

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

30 May 2022

Dear staff and students

SUSPENSION OF ON-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES ON ALL FIVE DURBAN CAMPUSES DUE TO MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY ISSUES.

Large parts of Durban have been affected by widespread water supply shortages since the weekend. Umgeni Water confirmed that there was an issue at their Wiggins Water Works and at the Durban Heights Water Treatment Plant.

Therefore, due to health and safety concerns related to the lack of adequate water supply to our five campuses in Durban, DUT has decided to immediately suspend all on-campus operations at the Brickfield Campus, City Campus, ML Sultan Campus, Ritson Campus and the Steve Biko Campus. All staff from these five campuses must work remotely for the rest of today. All students based on the affected campuses must continue with their academic activities online. We reiterate that the academic programme is not suspended.

Regarding the situation for tomorrow, we will provide you with an update after 18H00 this evening. Please monitor the DUT PinBoard (staff email system) and DUT4life (student email account) for official updates.

DUT has already implemented an emergency plan to provide water to university owned residences. Unfortunately, this intervention is not feasible for the rest of the affected campuses.

We are extremely grateful to all staff and students for their understanding during this challenging time. DUT has not received any definitive date for the resumption of the municipal water supply. Therefore, we will update you daily on the situation, for the next day. Remember, this applies to the five campuses in Durban; the academic programme is not suspended and continues online; and staff based at the five affected campuses will need to work remotely.

Sincerely

DUT Management team