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Cooperative Governance
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EXTERNAL BURSARY ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Department of Cooperative Governance (DCoG) through the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) invites applications from qualifying students for the 2026 academic year who intend pursuing an Undergraduate/ Post-Graduate Diploma /Advance Diploma/ Masters full programme in Disaster Management or Fire Technology/ Fire Engineering qualification (excluding Certificate courses and PhD qualifications) at a recognised Public Higher Institution of South Africa.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be South Africa citizens
- Have applied/ been accepted/ or registered for an Undergraduate/ Post-Graduate Diploma /Advance Diploma/ Masters full programme in Disaster Management or Fire Technology/ Fire Engineering qualification at a recognised Public Higher Institution of South Africa (Certificate courses or PhD qualifications will NOT be considered for this funding).

REQUIREMENTS

1. Undergraduate / Post Graduate Diploma /Advance Diploma Students

Eligibility Criteria:

- Certified copy of a valid South Africa Identity Document
- Most Recent Academic Results/ statement/ Academic transcript 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 Institution of South Africa.

2. Master's Students

Eligibility Criteria:

- Certified copy of a valid South Africa Identity Document
- Certified copy of Matric Certificate
- Brief Curriculum Vitae (**maximum of 2 pages**)
- Most Recent Academic transcript 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 Institution of South Africa.
- Master's Research Proposal on one of 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
- Research allowance for Master's students only (**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: 012 848 4614/ 28/ 54

ICT RELATED ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

Email: bursary@ndmc.gov.za OR Tel: 012 848 4631/ 76

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.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 30 September 2025