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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

No. 664

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NATIONAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID SCHEME ACT, 1999 (ACT No.56 OF 1999)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS FOR THE NSFAS BOARD

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, MP., Minister of Education, request –

- (a) the public;
- (b) the Council on Higher Education (CHE);
- (c) national organizations representing –
 - students;
 - academic employees;
 - employees other than academic employees;
 - university principals;
 - technikon (university of technology) principals;
 - higher education colleges;
 - organized business; and organized labour; and
- (d) non-governmental organizations,

to submit to me, before **30 June 2008** the names of persons who by virtue of their knowledge and experience, may be considered for appointment as members of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) Board.

The NSFAS is a statutory body established to allocate funds for loans and bursaries to eligible higher education students. The NSFAS develops criteria and conditions for the granting of loans and bursaries to eligible students, raises additional funds, recovers loans, maintains and analyses a database and undertakes research for the better utilization of financial resources. The NSFAS also advises the Minister on matter relating to student financial aid and performs such other functions assigned to it by the Minister. The NSFAS is managed, governed and administered by the NSFAS Board. The NSFAS Board is supported by its own professional secretariat, headed by the Executive Officer, and maintains its own operating budget.

The members of the NSFAS Board will be appointed by the Minister on the basis of the following criteria -

- the membership taken as a whole is broadly representative of the higher education system and related interests;
- the membership taken as a whole has deep knowledge and understanding of higher education;
- the membership taken as a whole appreciates the role of the higher education system in reconstruction and developmental needs of our society and economy;
- the membership taken as a whole has known and attested commitment to the interests of higher education
- the membership taken as a whole has financial expertise and experience;
- the membership taken as a whole is duly representative in terms of race, gender and disability.

Nominations, accompanied by the *curriculum vitae* of the nominee and a *letter of consent indicating the availability of the nominee* to serve on the NSFAS board if appointed, should be forwarded to:

**The Director-General: Education
(For attention of Seputu Mampane)
Private Bag X895
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GNM Pandor, MP
Minister of Education
5-06-2008
