

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**NOTICE 2353 OF 2024****CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING ACT 2006 (ACT 16 OF 2006)****THE AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR FUNDING
TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COLLEGES**

I, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, hereby publish the Amendments to the National Norms and Standards for Funding Technical and Vocational Education and Training Colleges (NNSF-TVET Colleges) in accordance with section 23 of the Continuing Education and Training (CET) Act, 2006 (Act No. 16 of 2006), as set out in the Schedule.

These amendments should be applied in conjunction with the comprehensive NNSF-TVET Colleges.



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Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology

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AMENDMENTS TO THE TVET COLLEGE FUNDING NORMS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL NORMS AND STANDARDS FOR TVET COLLEGES FUNDING NORMS (NNSF-TVET COLLEGES) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Paragraph 60 of the NNSF-TVET Colleges - Original

The Capital Infrastructure Efficiency Grant (CIEG) was introduced as earmarked grant by National Treasury for college new building and refurbishment as student numbers rise, as well as the increased maintenance costs consequent on rising numbers given the expansion in the college system. The maintenance situation (including the repair and updating of equipment) needs to be carefully monitored and funds for it specifically earmarked. Special conditions will be developed by DHET on the expenditure of CIEG. **[The CIEG allocation must be dedicated to an average of 10% for TVET College infrastructure to be compliant to disability needs]**

Paragraph 60 of the NNSF-TVET Colleges - Amended

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2. Paragraph 70 of the NNSF-TVET Colleges - Original

DHET must establish and maintain a national TVET College bursary system. The administration of this bursary scheme will be managed by NSFAS. This must include a means test designed to gauge the financial needs and academic capability of public TVET College students, as well as the necessary tools required to implement the means test. **[The DHET must further formulate rules and guidelines regarding the allocation of bursaries to colleges, as well the awarding of such bursaries]**

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3. Paragraph 118 of the NNSF-TVET Colleges – Original

[By 31 July of each year,] the DHET must have finalised the funding rate applicable for the next college year, as described in paragraph 86. Moreover, funding weights and the assumed fee levels for new programmes, if any, on the register of nationally approved TVET College programmes should be confirmed by this date.

Paragraph 118 of the NNSF-TVET Colleges - Amended

By 30 August of each year, the DHET must have finalised the funding rate applicable for the next college year, as described in paragraph 86. Moreover, funding weights and the assumed fee levels for new programmes, if any, on the register of nationally approved TVET College programmes should be confirmed by this date.

4. Paragraph 119 of the NNSF-TVET Colleges - Original

[By 31 July of each year, means test] data collected during the current year on the socio-economic status of students must have been processed by the [DHET] to determine the bursary needs for each college.

Paragraph 119 of the NNSF-TVET Colleges - Amended

By 31 January of each year, the financial eligibility data collected during the current year on the socio-economic status of students must have been processed by the **NSFAS** to determine the bursary needs for each college.

5. Paragraph 121 of the NNSF-TVET Colleges - Original

[By 30 November of each year], the DHET must provide colleges with [a schedule of payments to be made to colleges for services to be rendered in the medium-term. This schedule must agree with the budgets and plans applicable to the medium-term].

Paragraph 121 of the NNSF-TVET Colleges - Amended

By August of each year, the DHET must provide colleges with indicative budget allocations to plan the programmes and enrolments for the following academic year. The projected enrolments must be in line with indicative budget allocations for the following year.