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RE: Return to Campus Level 1

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## **VAAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

# **Continuation of Teaching and Learning for the Academic Year 2020 and Return to Campus under Covid19 Alert Level 1.**

**The Vaal University of Technology** is fast approaching the next phase of its teaching and learning plan for the academic year 2020, in particular the return to the university of the next cohort of students. The University accommodation for returning students cannot exceed the limits imposed by the COVID 19 regulations as announced by the President and the Minister. All students will henceforth be issued with permits to access the campus, with limitations and conditions clearly specified. The return to campus will be strictly via a permit, requires a compulsory induction and will only happen on Mondays between 08:00-16:00. Students will not be allowed to access campus if they arrive after 16:00.

**STUDENTS WITH A PERMIT MAY ONLY RETURN ON MONDAYS BETWEEN 08:00-16:00  
AT THE RESIDENCES MAIN GATE. STUDENTS MUST ATTEND INDUCTION ON COVID19.**

Students are still encouraged to study from where they are, depending on circumstances, to ensure that the occupancy rate is not exceeded.

**STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO STUDY FROM WHERE THEY CURRENTLY STAY AS FAR AS POSSIBLE**

**Laptops for students:** The Vaal University of Technology has pledged to support all students that need access to a device (a laptop), on a loan scheme, in line with the Minister's announcement. The university has distributed laptops to students that indicated they required a device. Should you require a device please follow this [link](#) and complete the form. Queries can also be sent to [alisha@vut.ac.za](mailto:alisha@vut.ac.za).

**STUDENTS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND CONTACT, CLINICAL OR PRACTICAL TRAINING THAT HAVE ACCESS TO DEVICES AND DATA ARE ENCOURAGED TO STUDY FROM WHERE THEY CURRENTLY STAY AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, AND NOT TO RETURN TO THE UNIVERSITY**

### **Congratulations to all students and staff on Semester 1 Results**

VUT is delighted to announce that 94% of registered students participated in Semester 1 Teaching and Learning programme and assessments.

<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Total students Registered for modules</b>	<b>Number of Students assessed</b>	<b>Participation Rate %</b>	<b>Pass rate %</b>
<b>FMS</b>	17 391	16 693	96%	87.4%
<b>FHS</b>	21 726	21 289	98%	89.9%
<b>FET</b>	7 335	6 679	91.1%	84.5%
<b>FACS</b>	13 748	11 991	87.2%	86.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	60 200	56 652	94.1%	87.9%

### **Emergency Remote Learning**

- All semester 2 modules will commence with remote teaching and learning on 14 September, 2020.
- The semester will be completed by 7 December, 2020
- The remainder of Semester 1 will be offered a second time starting on 14 September, 2020 for students that could not participate in the previous period.
- Please note there are no classes, no contact consultations. Students who do not need to return to campus are encouraged to study from home where possible.

The circumstances may change as the situation around Covid -19 risk levels change.

## Practical, Clinical, Contact and WIL training

Each module has different requirements in terms of time required to complete and has been timetabled accordingly, students will be informed of details through their faculty. We plan to complete all contact practical training for all levels by 30 November 2020.

## Blended learning

The theory and practical and contact part of some modules will be split, and students will complete at different times. The final mark for the module will be calculated when both parts of the learning have been completed.

These are unusual times and require unusual solutions. I wish to praise the students and staff of VUT for their endurance and thank them for their support.

**Table 1: Summary of the teaching and learning calendar for 2020.**

Starting Date	Event
From 14 September 2020	Delivery of devices to students that require devices
14 September 2020	Level 2 return of students
14 September 2020	Second offering : Continuation of Semester 1 T&L of theory for all modules through remote learning
14 September 2020	All students commence S2 theory modules through remote learning
14 September 2020	Students requiring practical training & WIL return to campus.
7 December 2020	All students complete semester 2 theory modules
Level 1 (date unknown)	Blended learning and on-campus block sessions for students that could not access remote learning
28 February 2021	End of Academic year 2020

