

IHS fund offers Durban youth up to 50% scholarships for August intake

The International Hotel School (IHS) has announced a R3m scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to potential learners impacted by the recent unrest. All students who enrol at the Durban campus for the July 2021 intake before Tuesday, 10 August who have been victims of Kwazulu-Natal's social upheaval, will be eligible for a scholarship of up to 50% of their fees towards their year of study.



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Mike Lambert, CEO of Invictus Education Group, the holding company for IHS says the impact of the social unrest has been devastating for many families and communities in certain parts of our country. KwaZulu-Natal has been the most affected and the social and economic impact is vast.

"This has been an extraordinary event and the International Hotel School wants to contribute in an extraordinary manner," Mike explains. "That's why we have established the Rebuild KZN Scholarship Fund. Our purpose of Educate, Empower and Employ is not taken lightly and we as a team feel this is the right thing to do."

"So many young people who dreamt of starting their studies have had to put their plans on hold as the money set aside for their education is being used to repair businesses and homes. Our Rebuild KZN Scholarship Fund means these youngsters don't have to wait, they will be able to start their journeys towards a career in the Hospitality Industry as planned," says Lambert.

"Obviously the industry has been impacted by Covid on a worldwide scale, but our training has continued. We have pioneered a progressive online learning platform with pathways ranging from short courses to full-scale qualifications," adds Lambert.

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The scholarship is applicable to all of the IHS programmes. Should potential students need any advice on selecting from the range of accredited qualifications, information is available on the IHS website, or they can also contact the school.

To apply for the scholarship, candidates will follow the usual [online application](#) process and send this together with the requested supporting documentation and motivation. Each application will be reviewed individually and on its own merit. Should the candidates require a student loan, information about this facility is also available on the IHS website.

"Through our Rebuild KZN Scholarship Fund, we are giving young South African's the opportunity to keep their dreams of a career in the hospitality sector alive. This will ensure they have the skills and knowledge they need for career advancement, which will help them to play an active role in rebuilding the regional economy," concludes Lambert.

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