



8 MAY 2026

**NOTICE TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY
GRADUATION CEREMONIES: 13-15 MAY 2026**

1. The University community is informed that the 2026 autumn graduation ceremonies will take place at the University Sports Complex from 10:00 on the dates indicated below:
 - a. Wednesday, 13 May 2026: School of Medicine
 - b. Thursday, 14 May 2026: Schools of Dentistry and Science and Technology
 - c. Friday, 15 May 2026: Schools of Health Care Sciences and Pharmacy

2. Important graduation statistics
 - a) A record **1 525** students will be graduating and **1033 (67,7%)** of them are undergraduates and **492 (32.3%)** are postgraduates. Among the postgraduates, **122 (8%)** will receive Postgraduate Diplomas; **188 (12.3%)** Honours Degrees; **168 (11%)** Master's Degrees, and **14 (0.9%)** PhDs.
 - b) In terms of racial demographics: **1444 (94.6%)** are African, **10 (0.8%)** Coloured, **24(1.5%)** Indian, and 47 **(3%)** White.
 - c) A total of **1052 (69%)** women will be graduating.
 - d) A total of **153 (10%)** of undergraduates entered the University through the Extended Curriculum Programme (ECP).
 - e) **A total of 32 (2%)** will be graduating **cum laude**, and **21 (1%) summa cum laude**.
The table below shows the graduation statistics according to school and qualification.

TABLE 1 GRADUATION STATISTICS								
SCHOOL	HIGHER CERT	DIPLOMA	UD DEGREE	PG DIPLOMA	HONS	MASTER'S	PHD	TOTAL
School Of Dentistry			135	1		8		144
School Of Health Care Sciences			215	109		54	5	383
School Of Medicine	27	27	284		92	62	5	497
School Of Pharmacy	29		69	12		23	2	135
School Of Science & Technology			247		96	21	2	366
TOTAL	56	27	950	122	188	168	14	1525

3. In terms of tickets for guests, two **(2)**, tickets will be given to guests of Undergraduates, Honours and Masters graduands while four **(4)** to guests of Doctoral graduands.
4. Children under the age of seven **(7)** will not be allowed in the hall during the ceremony.
5. Graduands and diplomandi as well as their guests should be seated by 9:30.
6. The doors will be closed at 9:50, before the entry of the academic procession. The ceremony is expected to finish after approximately two hours.
7. Please note that it will be busy at the main entrance to the University campus: To avoid delays, staff and students are advised to come early. Alternatively, you can use Gate 6 (on the other side of George Mukhari Hospital).
8. There will be livestreaming of the ceremony on YouTube. We encourage staff and students to watch the ceremony live by using the following links:
 - a. 13 May 2026 - School of Medicine
<https://youtube.com/live/isKAz3ISyKA?feature=share>
 - b. 14 May 2026 - School of Dentistry and School of Science & Technology
https://youtube.com/live/n_Pn5RBFRxw?feature=share
 - c. 15 May 2026 - School of Pharmacy and School of Health Care Sciences
<https://youtube.com/live/mPRLH2sS3GA?feature=share>
9. If you require more information, feel free to contact the following staff members:

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Alternatively, you can visit the University website for more information.

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