



To: All returning students

From: Acting Director Revenue and Financial Aid

Date: 11 February 2022

### **Guidelines on the acknowledgement of debt (AOD) application process**

1. The management of the University of Venda takes the well-being of students as a top priority. In this regard, programmes are devised to ensure that all students have access to education.
2. Although there have been requests for free higher education, it is only available to individuals who are funded.
3. The management of the University of Venda has a clear plan to support students who have excelled academically but due to budget constraints, the University will only help students in the categories of missing middle, poor and deserving, and other students who have excelled academically.
4. Performing well academically means getting a pass rate of between 100% - 65%.
5. The allocation of the budget will be applied to deserving students with a pass rate of between 100% - 65% until the budget is exhausted.
6. Students in their final year who are left with one to a maximum of three modules to complete their studies who were beneficiaries of NSFAS and are currently not funded by NSFAS will be assisted to register. The onus to share proof that they are in that category lies with the student.
7. Students who fall into the poor and deserving categories; and have a pass rate of less than 65 per cent and a debt of more than R50 000 will be requested to make a payment as a commitment to their debt, as the majority of such students have been completing AOD and not honouring previous commitments. Additionally, students who made a commitment to pay a set amount but did not follow through will be required to pay the monthly payments that were not paid the previous year.

**Based on the above we categorised the use of AOD as follows:**

1. [DSUappealsaod@univen.ac.za](mailto:DSUappealsaod@univen.ac.za) – All students with disability and have disclosed their disability to the DSU unit
2. [NSFASnplusappealsaod@univen.ac.za](mailto:NSFASnplusappealsaod@univen.ac.za)
3. [Qualcodeappealsaod@univen.ac.za](mailto:Qualcodeappealsaod@univen.ac.za)
4. [missingmiddleaod@univen.ac.za](mailto:missingmiddleaod@univen.ac.za)
5. [crossborderaod@univen.ac.za](mailto:crossborderaod@univen.ac.za) – All international students being under and postgraduate students must send their AOD on this email
6. [postgraduateaod@univen.ac.za](mailto:postgraduateaod@univen.ac.za) – All RSA postgraduates students with no funding and accumulative debt must email their AOD to this email address
7. [pooranddeservingaod@univen.ac.za](mailto:pooranddeservingaod@univen.ac.za) – SASSA beneficiaries excluding those that were funded by NSFAS then failed to perform academically

AOD window will be open from the 14<sup>th</sup> February to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 with no extension.

Kind Regards



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