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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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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, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, MP, Minister of Higher Education and Training, hereby request –

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

to submit to me, before **7 August 2012** 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 term of office of three members of the current NSFAS Board has expired.

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 database and undertakes research for the better utilisation of financial resources. The NSFAS also advise the Minister on matters 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 to be appointed by the Minister to ensure that the membership taken as a whole-

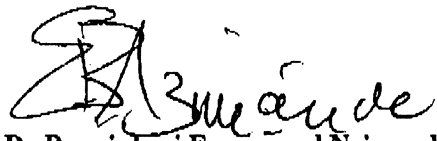
- is broadly representative of the higher education system

- has knowledge of higher education and appreciates its role in meeting the reconstruction and development needs of our society and economy
- has financial expertise and experience
- is 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: Higher Education and Training
(for the attention of Dr D Parker; Acting Deputy Director – General)
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Minister of Higher Education and Training

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