

Documents Checklist

Everything you need to apply for university in South Africa — 2027 intake

SECTION 1 — Core Documents (Required by ALL Universities)

- South African ID or Passport**
Certified copy — must be certified within the last 3 months
- Grade 11 Final Results**
Stamped and signed by school principal or secretary
- Latest Grade 12 Results / School Report**
Include all available term results
- Proof of Application Fee Payment**
Keep your bank reference number — screenshot if paid online
- Parent / Guardian ID Copy**
Certified — required by most universities
- Proof of Residential Address**
Utility bill or bank statement (not older than 3 months)

SECTION 2 — Programme-Specific Documents (Check Your Chosen Degree)

- Portfolio of Work**
Required for: Fine Art, Graphic Design, Architecture, Fashion Design, Interior Design
- NBT Results (National Benchmark Test)**
Required by: UCT, Wits, UP, Stellenbosch, and others. Register at www.nbt.ac.za
- Music Audition / Performance Record**
Required for: Music and Performing Arts programmes
- Sports Profile / CV**
Required for: Sports Science or sports bursary applications
- Medical Certificate / Proof of Disability**
Required for: Certain bursary and disability support applications

SECTION 3 — NSFAS Financial Aid Documents

- South African ID (applicant)**
Original certified copy
- Parents' / Guardian's IDs**
Both parents if applicable, certified copies

**Proof of Income**

3 months' payslips OR SASSA letter OR sworn affidavit of no income

**Proof of University Acceptance**

Your university reference/application number

**Parents' Latest Tax Returns / IRP5**

Required if parents are formally employed

**Death Certificate**

If one or both parents are deceased

■ PRO TIPS

- Always keep at least 3 certified copies of every document
- Scan all documents as PDF and save to Google Drive or your email as backup
- Certification must be done within 3 months of your application date
- Use a commissioner of oaths at any police station, chemist, or bank branch

Last updated: March 2026 | Always verify requirements on the official university website | For more resources visit your guide hub