

<b>Regulations</b>	
Does UKZN have a Disability Policy?	UKZN has a policy for staff and students with disabilities. The Policy was formulated in 2004 and is now in its 17 <sup>th</sup> year of existence. The policy forms the basis of support for staff and students with disabilities.
<b>Location</b>	
Where is support for students with disabilities located?	<p>The University of KwaZulu-Natal supports students with disabilities who meet the admission requirements. The Disability Support Service is a central service that is located in the Division of Student Services and operationalised through Campus-based Disability Support Units. These units, which straddle the campuses works with a range of College support offices to enhance equity of access for qualifying students.</p> <p>Disability Coordinators per campus are as follows:</p> <p>Nevil Balakrishna Shepstone Level 5, Room ZC553 Howard College Campus 0312603140 0732553737 Email Address: <a href="mailto:Balakrishna@ukzn.ac.za">Balakrishna@ukzn.ac.za</a></p> <p>Mongezi Zondo Disability Unit Building (Old HR) - No 2 Milner Road Pietermaritzburg Campus 0332605065 0744168487 Email Address: <a href="mailto:Zondom@ukzn.ac.za">Zondom@ukzn.ac.za</a></p> <p>Rosh Subrayen Dulcie September Building, Office 1-9 Edgewood Campus 0312603665 0845404272 Email Address: <a href="mailto:Subrayen@ukzn.ac.za">Subrayen@ukzn.ac.za</a></p> <p>Faaiza Shaikh E Block, Level 3, Room 300C Westville 0312607706 0829369335</p>

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<b>Funding</b>	
What are the funding opportunities accessible for students with disabilities?	<p>The NSFAS bursary for students with disabilities is a dedicated ring-fenced funding that is available for students with disabilities. It is a comprehensive bursary scheme that provides for the following support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition fees for an undergraduate degree or to the completion of a professional degree e.g. BEd, Social work and becoming a Psychologist.</li> <li>• Meals Allowance</li> <li>• Book allowance</li> <li>• Assistive Devices Allowance</li> <li>• Residence Allowance</li> <li>• Human Support Allowance.</li> </ul> <p>Students with disabilities may also apply for bursary support from various government departments. Among these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Social Development</li> <li>• Treasury</li> <li>• Local Government &amp; Municipalities</li> <li>• The South African Revenue Services</li> <li>• The Funza Lushaka Bursary</li> </ul> <p>There are a number of NGO's that provide funding support for students with disabilities. Among these are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South African National Council for the Blind</li> <li>• BlindSA</li> <li>• St Giles</li> </ul> <p>Students at the post graduate level are also offered opportunities for accessing bursary support. Among these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Research Foundation allocates 4% of its funding to persons with disabilities.</li> </ul> <p>The Disability Support Service advocates extensively for funders to create opportunities for students with disabilities within their bursaries.</p>
<b>Accessibility</b>	
Can students with disabilities be accommodated in all colleges of the University?	Students with disabilities who meet the College requirements are supported through reasonable accommodations on all campuses.

Does UKZN provide Assistive Devices and Technology support.	The UKZN campuses have access to a range of Assistive Devices and Technology support that can be made available to students with disabilities through a loan system operated by the Disability Support Unit. These devices include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Motorized and Manual Wheelchairs</li> <li>b. Low vision reading devices</li> <li>c. Hearing Aids</li> <li>d. SmartCane and Long Canes for individuals who are blind</li> <li>e. Digital Voice Recorders</li> </ul>
Does UKZN have Accessible Student LANS for students with disabilities?	The University has established accessible Student LANS on the following campuses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Howard College Campus</li> <li>b. Westville Campus</li> <li>c. Pietermaritzburg Campus</li> <li>d. Edgewood Campus which includes a Teaching Practice LAN</li> </ul>
Does the University provide specialized disability training?	Students that register have access to the following training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Orientation and Mobility Training for blind and partially sighted students which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Mobility Skills Training</li> <li>ii. Orientation to the built environment</li> <li>iii. Skills of Daily Living</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Computer Training for Blind and partially sighted student in screen reading and screen magnification software use.</li> <li>c. Sign Language Services are provided to Deaf persons using South African Sign Language</li> <li>d. Support provided to mobility-impaired students that need way-finding to navigate to accessible routes on and off campus.</li> <li>e. A transport service through adapted vehicles is available on the Durban and Pietermaritzburg campuses. These vehicles are fitted with lifts for wheelchair users.</li> </ul>
Does UKZN have accessible lecture venues?	Students with disabilities are supported within the learning spaces. While not all lecture venues are accessible every effort is made to accommodate students with disabilities. The Disability Support Unit works closely with Student Academic Administration to change venues to accommodate students with disabilities.
Does the Disability Support Unit (DSU) provide software training for students with disabilities?	The DSU does provide software training in the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Screen reading (JAWS)</li> <li>2. Screen magnification (Zoomtext)</li> <li>3. SuperNova</li> </ol> <p>The DSU facilitates training in other specialized software on a needs basis.</p>

	The DSU provisions training guides and material on a DSU Information Access Resources Moodle page for students to engage with at their leisure and to supplement virtual instruction on online platforms.
What support is provisioned by the DSU for online tests and assessments?	The reformatting service provisions remote technical support to all students to aid in the completion of online assessments on Moodle if they experience any technical challenges with their assistive software and devices.
Is academic material available in accessible formats?	The reformatting service of the Disability Support Unit provisions academic content in accessible formats conducive for use with screen readers or screen magnification software. Additionally, academic material may be reformatted as per student request in a multitude of accessible formats including Braille. The reformatting service also provides caption editing of subtitles of Kaltura-based video content uploaded on the Moodle system for improved accuracy.