

## **Secure your first-year admission at a university as soon as the application window opens**

Grade 12 learners have to make crucial decisions about the future that will impact them for years to come. They have to deal with the pressure of acquiring good grades, choosing the right study path, selecting the right Higher Education Institution (HEI), and the added burden of high expectations.

To relieve some of the pressure, RBI is encouraging the class of 2023 to apply for HEI qualifications immediately after the application windows had opened, which is April 1, 2023, for all South African Universities.

Meeting deadlines is not the only reason to apply, here are more reasons to note:

### **Available spaces for higher education**

Quite often, the number of learners who qualify for admission to HEIs often surpasses the number of available spaces.

### **Turn-around times for application feedback**

The sooner a learner applies, the sooner they will receive feedback. Once accepted, they can also apply for other necessities for their first year, such as study assistance.

### **More chances of getting accepted at an HEI of your choice**

By applying early, applicants enjoy the opportunity of being considered by institutions of their choice.

### **Access to financial assistance**

Financiers receive many applications from applicants. They also often cannot fund everyone. Applying immediately after the application window has opened allows one enough time to apply for study assistance.

### **One last thing to worry about**

Once a learner is accepted, they can concentrate on their Grade 12 studies for their preliminary and year-end assessments.

RBI understands that many obstacles can deter learners from applying on time – such as internet data and access to suitable computers. To combat this, RBI offers free online application support to learners. RBI personnel will assist learners to complete their online applications from the beginning to the end. Learners should bring a copy of their certified grade 11 results and a certified ID copy. Where possible, applicants should have these copies saved in a memory stick.

To be assisted, visit RBI offices in Phokeng either on Wednesday or Thursday.

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