



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

**CIRCULAR NOTICE NO. 1 OF 2021  
(FOR UNIVERSITIES)**

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**TO: VICE-CHANCELOR AND PRINCIPAL**

**CC: FINANCIAL AID OFFICES**

**FROM: MR ANDILE NONGOGO  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**DATE: JANUARY 24, 2021**

**SUBJECT: FALSE NSFAS UNIVERSITY PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION POLICY IN CIRCULATION**

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Circular Notice No.1 of 2021 refers to the attached falsified draft policy brought to the attention of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) on Sunday, January 24, 2021, by university student representative counsels.

The attached falsified document on the NSFAS letterhead purports to articulate the scope and principles of the private accommodation policy. It also provides a comprehensive explanation for the criteria and procedure for accreditation, minimum standards for rooms specifications, as well as the responsibilities of students and service providers.

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) Minimum Norms and Standards for Accreditation of Private Accommodation is the only policy of the DHET in existence that institutions must refer to in accrediting private accommodation and such NSFAS has not developed the said document, it is therefore a falsified document and should not be considered.

Sincerely,

**Mr Andile Nongogo CA (SA)**  
**Chief Executive Officer**