



Central University of
Technology, Free State

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Dear Student,

PHASING OUT OF THE NATIONAL DIPLOMA (NDip) PROGRAMMES

1. The above mentioned matter refers.
2. It was announced, on or about 6 July 2016, by the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, in Government Gazette No: 40123_801 (“**Government Notice**”) that the last date for first time entering students enrolling in academic programmes that are not aligned with the Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework (“**HEQSF**”), is 31 December 2019 (“**Phasing-out Date**”).
3. The above mentioned announcement affects all National Diploma (“**NDip**”) programmes offered in the Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology at the Central University of Technology, Free State (“**CUT**”) listed below:
 - 3.1. National Diploma: Engineering: Civil.
 - 3.2. National Diploma: Engineering: Computer Systems.
 - 3.3. National Diploma: Engineering: Electrical (Heavy Current).
 - 3.4. National Diploma: Engineering: Electrical (Electronic Light Current).
 - 3.5. National Diploma: Engineering: Mechanical.
 - 3.6. National Diploma: Building.
 - 3.7. National Diploma: Information Technology (Software Development).
 - 3.8. National Diploma: Information Technology (Web and Application Development).

(hereinafter collectively referred to as the “**Phasing-out Qualifications**”)

4. In accordance with the Phasing-out Plan, as contemplated in paragraph 2 above, CUT has implemented the following phasing out procedure:

- 4.1. The above mentioned Phasing-out Qualifications which are not aligned with the HEQSF will subsequently be phased out in line with the Phasing-out Date.
- 4.2. Students who are registered for any of the Phasing-out Qualifications will be given a specific time period in which to complete their Phasing-out Qualifications, as governed by the guidelines set out in paragraph 5 below.
- 4.3. Students/graduates registered for the Phasing-out Qualifications will be able to progress with their studies to the new HEQSF aligned qualifications, provided that the student/graduate meets the minimum faculty- and programme-specific admission requirements which will be provided to each graduate by him/her contacting the relevant department's contact person as listed in 'Annexure A'.
5. In light of the above, the following will apply:

5.1. Category 1:

5.1.1. Students who are currently registered for –

5.1.1.1. National Diploma: Engineering: Civil;

5.1.1.2. National Diploma: Engineering: Computer Systems;

5.1.1.3. National Diploma: Engineering: Electrical (Heavy Current);

5.1.1.4. National Diploma: Engineering: Electrical (Electronic Light Current); or

5.1.1.5. National Diploma: Engineering: Mechanical,
will have until **30 June 2022** to complete their qualification (based on maximum residency period of 5 (FIVE) years). Notwithstanding the latter, the theoretical subjects must, however, be completed by **15 December 2019**. The students will only be allowed to complete their work integrated learning (“WIL”) modules during the period **2020 to 30 June 2022**.

5.1.2. The last and final intake and registration for the above NDip programmes was **31 July 2017** and no new intake and registrations for the above NDip programmes has taken place as from **31 July 2017**.

5.1.3. It should be noted that the Phasing-out Qualifications mentioned in paragraph 5.1.1 above, have been replaced with a new Diploma (in various specialisations) as per the new HEQSF framework, namely -

5.1.3.1. Diploma in Engineering Technology in Civil Engineering (DP_CVL);

5.1.3.2. Diploma in Engineering Technology in Electrical Engineering (DP_ELE); and

- 5.1.3.3. Diploma in Engineering Technology in Mechanical Engineering (DP_MEC).
- 5.1.4. In addition, should the student successfully complete his/her NDip programme by **30 June 2019**, he/she will be able to register for the B-Tech qualifications before **31 July 2019**. It must be noted that **31 July 2019** will be the final opportunity to register for BTech.
- 5.1.5. In the event that the student did not complete all the required theoretical subjects/modules (excluding WIL modules) of the respective NDip programme by **15 December 2019**, the student will have to either –
- 5.1.5.1. register for the new diploma; or
- 5.1.5.2. take new diploma subjects/modules and apply for subject/modules recognition.
- 5.1.6. The options set out in paragraph 5.1.5 above, will be dependent on the student's specific circumstances as well as on the specific diploma and department, and the respective department will give each student the necessary guidance.
- 5.1.7. The student may approach the relevant department to make an enquiry on –
- 5.1.7.1. the new qualifications/diploma; or
- 5.1.7.2. subject recognition.
- 5.1.8. The relevant contact details are set out in 'Annexure A' to this letter.

Category 2:

- 5.1.9. Students who are currently registered for the National Diploma: Building will have until **15 December 2021** to complete their qualification.
- 5.1.10. The last and final intake and registration for the above NDip programme will be **31 January 2018** and no new intake and registrations will take place after **31 January 2018**.
- 5.1.11. It should be noted that the Phasing-out Qualifications mentioned in paragraph 5.2.1 above, has been replaced with new bachelors' degrees (in various specialisations) as per the new HEQSF framework, namely -
- 5.1.11.1. Bachelor of Construction in Construction Management;
- 5.1.11.2. Bachelor of Construction in Quantity Surveying.
- 5.1.12. In addition, should the student successfully complete his/her NDip programme by **15 December 2019**, he/she will be able to register for one of the bachelors as mentioned above.

5.1.13. In the event that the student did not complete his/her respective NDip programme by **15 December 2019**, he/she will have until the **15 December 2021** to complete his/her qualification (based on maximum residency period of 5 (FIVE) years).

5.1.14. The student may approach the relevant department to enquire about the new programmes. The relevant contact details are set out in 'Annexure A' to this letter.

5.2. Category 3:

5.2.1. Students who are currently registered for -

5.2.1.1. National Diploma: Information Technology (Software Development); or

5.2.1.2. National Diploma: Information Technology (Web and Application Development),
will have until **15 December 2020** to complete their qualification (based on maximum residency period of 5 (FIVE) years).

5.2.2. The last and final intake and registration for the above NDip programmes will be **31 January 2016** and no new intake and registrations for the above NDip programmes has taken place after **31 January 2016**.

5.2.3. The Phasing-out Qualifications stipulated in paragraph 5.2.1 above, have been replaced as per the new HEQSF framework with the following specialised programmes, namely –

5.2.3.1. Diploma in Computer Networking; and

5.2.3.2. Diploma in Information Technology.

5.2.4. In the event that the student did not complete the respective NDip programme by **15 December 2020**, the student will have to proceed to register for one of the Diploma programmes contemplated in paragraph 5.2.3 above.

5.2.5. The student may approach the relevant department to enquire about the new programmes. The relevant contact details are set out in 'Annexure A' to this letter.

6. Thank you for your continued support and I wish you the best with your studies.

Kind regards,



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ANNEXURE A: CONTACT DETAILS

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