

FINANCIAL CLEARANCE 2026

- This notice should be read in conjunction with the Communiqué from the Chief Finance Officer issued on 22 October 2024 ([Click here to access Communiqué](#)) and various Communiqués issued monthly during 2025.
- Please note that any fee account charges incurred from 01 January 2025 onwards must be settled in full as no payment arrangements are allowed for these charges. Payment arrangements only apply to outstanding debt balances at 31 December 2024.
- **The last day for submission of completed AOD forms is 16:00 on 6 February 2026.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL CLEARANCE

1. There are three requirements that must be complied with to obtain financial clearance in 2026:
 - 1.1 Payment of the required 2026 registration fees.
 - 1.2 Payment of outstanding debt from previous academic years.
 - 1.3 Completion of the UKZN acknowledgement of debt (AoD) form if this was not completed during 2025.

2026 REGISTRATION FEES

2. The required 2026 registration fees are as follows:
 - 2.1 Local students – Tuition registration fees: R7,300.
 - 2.2 Local students – Residence registration fees: R6,800.
 - 2.3 International students: 100% of the total tuition and residence fees for 2026.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PAYMENT OF 2026 REGISTRATION FEES

3. The following categories of students will not be required to pay 2026 registration fees:
 - 3.1 Students whose full cost of study is funded for the 2026 academic year.
 - 3.2 Students whose NSFAS funding has been confirmed by NSFAS for the 2026 academic year.
 - 3.3 Students who are funded for tuition only will not be required to pay tuition registration fees but will be required to pay residence registration fees.

STUDENTS WHOSE FULL COST OF STUDY IS FUNDED FOR 2026

4. All students with historic debt (as at 31 December 2024) whose full cost of study is funded for the 2026 academic year will be provided with financial clearance upon:
 - 4.1 Completion of the UKZN acknowledgement of debt (AoD) form if this was not completed in 2025, and a debt repayment plan that reduces outstanding debt as at 31 December 2024 in full over a maximum of 36 equal monthly instalments starting on 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2027.
 - 4.2 Payment of the first 15 instalments (i.e. instalments for January 2025 to 31 March 2026) of their outstanding debt as at 31 December 2024.
 - 4.3 Payment of all fees charged during the 2025 academic year.

UNFUNDED LOCAL STUDENTS

5. Unfunded local students with historic debt (as at 31 December 2024) will be provided with financial clearance upon:
 - 5.1 Completion of the UKZN acknowledgement of debt (AoD) form if this was not completed in 2025, and a debt repayment plan that reduces outstanding debt as at 31 December 2024 in full over a maximum of 36 equal monthly instalments starting on 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2027.
 - 5.2 Payment of the first 15 instalments (i.e. instalments for January 2025 to March 2026) of their outstanding debt as at 31 December 2024.
 - 5.3 Payment of all fees charged during the 2025 academic year.
 - 5.4 Payment of the required registration fees as set out in 2.1 and 2.2 above.

UNFUNDED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

6. Unfunded International students with historic debt (as at 31 December 2024) will be provided with financial clearance upon:
 - 6.1 Completion of the UKZN acknowledgement of debt (AoD) form if this was not completed in 2025, and a debt repayment plan that reduces outstanding debt as at 31 December 2024 in full over a maximum of 36 equal monthly instalments starting on 1 January 2025 until 31 December 2027.
 - 6.2 Payment of the first 15 instalments (i.e. instalments for January 2025 to March 2026) of their outstanding debt as at 31 December 2024.
 - 6.3 Payment of all fees charged during the 2025 academic year.
 - 6.4 Payment of the required registration fees as set out in 2.3 above.
7. Students are advised that obtaining financial clearance does not automatically qualify the student for academic admission and/or readmission. Each College has set out academic admission and/or re-admission requirements that must be fulfilled by students. Similarly, obtaining academic admission and/or readmission does not automatically qualify the student for financial clearance.
8. The following categories of students continue to be required to settle their outstanding debt in full prior to registration:
 - 8.1 Any student who is registering for a post-graduate professional qualification (e.g. MBA).
 - 8.2 Any student who is registering for a self-funding programme.
 - 8.3 Any student who is registering for non-degree purposes.

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