SERVICES/ PROJECTS RENDERED

- Compile a data base for all staff and students with disabilities.
- Offer advice on teaching and learning methods to teaching and academic staff seeking support.
- Produce academic related material for people with disabilities in accessible formats.
- Recruitment of volunteers.
- Involvement in improving the physical accessibility on campus for all persons with disabilities.
- Sign language interpreting for people with hearing impairment, including note taking and other assistive measures.
- Assistance with registration,bursary and loan applications and interviews, as well as individual administrative support.
- Networking with organisations for people with disabilities including institutions of higher learning and the community in general regarding training, advice and support.
- Registration with DSO after registration with VUT and provide the relevant documentation (e.g. letter from doctor or hospital confirming disability).
- Liaison with academic staff, tutors and peer helpers.
- Adapted study material, referrals and exam concessions.



DSO renders support for the following categories of staff and students with disabilities:

PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT

- amputation
- paraplegia .
- celebral palsy

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

- Blind
- Partially blind

HEARING

• Deaf

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Hard of hearing

LEARNING

- Dyslexia •
 - Attention deficit disorder

MENTAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT

psychiatric illness or condition

OTHER

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- Chronic illness



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VISION

 To ensure that VUT increasingly becomes an accessible Higher Education Institution for people with disabilities.

MISSION

 To remove barriers that prevent students and staff with disabilities from fulfilling their full potential.

PURPOSE

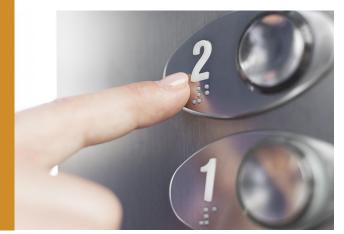
- To offer reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities in all areas of university life, if not immediately, but on an incremental basis.
- To foster positive and empathetic attitudes towards people with disabilities.
- To provide individuals with the choice (registration/ employment) to disclose their disability or not, in line with relevant legislation.
- To progressively ensure that all future buildings, enovations, facilities, and services provided by the university comply with universal design principles.
- To ensure incremental basis on the University designJayout, parking and access to its buildings (including private accommodation and leased facilities) accommodate the need of people with disabilities.
- To provide for the establishment of a Disability Services Office (DSO) that will provide dedicated support services to people with disabilities.
- To promote equity for people with disabilities through access to course, buildings, learning material, residences, leisure and sport opportunities.



CLASSROOM

- Exam concessions
- Recorders
 - Tutors
- FM Systems
- Accessible Study Material
- Laptops
- Desk Magnifiers
- Notes







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