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EXTERNAL BURSARY ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE 2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

The National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) is committed to building South Africa's disaster risk reduction and emergency management capacity through the development of skilled professionals. The bursary programme supports deserving students pursuing qualifications in Disaster Management and Fire Engineering / Fire Technology disciplines.

**CLOSING DATE FOR
APPLICATIONS:**

30 SEPTEMBER 2026

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be South African citizens
- Have applied/ been accepted/ or registered for an Undergraduate/ Postgraduate Diploma/ Advanced Diploma/ Master's full programme in Disaster Management or Fire Technology/ Fire Engineering qualification at a recognised Public Higher Education Institution of South Africa (excluding Certificate courses and PhD qualifications).

REQUIREMENTS

1. Undergraduate / Postgraduate Diploma / Advanced Diploma Students

Eligibility Criteria:

- Certified copy of a valid South Africa Identity Document
- Latest Academic Transcript/Statement of Results with a minimum average of 60%
- Certified copy of Matric Certificate
- Proof of application / acceptance / registration for a full programme in Disaster Management or Fire Technology/ Fire Engineering qualification at a recognized Public Higher Education Institution of South Africa.

2. Master's Degree Students

Eligibility Criteria:

- Certified copy of a valid South Africa Identity Document
- Certified copy of Matric Certificate
- Brief Curriculum Vitae (maximum of 2 pages)
- Latest Academic Transcript/Statement of Results with a minimum average of 65%
- Proof of application / acceptance / registration for a full programme in Disaster Management or Fire Technology/ Fire Engineering qualification at a recognized Public Higher Education Institution of South Africa.
- Master's Research Proposal should be in line with the 16 Priority Thematic Areas:

<https://onlinebursary.ndmc.gov.za/docs/ResearchAgenda.pdf>

ALLOWANCES:

The Bursary Programme will cover the following:

- 100% tuition fees including registration (excluding accommodation, meals, books and travel costs).
- Research allowance for Master's Students (capped at R 11 000)

How to Apply:

Applications should be done online at this link:

<https://onlinebursary.ndmc.gov.za/>

GENERIC ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

Email: bursary@ndmc.gov.za OR Tel: 012 065 1022/1021

ICT RELATED ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

Email: helpdesk@ndmc.gov.za OR Tel: 012 065 1019

NB: Incomplete applications, applications submitted by email, late applications, documents requiring password and/ or corrupted documents will NOT be considered. Correspondence will be limited to successful candidates.

Important: Students with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The NDMC bursary programme is highly competitive. Eligible candidates are encouraged to apply as early as possible.



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