



National Student Financial Aid Scheme

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Student Centred Model TVET and University Engagements 14 – 15 June 2016







Engagements with University Management, TVET Management and SRCs to date



High-level summary of the Key Learnings

- ☐ Concern raised about the access of learners from rural schools to technology
- ☐ Future of financial aid officers roles and responsibilities
- □ Communication across the sector
- ☐ University /TVET's IT systems readiness for integration
- ☐ University applications calendar synchronising timelines
- □ Funding availability
- NSFAS' internal capacity to handle the change
- ☐ Inclusion of SRC's and other student formation
- ☐ Regional office capacity for student servicing
- ☐ The continuing need for different legs of engagement for each stakeholder group



What is changing?

Our ability to track and keep in contact with students from time of origination

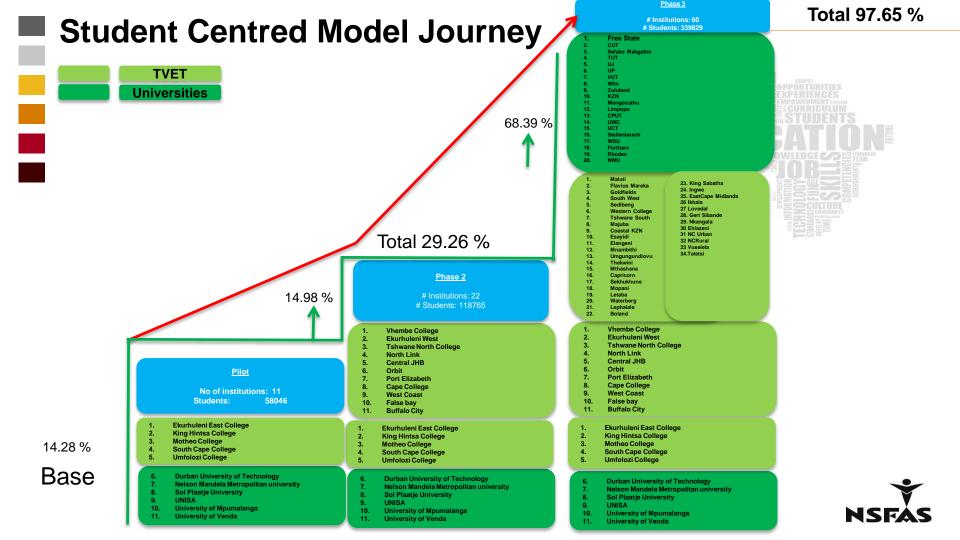
What is changing?

Disbursement process for fees and allowances

The process of signing for loan and bursaries

Student Experience

The process of applying for financial assistance through NSFAS through multiple platforms – online, paper, mobile – only once (Loans and Bursaries)



Benefits

- Centralised means test
 - checked against government databases DOHA, DSD, SARS, PERSAL
- Standardised process
- Alignment with admissions and registrations processes
- Visibility of funded learners and returning students early in process
- Improved governance
- Student-centred model ensures funding reaches intended beneficiaries







The Application Process

Application Process 2016/17

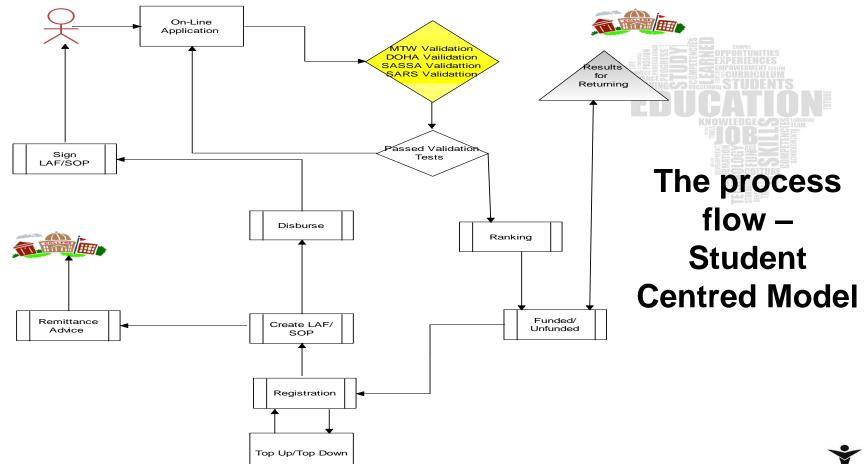
Account Creation



Application Submission

- Introduction of account management and dashboard
- Application form redesigned to achieve efficiency – field made redundant
- Allowance payable view
- Returning Students do not need to apply







