- Ministerial Task Team working on new NSFAS funding model to be tested in 2017



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BUDGET FOR 2016/17 HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Received the largest increase in funding of any government department
- R42 billion in 2015/16 financial year
- More than R4.5 billion in the 2016/17 financial year reprioritised to NSFAS
- R1.9 billion of the R2.3 billion shortfall - university 0% increase in 2016 subsidised by government



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CLOSE TO HALF A MILLION STUDENTS RECEIVE FUNDING

- Supporting 205,000 students entering universities for the first time or continuing this year
- Supporting 200,000 students at TVET colleges
- Total 405,000 students received government support to access universities & colleges in 2016



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NSF BURSARIES FOR SCARCE SKILLS

- Allocated R1.393 billion in 2016
- Funded undergraduate & postgraduate bursaries in scarce and critical skills
- Funded full cost of study for over 13,500 undergraduate & 1,200 postgraduate students at public universities
- Allocated R626.795 million in 2016 for TVET college students studying for occupations in high demand
- R1.237 billion for students in workplace-based learning



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ARTISAN DEVELOPMENT GROWING

- Target - 30 000 artisans per annum by 2030
- Training one artisan over 3 years costs between R350,000 – R400,000
- 30,750 artisan learners funded at R4.6 billion through SETAs



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UNIVERSITIES DECIDE FEE INCREASES BY LAW

- Universities individually determine the level of increase by law
- They must continue to operate effectively & at least maintain existing quality
- However, fee adjustments need to be affordable, transparent, reasonable & related to inflation
- Recommendation - fee adjustment should not be above 8%



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AFFORDABILITY FOR FINANCIALLY NEEDY STUDENTS

- All NSFAS qualifying students & so-called "missing middle" will experience no fee increase in 2017. Government will pay for the fee adjustment
- Government committed to support children of all poor, working & middle class families
- Those below household income of R600,00 per annum
- Subsidy funding to cover the gap between 2015 fee & adjusted 2017 fee at their institution
- Subsidy for fee increments up to 8%



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