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Dear Student

PHASING OUT OF THE BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAMMES

On the 6 July 2016, the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr B.E. Nzimande announced the 31 December 2019 as the last enrolment date for first time entering students into non-HEQSF aligned programmes (refer to Government Gazette No: 40123). This Government notice affects all the National Diploma programmes and Bachelor of Technology Degree programmes offered in the Faculty of Management Sciences.

According to the DUT *General rule G29 on Phasing out of discontinued programmes*, means that:

- All qualifications which are not HEQSF aligned will be phased out in line with this date.
- The last date of registering new students on the non-aligned qualifications will be January 2019 for the annual courses and July 2019 for semester courses.

Graduates with non-aligned qualifications will be able to progress with their studies into the new HEQSF aligned qualifications (provided they meet the minimum admission requirements). Based on the above, the Bachelor of Technology qualification currently being offered in the Faculty of Management Sciences **will no longer be offered with effect from 01 January 2020.**

What this means to you as a student:

Current B-Tech registered students:

- If you are currently registered for a **B- Tech programme you have until the 31st of December 2020 to complete your qualification** (this is in terms of the progression requirements of DUT General Rule G17).
- If you wish to complete the Bachelor of Technology subjects at other universities and wish to apply for exemptions at the Durban University of Technology, you will need to do this by the 31st December 2020 to enable you to be considered for graduation for the phased out qualification (note that the exemption process must meet the requirements of the Durban University of Technology and the Programme).

New B-Tech Registrations:

- If you are currently registered for, or have previously registered for a National Diploma or the new Diploma in 2016 and complete this by the end of 2018, you may register for the B-Tech qualification in January 2019.
- If you register for a **B- Tech programme in 2019** then, you will have until the 31st of December 2020 to complete your qualification.

No new B-Tech registrations will be permitted to after 2019. The phased out qualification will be replaced with another similar programme. The student may approach the relevant department to enquire about the new qualifications. Contact details are listed below).

Thank you for your continued support and all the best with your studies.

Regards,

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