

GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION FOR APPLICATIONS

1. Closing date for applications

In order to ensure adequate time for processing, assessment testing and planning by Nelson Mandela University and yourself, applications for admission should be submitted before the August closing date. Late applications will however be considered after this date, based on academic merit, until the September closing date. In addition, places for some qualifications are limited; it is therefore in your best interest to submit your application early. [Information on applicable dates.](#)

2. Selection of undergraduate candidates:

Submission of a completed application form does not mean that you have been accepted as a student, or that you may register. All prospective students are selected in accordance with the admissions policy of the university. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application. **Please ensure that your cell number is correct as you will be notified of your admission status via SMS or you can [track your application](#) status online.**

NB: Acceptance as a student does not mean that you have also been accepted to one of the residences or that you will automatically qualify for a bursary / loan.

3. Students from other tertiary institutions

If you were previously registered at other tertiary education institutions, you need to submit an **official full academic record and certificate of conduct issued** by each institution at which you were registered. This statement must indicate all courses passed and failed and modules for which you are currently registered. Students, who studied at the Port Elizabeth campus of the former Vista University before 2004, must obtain an academic record and a certificate of conduct from UNISA. (Tel: 086 167 0411 or e-mail: undergrad@unisa.ac.za)

4. Financial assistance

Nelson Mandela University offers financial assistance in the form of bursaries and NSFAS loans to students studying at the University (South African citizens only). The loans are administered on behalf of the National Student Financial Aid Scheme – NSFAS.

Applications for NSFAS loans must be made directly on the NSFAS website or an application form can be downloaded and sent directly to the NSFAS office in Cape Town. The closing date for NSFAS funds is advertised on their website. Further information can be obtained from the NSFAS website - www.nsfas.org.za

Nelson Mandela University Scholar and Student Merit awards are awarded to top academic achievers and no application is required. Bursaries and sponsorships are available to students who fulfil specific criteria as required by the various sponsors. Details are in the Bursary Booklet on the Financial Aid website – <https://finaid.mandela.ac.za/>.

5. Students with disabilities

Nelson Mandela University strives to ensure that all campus facilities are accessible to students with disabilities. Every reasonable attempt will be made to provide students with the assistance they require. Disability status is confidential, however if the university is not aware of the disability, we will not be in a position nor obliged to offer reasonable support. If the disability is not self-evident, the university may require the applicant to disclose sufficient information to confirm the disability or to ensure that reasonable consideration is granted.

For more information on accessibility and how your particular disability can be accommodated, you are advised to contact the Universal Accessibility & Disability Services (UADS), on 041-504 2313/4756/2562 or disability@mandela.ac.za as early as possible. Early enquiries during the year preceding application are encouraged, to ensure that requests can be reasonably accommodated.

6. Residence accommodation

- To apply for residence please complete the [online form](#).
- Please note that indicating that you require residence accommodation does not guarantee you a place in the residences.
- A selection process has to take place and priority will be given to applicants who have obtained good academic results.
- No student will be admitted to residence until she/he has been academically admitted to a university programme or before the appropriate fees have been paid.
- Also note that residence accommodation is limited and preference will be given to applications received before the end of September.

7. Student number

Please use your student number when corresponding with the university. This student number will appear in all future correspondence that you receive from the university. Quote your student number in the heading of any e-mail correspondence as follow:

Student number #faculty code #1900 (undergraduate) or #2000 (postgraduate). Example 217009123 #1100 #1900 (undergraduate) or 217009123 #1100 #2000 (postgraduate). The faculty codes are:

Faculty of:	Code
Humanities	#1100
Science	#1200
Education	#1300
Business & Economic Sciences	#1400
Law	#1500
Health Sciences	#1600
Engineering, Built Environment and Technology	#1700

8. Medium of instruction and academic activities

Tuition at Nelson Mandela University is presented mainly in English. Academic activities take place from Monday to Friday and when necessary, on Saturdays.

9. Assistance needed

In the event of any other support needed with the completing your online application, you may contact our Contact Centre at 0415041111.

10. Important documentation

In order for the university to finalise your application you are requested to submit the following documentation (refer to point 12 on how to submit the documents):

- A copy of your identity document (ID document compulsory for SA Citizens – your application cannot be processed without a certified copy of your ID. You may also provide your ID number or serial number that appears on your birth certificate should you still be waiting for your ID Document to be issued).
- A copy of your latest school results (grade 11 final or grade 12 June or September results or final school leaving results (e.g. if you are currently at school and apply in August submit your June results). **No grade 12 March results.**
- Full **official academic record(s) and certificate(s) of conduct** from previous institution(s) (if applicable).
- Declaration by your parent / legal guardian / surety (see point 12) if you are a dependent or currently at school or studying at a tertiary institution or have recently left school and **do/will** not have permanent employment when applying or studying at the university.
- A copy of the identity document of parent / legal guardian / surety if you are a dependent or currently at school or studying at a tertiary institution or have recently left school and **do/will** not have permanent employment when applying or studying at the university.

- A copy of your marriage certificate (if applicable).
- Completed disability assessments form (if applicable).
- Proof of your current residential / home or postal address if applying for on-campus accommodation.
- Postgraduate form (U.24) (see point 12) if you are applying for postgraduate studies.

NB: Please note that your reference number must clearly be indicated on **all** documentation submitted.

11. Downloadable documents

To download the document(s) required to complete your application follow the link(s) below. You can fax the completed document(s) to 041-504 1477, upload on the [website](#) after final submission or e-mail to onlineappdocs@mandela.ac.za. Save the documents as follow: Student number, underscore, type of document (Example 211040673_ID). You can also post the documents to Student Access and Enrolment Office, Online Applications, PO Box 77000, Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, 6031 should you wish.

- [Declaration by parent/legal guardian/surety](#)
- [Disability form](#)
- [Exemption form](#)
- [Postgraduate form\(U.24\)](#)

12. Contact details

▪ Enquiries or assistance needed:

In the event of any other support needed with completing your online application, you may contact our Contact Centre at 0415041111 or e-mail Mandela University at onlineappdocs@mandela.ac.za.

▪ Submitting changes or documents:

Kindly advise the Student Access and Enrolment Office in writing of any changes in your contact details (address, cell/phone numbers or e-mail address) or if you would like to change your qualification after submitting the online application. **NB:** The 1st choice can only be changed after you have done your final submission. You also need to inform the Student Access and Enrolment Office in writing if you decide not to proceed with your online application. You are advised to contact the Online Admissions at e-mail: onlineappdocs@mandela.ac.za or fax: 041-504 1477. Save the documents as follow: Student number, underscore, type of document (Example211040673_ID).

You can upload the documents on the [Mandela University website](#), post the documents to the Student Access and Enrolment Office, Undergraduate or Postgraduate Online Applications, PO Box 77000, Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, 6031 should you wish.

NB: Please do not send your query/document to more than one e-mail address as it causes delays.

13. Foreign School leaving certificate

Candidates who wrote a foreign school leaving qualification require a letter and/or certificate from the Universities South Africa (USAf) before the application can be considered. The letter and/or certificate you receive from USAf need to be submitted to the Student Access and Enrolment Office with all your required documents. In order to be considered for a qualification. For more information visit the USAf website (<https://mb.usaf.ac.za>) or contact them via e-mail at applications@usaf.ac.za.

14. Testing

The Mandela University uses the National Benchmark Test (NBT) as part of the selection process for certain undergraduate qualifications. Applicants with Foreign Qualifications also need to write the NBT before applying for undergraduate studies. You need to submit your NBT results before your application can be considered. To book a test or to find out more about the test follow the link <https://www.nbt.ac.za/>.