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No registration fee for NSFAS students

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■ndividuals qualifying for the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) do not have to pay upfront registration fees at universities or colleges.

Higher Education, Science and Technology Minister, Dr Blade Nzimande, made the announcement recently when he was briefing the media on the implications of matriculation results on the Post School **Education and Training sector** in South Africa.

"The fact that for the first time NSFAS is able to say you qualify, it means therefore, when you go to register when you've been accepted, you've got proof to say, 'I don't have to pay registration'.

"It is also a great improvement in the system because



The National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has approved about 430 000 applications for individuals who qualify for funding.

before, you would have a law," Nzimande said. number of NSFAS qualifying students being asked to pay registration fees, that we have eliminated now [and] who ever does this is breaking the

applications have been approved for NSFAS funding.

NSFAS has received a record-breaking number of

applications by the closing Nzimande said 430 000 date of 30 November 2019, with more than 543 268 firsttime applications (prior year 428 929), received from applicants across the country, with

the majority of the applicants submitting applications online via the myNSFAS portal.

"Applicants include those who were in Matric in 2019, learners in Grade 10 - 11 and those intending to further studies at the TVET (Technical Vocational Education and Training) Colleges and out of school youth, returning/ continuing students without NSFAS funding in prior years," Nzimande said.

A total of 281 639 of all applications received so far are South African Social Security Agency's (SASSA) beneficiaries.

The Minister attributed the success rate in applications to an extensive outreach campaign, including partnerships with both local and provincial governments; and the private

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Ukuzithwala Umntwana Ongakahlali Ngesibelethweni Yindaba Yezabesizo Elirhabako Kezokwelapha

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bomma abakhe bazithwala abantwana abangakahlali ngendlela ejayelekileko esibelethweni balimuka kuhle ukuthi lobubujamo obunje buyingozi engangani epilweni yomuntu, ngenca yomhlambuluko neengazi ezitjengisa ukungakaphili kuhle nazihlolwako.

Utjho njalo-ke uDorh. Bushy Mhlari, oyi-Senior Registrar Ectopic Obstetrics and Gynaecology esiBhedlela i-Dr George Mukhari Academic, ohlathulula ukuthi umntwana ongakahlali ngendlela ejayelekileko esibelethweni usuke angakahlali ngesibelethweni, la umntwana avamise ukuhlala khona ngesibelethweni.

Uthi kuvamise ukuthi ngemva kokumithiswa kweqanda – okwenzeka ngaphakathi kwetjhubhana elidlulisa iqanda lomuntu omsikazi, iqanda elimithisiweko likhamba ngetjhubhanelo liyokufika emlonyeni wesibeletho onothileko la lifike linamathele khona engutjeni yesibeletho bese umntwana uyakhula.

"Ekuzithwaleni la umntwana angakahlali khona ngendlela ejayelekileko, iqanda elimithisiweko linzinza emzimbeni. Ezehlakalweni ezima-98%, umntwana ongakahlali ngendlela ejayelekileko utholakala ahlezi ngematjhubhaneni adlulisa amaqanda (ama-fallopian tubes). Ezinye iindawo ezingakavami umntwana akhe ahlale ngakizo kukuma-ovari, entanyeni yesibeletho kunye nemsipheni omkhulu," kutjho uDorh. Mhlari.

Nakwenzekako lokhu, umbungu awukwazi ukudluliselwa laphokhunye ngalokho-ke ukurhululwa kombungu kuphela kwento umma ozithweleko angayenza.

UDorh. Mhlari uthi umuntu omsikazi unamathuba amanengi wokuzithwala

umntwana ongeze ahlala ngendlela ejayelekileko, lokhuya:

- Nakanamatjhubhana wesibeletho alimeleko namkha angakajayeleki, njengokuthi nje nakube akhe aba nokugula okuthathelanwa emsemeni namkha nakube amatjhubhanakhe akhe ahlinzwa;
- Nakube wakhe wazithwala umntwana ongakahlali ngendlela ejayelekileko;
- Nakube akanambeleko;
- Nakube wabelana umseme namadoda amanengi;
- Nakube uyabhema.