Important Dates 2016/17

Key Activities for new applications

Application Window

- 01 August
 — 30 November 2016

Assessment of Applications



September – December 2016

Ranking and funding



Jan – Feb 2017

Generation of SOPs/LAFs /Appeals



Jan – March 2017 – Cycle 1

Disbursement of Funds



Jan – November 2017

NSFAS

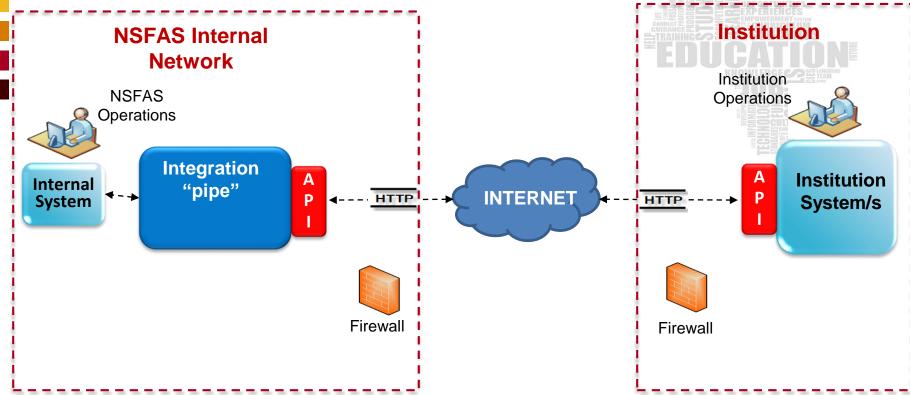




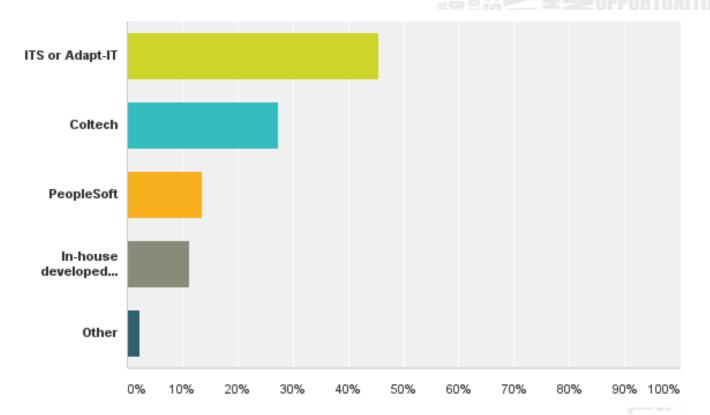
Integration with Institution Systems



High Level Integration



Survey: What systems do we need to integrate to?





Key Activities

- Institution Assessment
- Service Provider Engagements
- Development
- Testing
- Implementation

Dates

- Integration to be fully operational by November 2016
- Scope
 - Funded and unfunded lists
 - Results
 - Registration actual costs
 - Remittance advices







Outlining Roles in the New Model



Role Mapping - 2017

Stakeholder

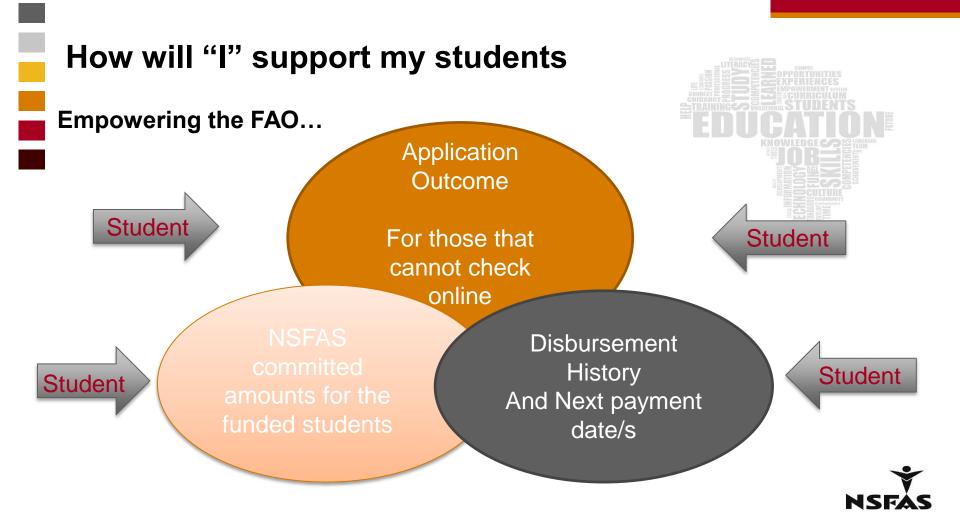
Student

 Institution (FAO, IT, Admission/Registrar, Finance

NSFAS

Role

- Submit Funding application on time
- Track application status online and sign contracts
- Assist applicants to apply for funding
- Manage appeals and disability claims
- Allocate accurate costing to student accounts
- Provide student support
- Assess all submitted applications
- Allocate funding to deserving students
- Provide student support
- Disburse funds

