



COMMUNIQUÉ TO STAFF AND STUDENTS

2021 ACADEMIC YEAR & NSFAS MATTERS

2021 #6

Dear Staff and Students

Once again, welcome to the 2021 academic year at CUT!

The academic activities at both campuses commenced on 6 April 2021, whilst late registrations are still underway.

As at 15:00 on 7 April 2021, a total of 20 158 students registered and commenced with their studies, of which 5 079 students are at the Welkom campus, and 15 079 are at the Bloemfontein campus. Of these, 874 first-time entering undergraduate students registered at the Welkom campus, and 2 523 at the Bloemfontein campus. We witnessed a decrease in the intake of first-year students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields, which remains a concern.

Furthermore, in order to enhance communication related to the payment of allowances, it was decided that the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) will release regular updates to NSFAS-supported students on the payment of allowances and related matters. Please find attached the first issue in this regard, *NSFAS Update#1*. You will note that allowances of R84,746 million have been paid to 10 981 registered students for the 2021 academic year by 7 April 2021.

On behalf of Management, I wish you a successful 2021 academic year. Make maximum use of the opportunities available to you to achieve your goals and dreams, and to enhance CUT!

Kind regards / *Ditumediso tse mofuthu* / *Vriendelike groete*

Prof. Henk de Jager

Vice-Chancellor and Principal

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