

NSFAF-funded students cleared to register at Nust

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STUDENTS at the Namibia University of Science and Technology who are funded by the Namibia Students Financial Assistance Fund (NSFAF) will be allowed to register and sit for examinations even if they owe money to the university.

This was confirmed by the acting chief executive officer of NSFAF, Kennedy Kandume, following the renewal of a standing agreement between Nust and the fund on Friday.

Kandume said the agreement was a commitment from the fund to guarantee students access to all services at the institution even if their tuition fees were not paid on time.

Through the agreement, Kandume said, the fund would ensure that students' tuition fees were paid once NSFAF received its budget from the treasury.

Nust is expected to allow the students to write examinations as scheduled in the institution's timetable.

“It was basically a renewal of an agreement that we had with Nust to strengthen the cordial working relationship and to ensure efficient service delivery to students. It is a commitment from us to pay students' tuition fees in full at an appropriate time while ensuring that students are not disadvantaged for owing the university,” he said.

Kandume added that Nust was also expected to allow the students to attend all lectures, additional programmes, tutoring and other related educational programmes.

Nust vice chancellor Eroid Naomab also said at the event: “No student should be left behind because they lack resources, financial constraints should not decrease their rights to access education, indeed the brightest students may be found among the most disadvantaged communities.

Human capital is our greatest national resource, therefore it is in the nation's interest to support the individual student to enhance their potential creativity and ultimately shape their destiny.”