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UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

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Dear staff and students

IMPLICATIONS OF LOCKDOWN LEVEL 3 ON DUT'S OPERATIONS

Yesterday members of the Executive Management Committee (EMC) and the Senate Executive Committee (Senex) met to review matters related to the updated national Lockdown Level 3 restrictions that were recently announced by President Ramaphosa.

It has been another tragic week for so many people in our country as COVID-19 continues to claim more lives. The University conveys its most sincere condolences to those members of the DUT community who have lost their loved ones. We urge all staff and students to please follow the public health guidelines to prevent and limit the further spread of the disease. So please, wear your face mask, wash your hands regularly with water and soap for a minimum of 20 seconds, use a 70% alcohol-based hand sanitizer where possible, observe physical and social distancing, avoid gathering in groups and importantly, remember to disinfect frequently touched surface areas. The reality is that we all have a joint responsibility to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in South Africa.

Last week, we informed you of a number of matters related to our Lockdown Level 3 operations. We reiterate that all first year and all returning students must register online.

REMOTE ONLINE REGISTRATION

We remind students that applications for first time entrants is now closed and that no walk-in registrations will be permitted. New first-year students who may be experiencing challenges related to online registration should contact Student Admissions on **0313735005**.

Alternatively, you can contact Student Admissions via What's App on:

0834451282, 0834460459, 0834541495, 0834543477, 0834516751, 0834413766.

First year students can email 1styrstudentreg@dut.ac.za and visit the DUT website for guidance pertaining to online registration <https://www.dut.ac.za>. The faculties are the main contact point for postgraduate students and the relevant faculty contact details are on the DUT website: www.dut.ac.za/academic/.

In order to give effect to compulsory remote online registration for the 2021 academic year, students will be allowed to submit scanned, certified copies of required documentation via email or the iEnabler system. A separate communication will be sent to all students, informing them that they will have to submit the original documents at the first opportunity when they are back on campus and before the end of the 2021 calendar year, failing which they will be unable to register in 2022. If it is discovered that a document is fraudulent, the student will be subjected to a disciplinary process.

We remind you of the following important dates:

- 01 February 2021 Registration of postgraduate students commences.
- 22 February 2021 Registration of returning students and coursework Master's degree commences.
- 01 March 2021 Registration for new first year students commences.
- 15 March 2021 Lectures commence.

STUDENT HOUSING

As detailed last week, all students currently in residence will require a permit. The Faculties have provided a list of names of students who are still completing their 2020 academic programme. Real Estate Management have issued permits based on this student list. Currently, there are 1464 students who have permits for residence.

It must be noted that only eligible students with permits will be allowed access to residences. This relates to those students who are completing their 2020 academic year. Since the 2020 academic calendar will terminate next Friday, 29 January 2021, all students must vacate their residences by no later than 17h00 on Sunday, 31 January 2021. No exceptions will be made since their 2020 registration status would have lapsed in terms of the approved 2020 extended academic calendar.

DATA AND DEVICES

All students who are still completing their 2020 programmes have been contacted, informing them of the data provision for January 2020. The names of students were based on a list that was provided by the six faculties. Students in this group, who have been identified by the faculties as being eligible students for data, were sent an email and an SMS encouraging them to update their cell numbers on the ITS system by last Monday, 11 January 2021. The list was then sent to MTN, Cell@, Telkom and Vodacom on Tuesday, 12 January 2021, so that the cell phone operators could start loading the data. Another list is being compiled for eligible students who were missed during the compilation of the first list. That second list will be processed today, Thursday 14 January 2021.

The University will also provide data for January 2021 and February 2021 for staff who are approved for working remotely - and those staff members working to assist students who are completing the 2020 academic programme in January 2021. Eligible staff must apply by clicking on this link: <https://bit.ly/2ZminE8>.

If you have any issues with data secured via DUT, please click on this link: <https://bit.ly/3rYU3FEa>

The procurement of learning devices for NSFAS funded students is being handled by DHET. The University is not involved in securing devices for NSFAS funded students. Since our previous statement to you, we have been informed that DHET will be meeting with their preferred service providers this week and we hope that this will be a step closer to NSFAS funded students receiving their devices in the near future.

CONCLUSION

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt our lives. It is up to each one of us to play our role in reducing the further spread of the disease. We remind all staff and students that as per the Presidential announcement, wearing a face mask in public is compulsory. Failure to wear to your mask in public is a criminal offence. So please, do not leave your place of residence without your mask. All staff and students who will be on campus must continue to complete the daily **HealthCheck** online screening form. There are three ways for you to access the online form **before** you arrive on campus:

1. <https://healthcheck.higherhealth.ac.za>
2. WhatsApp to contacts: 0600 110 000 / <https://wa.me/27600110000?text=hi>
3. Dial HealthCheck tollfree on *134*832*2#

Please stay safe and continue to follow the public health guidelines as we strive to save lives in our country.

Sincerely

DUT Management team