



**TO: STUDENTS AND STAFF**

**FROM: DR JM MABELEBELE, REGISTRAR**

**DATE: FRIDAY, 16 JULY 2021**

**SUBJECT: REVISED ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR THE BALANCE OF 2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

- 1 As a result of the recent suspension of academic activities, the Executive Committee of Senate has approved the following:
  - 1.1 The standard summative assessments in the School of Science & Technology (for both undergraduate and postgraduate students) scheduled to commence on Monday, 19 July 2021, be rescheduled to commence on Monday, 26 July 2021; and
  - 1.2 The standard summative assessments in the School of Health Care Sciences for undergraduate students only scheduled to commence on Monday, 19 July 2021, be rescheduled to commence on Monday, 26 July 2021. However, in the event that a School and the relevant Department decide to proceed with the assessments during the week of 19-21 July 2023 for sound academic reasons, the School will communicate the final decision to the affected students at its earliest opportunity.
  - 1.3 The above decisions under (1.1 and 1.2) notwithstanding, **all other assessments (of both formative and summative nature) in the other three Schools (Medicine, Pharmacy and Oral Health Sciences) for both undergraduate and postgraduate students will take place in line with the already published and agreed upon timetables, which have been communicated to students already by the respective Schools.**
- 2 As a result of these changes, the calendar of the University has now been amended (see changes highlighted in yellow in the

attached summary of the revised calendar as Annexure 1) for your ease of reference.

### Annexure 1: Summary of important dates – remainder of 2021

Days	Date	Activity
<b>CONTINUATION OF FIRST SEMESTER ACTIVITIES (10 WEEKS) – 7 June 2021 – 13 August 2021</b>		
Monday	7 June 2021	<b>Continuation of academic activities of the University.</b>
Friday	11 June 2021	<b>Closing date for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancellation of courses and/ or modules</li> <li>• Changing of courses and/ or modules</li> <li>• Exemption from attending a course or module</li> <li>• Submission of applications for exemption from courses passed at other universities and interruption of studies for the 2021 academic year</li> <li>• Late registration for all undergraduate and postgraduate students</li> </ul>
Thursday	22 July 2021	Closing date for the submission of assessment marks for the mid-year Examinations
Friday	23 July 2021	Publication of list of students eligible for <b>standard</b> examinations
Monday	26 July 2021	Mid-year standard examinations commence students in the School of Science and Technology and School of Health Care Sciences, refer to decision 1.2 above).
Friday	30 July 2021	1) Closing date for submission of 2022 Applications for all undergraduate programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, Bachelor of Dental Surgery, BSc (Physiotherapy), Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Dental Therapy, Bachelor of Oral Hygiene; Bachelor of Radiography</li> <li>• Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery; BSc, BSc (Dietetics), Bachelor of Speech, Language Pathology and Audiology, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Oral Hygiene; Higher Certificate in Vaccinology, Higher Certificate in Medical Emergency</li> </ul>
Friday	6 August 2021	• <b>Mid-year year standard examination end</b>
Wednesday	11 August 2021	• <b>Last Day: Schools Examination Commission Meeting for Standard Examinations</b>
Friday	13 August 2021	• <b>End of Semester 1</b>
Monday	16 August 2021	<b>COMMENCEMENT OF SEMESTER 2 (20 WEEKS), 16 August 2021 – 15 January 2021</b> <b>Commencement of supplementary examinations</b>
Tuesday	17 August 2021	<b>Last Day: Release of standard examination results (18h00)</b>
Friday	20 August 2021	<b>Supplementary examinations end</b>

Friday	27 August 2021	<b>Last Day: Release of supplementary examinations (18h00)</b>
Monday	15 November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closing date for the submission of assessment marks for End-of year Examinations</li> <li>Publication of formative assessment-marks for End-of-Year Examinations</li> </ul>
Wednesday	22 November 2021	Commencement of standard examinations
Friday	3 December 2021	End of standard examinations
Wednesday	8 December 2021	<b>Last Day: School Examination Commission for Standard Examinations</b>
Wednesday	15 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commencement of supplementary examinations</li> </ul>
Friday	18 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Last Day:</b> Release of standard examinations results (undergraduate and postgraduate students) (16h00)</li> </ul>
Tuesday	21 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supplementary examinations end</li> </ul>
Monday	22 December 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oath taking ceremonies for eligible final year students in the School of: Health Care Sciences, Medicine.</li> <li>Oath taking ceremonies for eligible final year students in the School of: Oral Health Sciences and Pharmacy</li> <li>All academic activities are <u>adjourned</u> for 2021</li> <li>University closes: All administrative activities end for 2021</li> </ul>
Wednesday	5 January 2022	<b>University re-opens to continue with outstanding 2021 academic year activities.</b> <b>All administrative activities of the University commence</b> <b>All academic activities of the University commence</b>
Tuesday	11 January 2022	<b>Schools Examination Commissions for supplementary examinations</b>
Friday	15 January 2022	<b>Last Day: Release of the supplementary examination results.</b> <b>End of Semester 2</b>

- 3 In light of the tighter academic programme, Schools are allowed to continue with academic and clinical activities, after consultation with students during these days to make up for the lost time:
  - a) Weekends (Saturday & Sunday), particularly for penultimate and final year students; and
  - b) Public Holidays.
- 4 As indicated previously, the above extra-ordinary days can also be used for assessments, and students are also encouraged to use these times to catch up on their required clinical hours.

- 5 Whilst this revised calendar provides broad parameters to guide Schools when developing their catch up plans and assessment plans as they deem appropriate, it should be underscored that any deviation from the approved calendar should first be approved by Senate (Executive Committee of Senate in its stead, before it would come into effect.

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