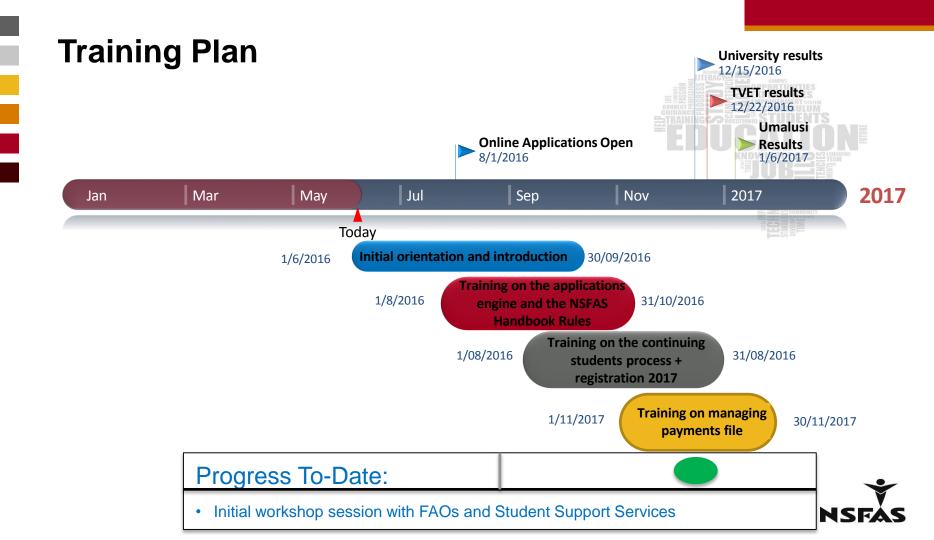


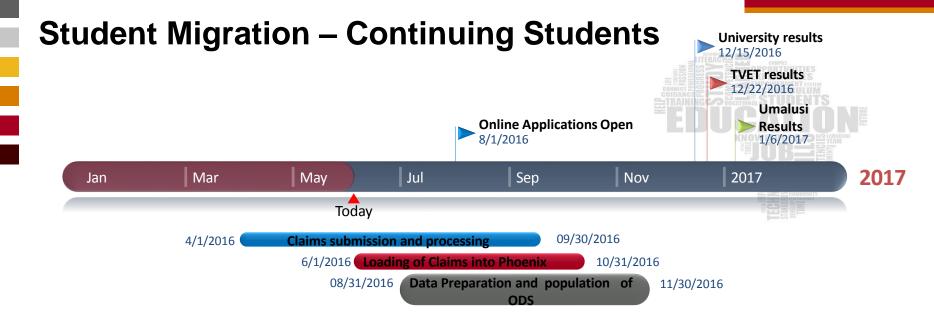




High Level Overview of the Project Timelines and Key Milestones







Progress To-Date:

- Receiving claims as and when Universities make submission
- There is a need to push for more submission from universities



Risk Log - Internal and External

Social Dynamics	•	Rural area network availability and access to technology	Highs SEED TO PROBLEM SEED TO
	•	Scholar's ability to complete online application	CONNECTE THE HIGH ICULUM
	•	NSFAS awareness in deep rural areas and special schools	TRAINING FOCATION AND THE TRAINING FOCATION
nal	•	Additional Operational Cost- Support related(Contact Centre)	High
act	•	Increase in Training Cost	Highcuture
organisationa Impact	•	Increase on IT infrastructure Cost	High
	•	Staff Buy In & Readiness	High
	•	System Response time	Medium
4	•	System Stability	High
System Capability	•	Risk of down time post go live	High
Sap.	•	Risk of failure to deliver	Low
	•	Dependency on University/TVET systems for seamless integration	High
nstitutional readiness	•	Different application and registrations cycles	High
	•	Allowance allocations and management	High
	•	Training Requirement	High

Next Steps

- Institution assessments capacity/systems/process
- System Demo
- Share NSFAS Communication strategy
- Written communication re application window
- Establish institution specific requirements
- Training



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