## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## BURSARIES FOR STUDIES IN THE HEALTH SCI ENCES

As part of an ongoing process to deal with the skills shortage, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health is offering bursaries for those students who passed matric in 2005 for the 2006 academic year in the following fields of study:

## Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Occupational Therapy, Radiography and Dietetics.

The monetary value of these bursaries is estimated at R12 million. Those students who wish to apply must meet the criteria set by the department. Students who apply must be from KwaZulu-Natal and must already be accepted at a Tertiary Institution in South Africa for the 2006 academic year. Combined income of the student's parents must not exceed R120 000 per annum and the student may not have another Diploma or Degree. Students who already have another bursary will not be considered. The student must be willing to sign a student loan agreement with the Department of Health in KZN.

Application forms are available at Financial Aid offices at the relevant tertiary institutions. All application forms must be returned to the same Financial Aid offices at the relevant tertiary institutions on or before 31 January 2006. The relevant tertiary institutions will courier all received application forms to the KZN Department of Health on Wednesday, $1^{\text {st }}$ of February 2006 for processing.

The department would like to reiterate that if a student does not adhere to the set criteria or submits incorrect information on the application form, the bursary will be withdrawn.

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