

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

(For immediate release)

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**UNISA HAS ALREADY BEGUN DISBURSING NSFAS ALLOWANCES TO BENEFICIARIES**

The University of South Africa (Unisa) confirms that it has received a total amount of **R 247,078,688.97** from the National Students Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) and has already begun with the disbursement of allowances to qualifying students.

The university sent sms'es to students yesterday (Wednesday, 06 March 2019), requesting them to collect their Intellimali cards at the Unisa regional offices. Intellimali has also confirmed that students are being sent their pins today to access their allowances.

Students may activate their cards in one of the followings ways:

- Downloading the app and following the instructions on the card
- Activating the card on the web
- Activating the card at any merchant, such as bookshops Checkers, USave or Shoprite (should they wish to draw the cash)

The Intellimali system is designed for students of tertiary institutions who receive bursary, loan or sponsorship allowances for student necessities like food, books, accommodation and stationery. Intellimali is incorporated into the student registration card issued by the educational institution.

Once activated, students can use their Intellimali-enabled student registration card to spend the various allowances at selected suppliers by using it much like a bank debit card.

This process is quick, and transactions are reflected on student's Intellimali account instantly, which can be accessed through the student portal.

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