

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FACT SHEET

<p><b>AFDA Goal</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop a relevant tertiary education institution that contributes to African nation building and rewards all stakeholders by providing a stimulating, rigorous and globally integrated learning experience that empowers students with productive innovative skills, enabling graduating learners to grow sustainable creative industries.</li> </ul>
<p><b>AFDA Accreditation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AFDA is a private tertiary institution which offers degree programmes that are fully registered and accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE), the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA).</li> <li>The DHET certificate number is 2001/HE07/012.</li> <li>The Qualification ID's of AFDA's programmes are as follows: Bachelor of Live Performance (Honours): 35937; Bachelor of Motion Picture Medium (Honours): 35935; Bachelor of Live Performance: 35936; Bachelor of Motion Picture Medium: 35934; Bachelor of Commerce: 94705; Bachelor of Computer Technology: 97540; Higher Certificate in Film, Television and Entertainment Production: 90741.</li> </ul>
<p><b>International Student Affairs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact Nadia Chalkley at <a href="mailto:NadiaC@afda.co.za">NadiaC@afda.co.za</a> for any enquiries – located in Cape Town but assists all campuses centrally.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Entry Requirements</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Certified copy of SAQA Certificate of Evaluation of the applicant's International qualifications is required for acceptance into AFDA programmes in some instances. This certificate is obtained from the South African Qualifications Authority – SAQA (<a href="http://www.saga.org.za">www.saga.org.za</a>). The NQF Act, 67 of 2008, gives SAQA the mandate to, "with respect to International qualifications, provide an evaluation and advisory service consistent with this Act". <a href="http://www.saga.org.za/show.php?id=5741">http://www.saga.org.za/show.php?id=5741</a></li> </ul> <p>Feel free to contact Ms Nadia Chalkley (<a href="mailto:NadiaC@afda.co.za">NadiaC@afda.co.za</a>) / Tel: +27 21 448 7600 for more information or advice on foreign credentials evaluation. Please confirm prior to arrival if SAQA is a requirement for you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following link provides useful information for reference purposes only as country specific requirements: <a href="http://he-enrol.ac.za/foreign-qualifications">http://he-enrol.ac.za/foreign-qualifications</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants are to note that the AFDA entrance exam has been designed to offer prospective students who are not in possession of a South African Bachelor's Pass / Matric Exemption for Degree Studies, the opportunity to be conditionally accepted into the undergraduate 3-year AFDA Bachelor of Motion Picture or Live Performance, Bachelors of Commerce or Bachelor of Science degrees. Feel free to contact Ms Nadia Chalkley (<a href="mailto:NadiaC@afda.co.za">NadiaC@afda.co.za</a>) / Tel: +27 21 448 7600 for more information.</p>
<p><b>Programme Offering</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Higher Certificate Course in Film, Television and Entertainment Production (only Cape Town, Johannesburg Campus and Durban Campus)</li> <li>Bachelor of Commerce in Business Innovation and Entrepreneurship (only Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban Campus)</li> <li>Bachelor of Science in Computer Technology (only in Cape Town, Johannesburg)</li> <li>Bachelor of Arts in Motion Picture Medium (all campuses)</li> <li>Bachelor of Arts in Live Performance (all campuses)</li> <li>Bachelor of Arts in Motion Picture (Honours – Cape Town and Johannesburg only)</li> <li>Bachelor of Arts in Live Performance (Honours – Cape Town and Johannesburg only)</li> <li>Master of Fine Arts Motion Picture Medium (Cape Town and Johannesburg only)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Recognition of Prior Learning</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RPL stands for Recognition of Prior Learning. It arises from an international tendency in this century to increase students' access to education, by articulating various types and levels of education with each other, so that there can be lifelong learning and no-one is barred from higher education. In South Africa, it was a core principle of the White Paper on Higher Education in the late</li> </ul>

	<p>nineties, and again in the January 2012 Green Paper for post-school education and training issued by The Department of Higher Education and Training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For more information please refer to this link: <a href="http://www.afda.co.za/apply/degreeapply/requirements/">http://www.afda.co.za/apply/degreeapply/requirements/</a></li> </ul>
<b>Academic Calendar 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Undergraduate and Postgraduate terms:</b> Enrolment for undergraduate begins – Normally from 16 January of the given year. Enrolment for postgraduate begins – Normally from 16 January of the given year. Orientation for all first-time to AFDA students: Normally first week of February of the given year.  Term 1: 6 February – 31 March 2017 Term 2: 2 May – 23 June 2017 Term 3: 17 July to 8 September 2017 Term 4: 9 October to 1 December 2017</li> <li><b>Higher Certificate terms:</b> Enrolment for HC begins – Normally from 1 March of the given year. Term 1: 13 March to 21 April 2017 (Orientation during first week of class!) Term 2: 22 May to 30 June 2017 Term 3: 31 July to 8 September 2017 Term 4: 9 October to 17 November 2017</li> </ul>
