Universities will individually decide on the fee increases for 2017 academic year, Higher Education and Training Minister Blade Nzimande announced recently.

The Minister made the announcement at a special media briefing following the Council on Higher Education (CHE) report for 2017 fee adjustments as well as the Minister’s ongoing consultations with key stakeholders.

“Our recommendation is that fee adjustments should not go above eight percent,” Minister Nzimande said.

He added that universities currently face serious challenges in terms of funding, while at the same time large numbers of South Africans find it difficult to access post-school education because of financial challenges.

“Government is aware of these challenges and takes them very seriously.”

The Minister said government is committed to finding the resources to support children of all poor, working and middle class families, with a household income of up to R600 000 per annum, while subsidy funding will cover the gap between the 2015 fee and the adjusted 2017 fee.

“This will be done for fee increments up to eight percent.”

Minister Nzimande said a key priority for government is to ensure that post-school learning and teaching is strengthened, and that financial sustainability of the sector is not eroded.

“Our economy is currently weak and our fiscal position parlous. The tax burden has been rising in recent years, and we must preserve the fiscal space to fund government’s policy agenda in future years.

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He added that students’ concerns about the affordability of university education were legitimate.

“At the same time, we need to ensure that those who can afford to pay must pay.”

He added that the post-school budget has to cover students in technical and vocational education and training, while at the same time face the challenge of providing 18 million South Africans, who are unable to study at university, access to community colleges.

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Industrial parks' revival to boost SA economy

More Matshediso

Government is investing millions in revitalising industrial parks across the country to breathe new life into communities that have been left out of the mainstream economy.

One such park is the Seshego Industrial Park that is managed and owned by the Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA).

The park houses 72 factories, which include manufacturing, agro-processing, services and storage enterprises, among others. The Head of Land and Property Development at LEDA, Mouric Molepo, said they hope to see more investors come on board.

In Limpopo, to date, we are looking at two industrial parks, said Samuel, adding that phase one of the Seshego development is complete.

She envisages that the Seshego Industrial Park will create more jobs for the surrounding communities as more investors come on board.

Explaining the history of the industrial parks, she said they were initially established outside cities to keep “certain people in certain areas”.

“Ironically, skills were actually developed… You will find specialised skills in various areas where these parks are located,” said Samuel.

Minister Rob Davies explained that the first stage of the Seshego revitalisation programme focused on professionalising the industrial area, improving the physical security and eliminating non-business related activities that were taking place in the park.

The sum of R189 million is being spent on six prioritised parks under the department’s Industrial Parks Revitalisation Programme which is aimed at promoting industrialisation and increasing the contribution of the parks to job creation and the country’s economic growth.

He said phase two will focus on refurbishing the buildings and some of the physical infrastructure beyond security.

The Department of Trade and Industry spent R21 million on the first phase of the Seshego Industrial Parks.
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Thujwedzavo Mveledziso ya Matshilisano, Vho Thokozani Magwaza

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