



Republic of Namibia

Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts & Culture



Funding requirements of the subsidized tertiary funding model

1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR FUNDING

a. All undergraduate students (first primary qualification at NQF Level 5 up to Level 8, including Honours degrees) at public Higher Education Institutions receive 100% tuition and registration fee subsidy.

b. While at Private institutions, students will continue to receive a pre-determined rate as per the current NSFAF funding allocation.

c. All trainees for the first primary trade (NQF Levels 1 up to Level 6) at TVET centres will be accorded with 100% tuition and registration subsidy.

NB! A first primary qualification is defined as the first qualification attained by a student at NQF levels 1 to 6 for those pursuing Technical Vocational and Training (TVET) education or for those pursuing higher education NQF levels 5 to 8, including Honours degrees.

2. EXCLUSION CRITERIA FOR FUNDING

a. Students pursuing second or more qualifications at the same or lower NQF level.

b. Funding will only be provided once for any academic year (students repeating an academic year, will pay for that year).

c. A student must only register at one Tertiary institution (dual registration or more is not allowed)

d. Non-Namibian citizens.

e. Students not meeting NSFAF requirements

f. Students enrolled at Institutions and courses not accredited by Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA), /and the Namibia Training Authority (NTA).

g. Students pursuing courses abroad that are not in priority fields of study and are offered in tertiary education institutions in Namibia.

h. Applicants doing non-priority field of studies for students admitted through mature age and prior learning

i. Postgraduate studies (Masters and PhD)

3. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS-BASED SELECTION CRITERIA

3.1 Funding Requirements for Undergraduate Studies- Local Institutions

3.1.1 Undergraduate Studies at level (NQF level 5)

(a) An applicant should have obtained a minimum of twenty (20) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (foreign school leaving certificate), in five (5) subjects, including English with a minimum of F symbol.

(b) An applicant with a completed relevant qualification registered on the NQF level 4

3.1.2 Undergraduate Studies at NQF level 6- Local institutions

(a) An applicant should have obtained a minimum of twenty-two (22) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (foreign school leaving certificate), in five (5) subjects including English with a minimum of F symbol.

(b) An applicant with an existing (NQF Level 5) should have obtained twenty (20) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (foreign school leaving certificate), in five (5) subjects including English with a minimum of F symbol

(c) An applicant with a completed relevant qualification registered on the NQF level 5

3.1.3 Undergraduate Studies at (NQF level 7-8)

(a) An applicant studying at a local institution should have obtained a minimum of twenty-five (25) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (Foreign school leaving certificate), in five (5) subjects including English with a minimum of E symbol; or

(b) An applicant studying at a local institution should have obtained twenty-two (22) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (foreign school leaving certificate), in five (5) subjects including English, with a minimum of F symbol; in additional qualification on NQF level 6 or higher; or

(c) An applicant studying at a local institution should have obtained twenty (20) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (foreign school leaving certificate), in five (5) subjects including English, with a minimum of F symbol; in addition to having both qualification on NQF level 5 and level 6.

(a) An applicant studying at a local institution who wishes to study medicine including dentistry should have obtained a minimum of thirty-five (35) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (Foreign school leaving certificate), in five (5) subjects including English with a minimum of E symbol, if studying; or

(b) An applicant who wishes to study engineering or medicine outside Namibia should have obtained a minimum of thirty-five (35) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (Foreign school leaving certificate), in five (5) subjects including English which shall have a minimum of E symbol.

(c) An applicant who wishes to study any other course outside Namibia should have obtained a minimum of thirty (30) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (Foreign school leaving certificate), in five (5) subjects including English, which shall have a minimum of E symbol.

(d) An applicant who completed a Bridging course at UNAM or NUST should have obtained a minimum of twenty-two (22) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (foreign school leaving certificate), in five (5) subjects including English, which shall have a minimum of F symbol, in addition to the completion of the bridging course.

(e) An applicant should have NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (foreign school leaving certificate), be 25 years of age or older, and have a minimum of three years working experience; in addition to admitted through mature age and have passed. This is only applicable at Public tertiary Institution

(f) An applicant be 23 years of age or older, be admitted through Recognition of Prior Learning at Public IHL.

4.1 Funding Requirements at Vocational level (NQF level 1-6)

(a) An applicant who wishes to study at public VTC(s) should have been accepted by the public VTC to qualify for funding.

(b) An applicant who wishes to study at local private VTC(s) should have obtained twenty (20) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (foreign school leaving certificate), in six (6) subjects, or

(c) An applicant with a completed relevant qualification registered on the NQF level 2 for progression up to level 5 at local institutions.

(d) An applicant who wishes to study outside Namibia should have obtained twenty-five (25) points at NSSCO/H/AS level or equivalent (foreign school leaving certificate), in five (5) subjects.

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