<b>Fee Structures 2017 are available online- anticipate 5-7% increase for the following year.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please click on the following link for access to documentation pertaining to current fee structures:  <a href="http://www.afda.co.za/support/">http://www.afda.co.za/support/</a>  Alternatively contact <a href="mailto:NadiaC@afda.co.za">NadiaC@afda.co.za</a> for any enquiries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Living expenses – estimates only and subject to change:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel Documents: 1<sup>st</sup> S.A Visa Application (R1350 per person)</li> <li>Communications: Telephonic (R900 per semester)</li> <li>Communications - Email and Internet (R200 - 600 per month) – try to arrange this to be included in your accommodation charge</li> <li>Stationary ( R600 per annum)</li> <li>Medical Aid (R3600 per annual study period)</li> <li>Airport Shuttle return transfer to Observatory (R760.00 per person – groups get discount)</li> <li>Student Accommodation ( R3500 to R5000 per month)</li> <li>Food (R1000 – R2000 per month)</li> <li>Public Transport (R250 per month)</li> </ul>
<b>Language of instruction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The medium of instruction at AFDA is English. No English requirement is set. Each applicant will be assessed to his/her own academic merit and language proficiency.</li> </ul>
<b>Immigration Regulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The South African High Commission, Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission in your country of residence issues a study visa so that you may proceed to South Africa. If there is no representative, prospective students must apply to the nearest South African High Commission, Embassy, Consulate or Trade Mission. It is imperative that applicants await the outcome of the visa prior to entering South Africa. Applications can take 6-8 week and it is therefore advisable that students apply as soon as possible once accepted.</li> </ul> <p>During August 2014, Home Affairs contracted VFS Global to handle visa applications on their behalf within South Africa. This would affect all international students currently on study permits wishing to RENEW their permits to continue their studies next year (meaning students in the country at the moment). Unless you are a Zimbabwean citizen, all international current students are required to apply for their renewals through VFS, and in some countries new students would have to apply through VFS.</p> <p>This process normally takes 2 months even though they advertise 4 weeks and this incurs some additional costs. For existing students, visas must be renewed 60 days prior to expiry. A person who overstays the validity of their visa could be</p>

	<p>deported and not permitted to re-enter for 5 years. Applicants must submit police clearance certificates as part of the application. In some instances this can take a few weeks to acquire.</p> <p>The link for further information on VFS:  <a href="http://www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica/how_to_apply.html">http://www.vfsglobal.com/dha/southafrica/how_to_apply.html</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Degree seeking, semester abroad and exchange students should apply for a study permit to study for longer than three months in South Africa.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.dfa.gov.za/foreign/sa_abroad/index.htm">http://www.dfa.gov.za/foreign/sa_abroad/index.htm</a> (Foreign Representation Abroad)</p>
<p><b>Study Permits (minimum requirements)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An official letter from the university confirming provisional acceptance at the university and the duration of the course. Some Embassies require a final acceptance which will only be issued with payment of registration, submission of online registration and submission of SAQA documentation.</li> <li>▪ Medical and radiological reports (less than six months old).</li> <li>▪ A police clearance certificate (less than six months old).</li> <li>▪ Yellow fever vaccination certificate if relevant.</li> <li>▪ Relevant certificate if married, widowed, divorced or separated.</li> <li>▪ Proof of medical insurance cover recognised in South Africa.</li> <li>▪ Details regarding arranged accommodation in South Africa.</li> <li>▪ Proof of sufficient funds to cover tuition fees, maintenance, accommodation and incidental costs.</li> <li>▪ A deposit (a cash amount not exceeding the cost of a single ticket to the applicant's country of origin). – check with your Embassy on this requirement since not valid for all countries.</li> </ul> <p>(Documents must be certified copies).</p> <p>Refer to <a href="http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/types-of-temp-res-permits">http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/index.php/types-of-temp-res-permits</a> for more information.</p>
<p><b>Medical Aid/ Health</b></p>	<p>Malaria is mainly confined to the north eastern part of South Africa, especially the coastal plain. Schistosomiasis (Bilharzia) is also found mainly in the east but outbreaks do occur in other places, so you should always check with knowledgeable local people before drinking free water or swimming. Tap water in South Africa is safe to drink. South Africa is in the grip of an HIV-Aids epidemic that has infected millions of people. International students must be advised to practice safe sex.</p> <p>Recent changes to visa regulations in South Africa specify that all international students taking up studies in South Africa must comply with visa regulations in the Immigration Act (Act No. 13 Of 2002).</p> <p>This Regulation 10(1)(h) stipulates that:</p> <p>A. An applicant for a study permit shall submit: (h) proof of medical cover with a medical scheme registered in terms of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998) or other medical insurance cover recognized in the Republic.</p> <p>From this it is AFDA's interpretation that all international students wishing to take up studies in South Africa must be in possession of appropriate medical cover with a registered South African medical scheme for the duration of their studies. This minimum basic cover as prescribed in the Medical Schemes Act can be obtained through very affordable medical scheme products that are specifically suited to the needs of international students.</p> <p>Although some foreign medical insurance products are acceptable to some South African embassies or diplomatic missions abroad for purposes of securing a study visa, in accordance with the Immigration Act; for academic registration, AFDA will only accept proof of medical cover with a South African registered medical scheme. AFDA hereby recommends:</p> <p><b>Feel free to approach Momentum Health directly for their student options:</b>  <a href="http://www.ingwehealth.co.za">www.ingwehealth.co.za</a></p>
