

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

11 February 2022

Dear staff and students

ONLINE REGISTRATIONS AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF LECTURES FOR 2022

The University would like to confirm that the **online registration** period for all students will be **extended** by one week, now ending on **Friday, 18 February 2022**.

Therefore, please take note that **all lectures** will now **commence** on **Monday, 21 February 2022**.

There will be no revision to the 2022 Term Dates and Skeletal Academic Calendar. However, all six Faculties at DUT will devise a catch-up plan for the one-week loss in lecture time, following the extension to the online registration period.

Students may use the web link detailed below to access the 2022 registration information and for assistance with online, off-campus registration:

https://www.dut.ac.za/student_portal/student_registration/

BACK TO CAMPUS

As we prepare to commence with the academic programme on 21 February 2022, we remind you to please review the main points of the 2022 Back to Campus: Teaching and Learning Plan below:

RETURNING STUDENTS

The university will continue to offer online lectures. Permits to access campus will be granted only to the following categories of returning students:

- Students who are enrolled for exit modules.
- Students who require access to the practical laboratories,
- Students whose conditions at home are not conducive for learning.

- Students will be permitted to be on campus, provided they meet the criteria of the Policy Choices on Vaccination of Staff and Students, which was approved by the University Council on 04 December 2021. Please view the statement, related to the Policy, via this link:
<https://dut-cdn2.azureedge.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/DUT.Statement.Council.091221-1.pdf>
- The Student Housing Department should begin to receive qualifying students on the weekend preceding the commencement of lectures.

FIRST TIME ENROLLED (FTEN) STUDENTS

All first year students will be permitted to attend mask-to-mask lectures on campus provided they meet the criteria of the Policy Choices on Vaccination of Staff and Students, which was approved by the University Council on 04 December 2021. The link to the policy announcement is listed above.

Please also note that from 14 February 2022 to 17 February 2022, there will be a Post Orientation Programme between 12:00 and 14:00 daily. We want to ensure that no student is left behind. Please use the same MS Teams link that was previously shared with you, to join our sessions next week. For more information, please email: orientation@dut.ac.za.

It is important that you also take note of the following:

- The university will accommodate qualifying first-year students who are eligible to be at residences.
- Faculties will issue permits to all eligible students.

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

- Cleaning of residences will be made before the arrival students.
- The use of face masks remains compulsory on all university property.
- The HealthCheck online form will be used as a screening tool for COVID-19.
- You can access the HealthCheck form in three ways:
 1. Dial HealthCheck on *134*832*2# (This is a free call).
 2. Go to: <https://healthcheck.higherhealth.ac.za>.
 3. Add 0600 110 000 - <https://wa.me/27600110000?text=hi> to your WhatsApp to contacts.

With regards to the health screening arrangements for returning students, the DUT COVID-19 Response Task Team would like to highlight:

- Awareness campaign of the risks of COVID-19 infection and the preventive & health promotion measures. Please access the DUT COVID-19 webpage which includes helpful resources on <https://www.dut.ac.za/coronavirus/>.
- All students **MUST** complete the HealthCheck screening **BEFORE** arrival to campus. This will allow Protection Services, Residences Advisors and other support personnel to ensure that only eligible students will be permitted to return to campus.
- A detailed list of students arriving at the campus gate and/or the residences, will be provided by the relevant Faculties.
- Accreditation/Permits must be presented at all times, to enable entry onto campus in order to ensure authorised access to DUT property.

Should any of the above be revised during the course of the semester, we will notify you timeously.

CONCLUSION

We remind you that the DUT COVID-19 Response Task Team has resumed **#VaccinationThursdays** at the Isolempilo Clinic on the Steve Biko campus. Vaccination will be available from 08:30 to 14:30 every Thursday, with no booking required. Please bring your ID, student/staff card and your vaccination card (if applicable) - and please remember to complete HealthCheck online form, as explained above, before attempting to enter campus. For any COVID-19 related enquiries, please email covid-enquiries@dut.ac.za or call the COVID-19 Hotline: 0800 029 999. You can also connect with the COVID-19 WhatsApp Support Line: 0600 123 456.

Please stay safe and remember to always wear your mask that securely covers your nose and mouth when you are on campus or in other public spaces. It's essential that you consistently implement good hand hygiene and kindly ensure that you are fully vaccinated.

Finally, we remind all students and staff to only access official University Statements via the DUT PinBoard (staff email system), DUT4life (student email accounts) and the DUT website.

Wishing you a safe and successful semester.

Sincerely

DUT Management team