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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

No. 291

31 March 2015

NATIONAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID SCHEME ACT, 1999 (ACT No. 56 Of 1999)**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE MEMBERS FOR THE NSFAS BOARD**

I, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, MP, Minister of Higher Education and Training, hereby request in terms of section 5(3) of the NSFAS Act, Act 56 of 1999

- (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;
 - organised labour; and
- (d) non-governmental organisations,

to submit to me, within 21 days of publication of this notice, 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 the Chairperson of the Board expired on 15 December 2014. The term of office of 7 members of the current NSFAS Board will expire on 24 June 2015. In terms of the NSFAS Act, one member appointed will be designated by me as chairperson of the 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 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 selection of the appointed members of the NSFAS Board must be undertaken in such a manner as 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; and
- 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, University Education)
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Minister of Higher Education and Training

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