<p><b>Enrolment at AFDA</b></p>	<p><b>COMPULSORY REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLMENT (UPON ARRIVAL):</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>ORIGINAL</u> PREVIOUS SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATES AND ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS</li> <li>▪ <u>CERTIFIED</u> COPY OF SAQA EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE IF REQUIRED</li> <li>▪ <u>CERTIFIED</u> COPY OF PASSPORT</li> <li>▪ <u>CERTIFIED</u> COPY OF STUDY PERMIT/ REGUFEE PERMIT/ DIPLOMAT VISA</li> <li>▪ <u>SHOW PASSPORT</u></li> <li>▪ <u>PROOF</u> OF RESIDENCY OF ACCOUNT PAYER/SUREYTOR/ LEASE AGREEMENT</li> <li>▪ <u>PROOF</u> OF MEDICAL AID COVER</li> <li>▪ <u>TWO COLOR</u> PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPHS</li> <li>▪ <u>PAYMENT OF ALL REQUIRED FEES WITH PROOF</u></li> <li>▪ Transfer and postgraduate students might be required to submit additional documentation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Living in South Africa</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>South African Standard Time</u></b>  South African standard Time is two hours in advance of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +2), one hour in advance of central European winter time and seven hours in advance of United States eastern standard time throughout the year. There are no time zone differences within the country.</li>   <li>▪ <b><u>Security and Safety</u></b>  As South Africa is a developing country, crime does exist, so we would advise you to take a few basic precautions. All valuables, passports, cameras, should be locked in the safe of your hotel. Valuables should be carried discreetly when walking in cities. Gold and other expensive items offered for sale by street vendors are likely to be fakes or stolen property. Do not participate in pavement games as they are operated by well organised gangs and money can be stolen while you are distracted.   Public transport is available in South Africa so there is no need to hitch-hike. Local residents will advise you on safe transport. If driving, do not pick up hitch-hikers and ensure that your car doors are locked at all times. The South African Police are easily recognised in their blue uniforms and by their white and blue patrol vehicles.</li>   <li>▪ <b><u>Electricity</u></b>  220/230 volts AC at 50 cycles per second. Three pronged plugs are universal, so take an adapter. Most hotel rooms have 110 volt outlets for electric shavers and small appliances.</li>   <li>▪ <b><u>Languages</u></b>  There are 11 official languages including English, Afrikaans, Xhosa, Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Southern Sotho, Swati, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda and Zulu.   English is spoken everywhere you go. English is the language of the cities, of commerce and banking, of government and official documents. All our road signs and official forms are in English and at any hotel, Bed and Breakfast or Guest House, the service staff will speak to you in English.</li>   <li>▪ <b><u>Currency and Exchange Rates</u></b>  One Rand (R) = 100 cents (c). Notes issued R200, R100, R50, R20, R10; coins R5, R2, R1, 50c 20c, 10c, 5c. Currency exchange rates are available at banks and published daily in the press: <a href="http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/">http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/</a></li>   <li>▪ <b><u>Climate</u></b>  South Africa is known for its long sunny days, hence the title, 'Sunny South Africa'. Most of the nine provinces have summer rainfall, except for the Western Cape, which experiences winter rainfall. The high-lying areas of the interior can be chilly in winter. The South African Weather Service uses the following dates for seasons:   <b>Spring:</b> September, October, November; <b>Summer:</b> December through February  <b>Autumn:</b> March, April, May; <b>Winter:</b> June through August</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b><u>Water</u></b> In urban areas tap water is usually of high quality and safe to drink. It's quite safe to have ice in drinks and to eat salads. However, when travelling to remote rural areas and the bush you should take your own drinking water along or buy bottled water.</li> </ul>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Kindly contact <a href="mailto:NadiaC@afda.co.za">NadiaC@afda.co.za</a> for more information or assistance on accommodation booking. AFDA does not make accommodation listings publicly available due to the risk to students.</li> </ul>
<b>Useful sites/ Airport Transfer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="http://www.living-in-south-africa.com">www.living-in-south-africa.com</a>, <a href="http://www.awesomesouthafrica.com">www.awesomesouthafrica.com</a></li> <li>▪ <a href="http://www.avis.co.za">www.avis.co.za</a> (car rental)</li> <li>▪ <a href="http://www.southafrica.info/">http://www.southafrica.info/</a></li>   <li>▪ <a href="http://www.airportshuttle.co.za/">http://www.airportshuttle.co.za/</a></li> <li>▪ <a href="https://www.uber.com/">https://www.uber.com/</a></li> </ul>