



NAMIBIA UNIVERSITY  
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Subsidised Tertiary Education





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### 1. What does 'subsidised tertiary education' mean?

According to the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture's (MEIYSAC) national announcement, as from the 2026 Academic Year, tertiary education at all public universities and technical and vocational education and training (TVET) centres will become 100% subsidised by Government, through a phased-in model. This means:

- No tuition fees
- No registration fees

This is applicable to eligible undergraduate students completing their first primary qualification (NQF Levels 5 to 8) at public institutions, and the first primary trade qualification (NQF Levels 1 to 6) at TVET centres. The policy shift is intended to widen access, advance social equity, and expand opportunities for young Namibians.

### 2. What is NUST's position on subsidised tertiary education?

NUST welcomes the national policy direction and recognises its transformative potential for widening participation, supporting skills development, and strengthening human capital. As an institution deeply embedded in national development, we view subsidised education as a key enabler for an inclusive, innovative, and knowledge-driven economy. Having been formally represented on the national Task Force constituted by MEIYSAC to develop the Subsidised Tertiary Education Funding Model, NUST contributed actively to the consultation processes, affirming its commitment to working collaboratively with Government, industry partners, and the sector at large.

### 3. Who is eligible for the subsidy?

Eligibility is determined by MEIYSAC and the Namibia Students Financial Assistance Fund (NSFAF). The following categories qualify:

- All undergraduate students pursuing their first primary qualification at NQF Levels 5 to 8 (including Honours) at public and private tertiary institutions.

A bridging programme required to access a first qualification is considered part of the primary qualification.

- Trainees pursuing their first primary trade qualification at NQF Levels 1 to 6 at TVET centres.
- Students meeting national admission requirements under accredited programmes and institutions.

*\*See Annexure for more information on NSFAF requirements.*

#### **4. Who is not eligible for the subsidy?**

The following categories do not qualify for subsidised tertiary education:

- Students pursuing a second or additional qualification at the same or lower NQF level
- Students requiring funding for repeating modules or qualifications
- Non-Namibian citizens
- Students enrolled in programmes not meeting national quality standards
- Students pursuing programmes abroad, even in priority fields, if those programmes are offered locally

#### **5. What happens to students who already have NSFAF loans?**

Existing NSFAF contractual obligations remain in place. Students must continue to settle outstanding debts as the subsidised model does not cover previous liabilities. Continuing students funded through means-tested loans will remain supported under the current NSFAF framework unless eligible under the new model from 2026.

#### **6. Is the minimum admission requirement for the NUST still 25 points across five subjects?**

Yes, specifically 25 points in the best five subjects with a minimum of E symbol in English.

#### **7. Does NUST accept Grade 11s?**

Yes. NUST welcomes all applicants who are holders of the Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary Level as a national qualification approved and recognised by the national examination body. This is the basis of our admission requirements.

**8. If I qualify for subsidised tertiary education funding in line with NSFAF eligibility criteria, am I still required to pay the N\$4 500 registration fee?**

No, you would not be required to pay registration/deposit fees.

**9. If I qualify for funding after already paying the registration fee, am I eligible for a refund and how do I get it?**

Refunds will only be made following a verification process and will be communicated in due course.

**10. Where do I apply for funding?**

The NSFAF portal will open on 26 January 2026 and all applicants who qualify for subsidised funding can apply online.

**11. Are applications for the current academic year still open, and how can I find out which programmes are available?**

Yes, we have reopened applications. The late application fee is \$690. Staff members at the Admissions Department will guide applicants on which programmes have space.

**12. Which new programmes are being offered for the 2026 Academic Year?**

- Bachelor of Artificial Intelligence (NQF Level 7)
- Bachelor of Artificial Intelligence Honours (NQF Level 8)
- Bachelor of Data Science Honours (NQF Level 8)
- Bachelor of Actuarial Science Honours (NQF Level 8)
- Bachelor of Information Security Honours (NQF Level 8)
- Bachelor of Human-Computer Interaction Honours (NQF Level 8)
- Bachelor of Digital Forensics Honours (NQF Level 8)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Technical and Vocational Education and Training Management (NQF Level 8)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Supply Chain Management (NQF Level 10)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resource Management and Ecology (NQF Level 10)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Management Sciences (NQF Level 10)

### 13. Can applications be submitted online, or is manual submission required?

They are manual applications, hence, they have to be submitted in person.

Applicants can also complete the applications, scan and e-mail to  
[admissions@nust.na](mailto:admissions@nust.na)

### 14. Where can I access detailed information on programme fees?

The fees will be uploaded onto the NUST website.

### 15. What are the NUST banking details for payments?

First National Bank

Account Number: 55500126319

Branch Code: 281872

International Swift Code: FIRNNANX

Reference: Your student number

Pay via the cashiers at Main Campus or Regional Centres, via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), direct bank deposit or the NUST payment portal:

<https://my.nust.na/pay-online>

### 16. How do I retrieve my Admission Letter?

Visit <https://my.nust.na/>, click on 'Student Kiosk' and enter your Student Number and PIN. Then, click on 'Student Enquiry' and then on 'View Correspondence'.

**View Correspondence**

Student Number: 226142302  
Name: MR CHRISTIAN NAFIMANE IYALOO KANGANDJO

**Note:** This option gives you a summary of all correspondence that has been sent to you by the institution.

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RE: APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION:

Qual Code	Description	Offering Type	Period of Study	Admission Status
07BGAC	BACHELOR OF ACCOUNTING	FULLTIME STUDY: MAIN CAMPUS	FIRST YEAR	

Congratulations!

After careful review of your application and supporting credentials, you have been granted **ADMISSION** to the above-mentioned programme for the 2026 academic year.

**DEPOSIT ON TUITION FEES:** A deposit on tuition Fees (including registration fee) of N\$4,500 must be paid before you register.

**Note:** Namibian students who qualify for the "Subsidized Funding for Students at Tertiary Education Institutions" need not to pay the registration or tuition fees as per the Government Guidelines. Kindly also note that this option is only open to Namibian students pursuing a first bachelor or honours degree.

## **17. Where should new students register?**

New students are required to register in person at any of the following venues:

- NUST Lower Campus, Engineering Basement (Windhoek)
- Eenhana Campus
- Lüderitz Campus
- Rietfontein Campus
- NUST Regional Centres

## **18. Which are the platforms I can visit to get verified NUST information?**

Yes, regular updates are on the NUST website, Facebook, Instagram, X and LinkedIn and the NUST WhatsApp Channel.

## **19. Who can I contact at faculty level for academic and administrative support?**

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# 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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