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**INFORMATION FOR**

**MATURE  
STUDENTS**

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# It is never too late to study

Embarking on higher education after completing your formal schooling or gaining work experience, is an exciting endeavour. NMMU can assist you to achieve your aspirations.

## When am I considered a mature student?

A mature applicant is someone who is 23 years old before or during the year in which he/she wishes to enroll for a formal academic programme or; candidates older than 45 years who did not follow the formal secondary school route in the South African schooling system and aspire to enter higher education.

## How do I apply?

Application forms can be obtained from the Admissions Office ([admissions@nmmu.ac.za](mailto:admissions@nmmu.ac.za)), the Office for Mature and Postgraduate Students or can be downloaded from the website at [www.nmmu.ac.za/application](http://www.nmmu.ac.za/application)

## When do I apply?

The closing date for applications for undergraduate study programmes is 1 August of each year.

## Where can I find out more about the NMMU study programmes?

Consulting our website. Each faculty has its own webpage containing detailed information about all programmes offered. The Office for Mature and Postgraduate Students can also assist with this information.

## Where can I find out about financial assistance?

The NMMU Financial Aid Office can assist. Contact 041 504 2550 or email: [financialaid@nmmu.ac.za](mailto:financialaid@nmmu.ac.za)

## How will I know which qualification is the most suitable one?

By consulting our website and researching your study options, you will be able to make an informed decision as to your study choice. You can also contact the Office for Mature and Postgraduate Students.

## What is Recognition of Prior Learning?

Mature applicants, who would like guidance on the acceptability of their qualifications and work experience, or on how to qualify for entry to our programmes, should first contact the Admissions Office at 041 504 4811 or the relevant Faculty Administrator. If necessary, their application will be referred to the Centre for Access Assessment and Research (CAAR).

## How can I adequately prepare myself for life as a mature student?

Be clear and honest about the reasons why you want to study. Investigate the cost of studying to make adequate financial arrangements. As a mature student your demands and responsibilities are different to those of school leavers. Make sure that family members understand the importance of your studies and provide the necessary support.

