



VAAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY COVID 19 AND RETURN TO CAMPUS DETAILS: 2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Vaal University of Technology is a contact Teaching and Learning Institution. However, based on the national disaster plan as well as the vaccination status of staff and students, in 2022 we are planning a limited return to campus.

The information stated below may still change for the 2nd Semester. We will issue updates as and when necessary:

RETURN TO CAMPUS INFORMATION

1. Students that need to be present on campus due to academic requirements, as well as students that need to access Emergency Remote Teaching (ERT) through data and/or WIFI, will be expected to return to campus accommodation.
2. The University will still implement ERT and continuous assessment (CASS, a series of mandatory tests) as the main teaching and learning methodology for 2022, with the following adjustments

2.1 Undergraduate Students and Programmes with a Practical Component

Undergraduate students in the following categories need to have accommodation near the campus.

- 2.1.1 All students enrolled for first year modules will return to the classroom for a third of their classes; approximately an hour per week will be face to face, all other teaching will be on-line. (33% face to face / 66% remote teaching)
- 2.1.2 All students enrolled for final year exit level modules will have the assessments (CASS) occurring in classrooms on campus.
- 2.1.3 All students attending practicals, including Advanced Diploma and Postgraduate students up to PhDs will be required to return to campus for their practical classes

3. Advanced, Post Graduate diploma, Masters & Doctorate's (graduate students)

- 3.1 Graduate students may have a limited classroom engagement (20%) and details will be posted on the individual module VUTELA sites.
- 3.2 Graduate students will have access to campus and the library

4. Sports and Other Activities

- 4.1 Students who wish to participate in sports and other activities will need accommodation near the campus.
- 4.2 Students enrolled in modules or programmes not mentioned above will access teaching and learning through ERT and CASS online. This may be through university or accredited accommodation.

5. Online proctoring will be implemented for online assessment.

6. Vaccination

- 6.1 Currently, there are no vaccination exclusions all consultations with the relevant authorities and stakeholders have been concluded.
- 6.2 Only students on class lists may access the campus.
- 6.3 All people accessing the campus will be screened.
- 6.4 Covid 19 protocols will be observed at all times.

Students are encouraged to vaccinate to allow VUT, and indeed the country, to exit the National State of Disaster.

Applications and Registrations

Applications and registrations of first-time entering students (first years) will continue until further notice. The registration of this category of students will be on first-come-first-served basis. The University cannot, unfortunately allow all admitted students to register as there are limits in place for enrolment planning purposes. Should there be a need for the University allow increased quota in certain programmes, this will be done within reason, by the faculty concerned utilizing established protocols.

Registrations for returning students (senior students) will remain open whilst the NSFAS issues are being resolved. Once this matter has been finalized, the senior registrations will be closed.

Academic Records

The online academic self-help portal is now active as was promised earlier in the year. Students can now access their academic records from the portal. An earlier notice has the necessary details.

Completion letters

The institution is aware of delays in the issuing of completion letters for students. The institution is busy addressing the matter and it is hoped that it will be resolved as soon as possible. The main problem is capacity in this regard but it is being addressed.

Commencement of classes

Classes will commence once VUT manages to finalise registration, which has been extended due to circumstances beyond our control, to give all students a fair chance to participate. Students will be informed when classes start. VUT requests students to follow VUT media.