

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

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Dear staff and students

Former DUT employee jailed for six years

The University has noted the statement that was issued by the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) on Sunday, which was related to a former DUT employee.

The statement confirmed that a former DUT employee was sentenced to six years in jail by the Durban Commercial Crimes Court last week, after pleading guilty for lodging a false insurance claim.

The court's judgement concluded a long process that commenced when our University initiated an internal disciplinary process that resulted, in some instances, in the dismissal of employees who were involved in the scheme. Subsequently, the prosecuting authorities stepped in, as the nature of the misconduct was criminal.

This is one example that reinforces the strong message that our University is dealing decisively with matters of misconduct. DUT does not and will not promote nor condone any incidents of misconduct, crime and corruption.

We have since strengthened our internal systems after this matter was discovered, to avoid similar acts of corruption from taking place.

Finally, we are aware that the NPA is handling other cases with former employees and that legal process, still needs to be concluded. Our ENVISION 2030 strategy promotes the values of honesty, integrity, accountability, professionalism and respect. The University expects all staff and students to uphold these values at all times.

Sincerely

DUT Management team