

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

27 July 2022

FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Dear staff, students and members of the public

There is a fake social media post falsely advertising the availability of space, in a series of academic programmes, for the second semester at DUT.

The fraudsters who are promoting this “fake news” are using the name of Alberts Barnard. Please note that Alberts Barnard does not work as a Corporate Channels Manager at DUT. This is fictitious and designed to scam you.

For your benefit, we have detailed the offending post (below) which promotes the false information currently circulating on some social media platforms:

Corporate Communication

26 July 2022

Availability of space for 2022 second semester

Dear Durban University of Technology previously rejected applicants, we are pleased to inform you that there is availability of space for 2nd semester in the following fields of study.

Bachelor of Education in

Senior Phase and FET

Biotechnology

Electrical Engineering

Food Technology

Bachelor of Commerce

in Accounting

Information Technology

Tourism management

Human Resource

Management

Are you approved by NSFAS, and you have 23+ APS in your matric results? If the answer is yes, then kindly email us on applications@dut.ac.za or alternatively WhatsApp us on 0625483528 to apply.

Issued by:

Alberts Barnard

Corporate Channels Manager

Please note that the afore-mentioned post is fake. Our Communications Department will inform the relevant social media platforms about the false statement and report the fake profile.

DUT will also approach the police as this is fake statement which is a Cybercrime and in violation of The Act. Intentionally misleading the public is a serious offence.

Please remember, for student admission queries and for the availability of space, prospective students are encouraged to contact the DUT Department of Student Admissions or liaise with the relevant faculties directly. Contact details can be found on our website www.dut.ac.za.

The university regrets any inconvenience that these fake social media statements may have caused prospective students and their parents/guardians. Please click on the link: <https://www.dut.ac.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Study-Opportunities-2023.pdf> to review the study opportunities for 2023.

Sincerely

DUT Communications Team