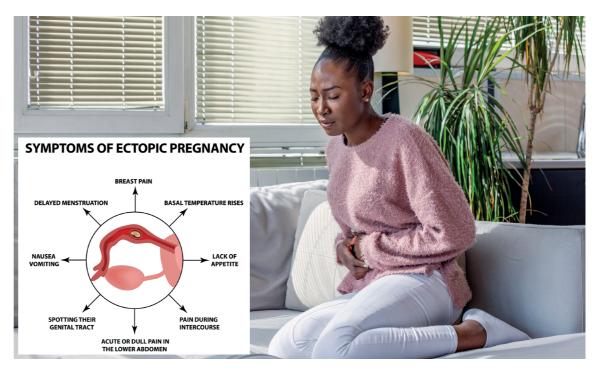
"Ukuzirhulukela kombungu ongakahlali ngendlela ejayelekileko nefaneleko kubeka ipilo yomuntu ozithweleko phakathi kokufa nokuphila begodu kungunobangela ophambili wokuthathwa yimbeleko ebantwini abasikazi abaneenyanga ezintathu zokuthoma bazithwele. Ukuzithwala ngendlela yokuthi umntwana ahlale ngendlela engakajayeleki nefaneleko kuyathontela, kulinganiselwa emaphesenteni amabili esitjhabeni soke siphelele," kutiho uDorh. Mhlari."

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Ngokutjho kukaDorh. Mhlari, leziinkomba zibonakala umuntu asandukuzithwala. Kesinye isikhathi, ngitjho ngaphambi kobana umuntu azi naye ngokwakhe ukuthi uzithwele. Iinkomba ezivamileko zibala hlangana ezilandelako:

- Iinhlabi ezizwakala engcenyeni yamathumbu engenzasi;
- Ukweqiwa sikhathi senyanga;
- Ukopha okungakajayeleki esithweni sobufazi;

"Nokho-ke, abanye abomma ababi nazo iinkomba, bekube mhlazana kudabuka itjhubhana lesibeletho. Na-



kwenzeka lokhu, umma loyo angezwa iinhlabi ezimbi khulu begodu abanye babe baphume neengazi esithweni sobufazi. Lokhu-ke kulandelwa siyezi, nokwehla kwesigandelelo seengazi, ukuyatha, ukwethuka kunye nokufa nakube umuntu akatholi isizo msinyana," utjho ahlathulula.

Ukuthola ukuthi umma uzithwele isidisi esingakahlali ngendlela ejayelekileko nefaneleko, kufuze kuhlolwe iingazi namkha umhlambuluko. "Ngemva kwalokho-ke kuhlolwa ukuthi isibeletho asinalitho na kuzokubonakala nokuthi sikuphi nendawo lapho sikhona isidisi emzimbeni womuntu," kuraga uDorh. Mhlari.

Ukwelatjhwa Kokuzithwala Umbungu Ongakahlali Ngendlela Ejayelekileko

"Nasele kutholakele ukuthi umuntu uzithwele umntwana ohlezi ngendlela engakajayeleki nefaneleko, kufuze elatjhwe kobanyana umntwana loyo angakhuli, ngoba ipilo kamma ozithweleko loyo iba sengozini nakube kuyariyada ukuthi elatjhwe," kukhanyisa uDorh. Mhlari.

"Ukuhlinza kusese yindlela yokuthoma yokwelapha ukuzithwala umntwana ongakahlali ngendlela ejayelekileko, nanyana kunjalo ukuthola msinyana ngalobubujamo obunga-kajayeleki kunikela ithuba lokuthi angelatjhwa ngeenhlahla ngaphambi kobana umbungu ongakahlali ngendlela ejayelekileko nefaneleko udabuke,"utjho angezelela.

UDorh. Mhlari uthi umma angazithwala godu ngemva kokuzithwala umntwana ongakahlali ngendlela ejayelekileko nefaneleko.

Abomma abasola inga bazithwele abentwana abanga kahlali ngendlela ejayelekileko nefaneleko ababonane nabodorhodere babo, baye esibhedlela sangekhabo/esiseduze namkha emtholapilo yangekhabo/eseduze msinyana ngokungakghonakalako

