

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

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Dear staff and students

POWER SUPPLY AND WIFI CONNECTIVITY

Welcome to the first semester of 2023. We wish you a safe and successful year ahead, as we strive to **ENVISION2030**.

Unfortunately, South Africa's energy crisis continued to worsen over the recent festive season and into the new year. The subsequent loadshedding has at times, negatively impacted our services on campus and in residence. However, we have worked hard to minimise the disruptions as and when they occur but the inconsistent power supply, coupled with the frequent power surges, has sometimes damaged equipment and infrastructure.

As reported by the Maintenance team on DUT PinBoard this morning, last Friday (20 January 2023), there was an explosion at a "switch gear" situated on the M.L Sultan campus in Durban. This affected the power supply to some parts of the university and it also comprised the WiFi coverage. The maintenance team is currently working on replacing the damaged switch gear. A generator is being sourced and a further update will be provided when available.

Please remember, if you have any maintenance related queries or questions, please email: maintenance@dut.ac.za.

We thank you for your continued understanding and patience whilst the repair is taking place and the generator is being sourced - and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Sincerely

DUT Management team