

19 September 2017

**Dear Student**

**Phase-out of the National Diploma in Civil Engineering and Phase-in of the Diploma in Civil Engineering**

The Department of Civil Engineering and Surveying will be offering the **Diploma in Civil Engineering** in 2018, which will replace the National Diploma in Civil Engineering.

The purpose of introducing this qualification is to align with the new Higher Education qualification sub-Framework (HEQSF) as Gazetted by the South African Department of Education on 2 August 2013. This is a requirement placed on all Higher Education institutions.

Students who are returning to complete their qualification will be admitted on the current National Diploma (ND) qualification. Once the qualification has been phased out, students can be articulated into the Diploma in Civil Engineering by applying for recognition.

**Phase-Out Plan for the National Diploma**

Year		National Diploma	
		<i>Students doing subject for first time</i>	<i>Repeat students</i>
2017		National Diploma Civil Engineering students who have passed all S1 and S2 subjects in 2017 will continue with Experiential Learning in 2018. 2017 First year students who fail S1 subjects for the second time during 2017 will be given an opportunity to join the ECP Diploma Programme in 2018. All pre and co requisites will be strictly adhered to for admission.	
2018	S1	No S1 subjects offered on National Diploma	Repeating 2017 students may apply for recognition of subjects on the Diploma.
	S2,S3, S4	All subjects offered	
2019	S1, S2	No S1, S2 subjects offered on National Diploma	
	S3, S4	All subjects offered	
2020	S3, S4	Final offering of S3, S4 subjects.	

**Phase-Out Plan for the National Diploma ECP (extended programme)**

Year		National Diploma	
		Students doing subject for first time	
2017		S1X- students passing all S1 subjects will continue with the S2 part of the programme in 2018. Exclusion rules will be strictly applied.	
		S2X- students who have passed all S2 subjects in 2017 will continue with Experiential Learning in 2018.	
2018	S1	No S1 subjects offered on National Diploma	Repeating 2017 students may apply for recognition of subjects on the Diploma (subject to the exclusion criteria).
	S2,S3,S4	All subjects offered	
2019	S1,S2	No S1,S2 subjects offered on National Diploma	
	S3,S4	All subjects offered full time	
2020	S3,S4	Final offering of S3, S4 subjects	

Students are requested to **sign the attached acknowledgement form** that they were informed of the Phase-out of the National Diploma Civil Engineering and the Phase-in of the Diploma in Civil Engineering. Acknowledgement forms to be submitted to the Departmental secretary by **no later than 29 September 2017**.

Yours sincerely



Ms A Kamalie,  
**Head of Department**

## Equivalent subjects: National Diploma Civil Engineering and Diploma in Civil Engineering

Diploma in Civil Engineering	National Diploma Civil Engineering
Engineering Physics Engineering Mathematics 1 Engineering Drawing 1	No comparable subject Mathematics 1 Technical Drawings Topographical Drawings Civil Drawing 2: Module 1 Civil Drawing 2: Module 2
Computer Skills Surveying	Computer Skills 1 Surveying 1 (Theory) Surveying 1 (Practical) Surveying: Civil (Theory) Surveying: Civil (Practical)
Applied Mechanics Professional and Technical Communication Engineering Chemistry Construction Materials Technology	Applied Mechanics 1 Communication Skills 1 No comparable subject Construction Materials 1 Construction Methods 1
Theory of Structures Engineering Mathematics 2 Engineering Management	Theory of Structures 2 Mathematics 2 Management: Civil 1 Management: Civil 2
Engineering Drawing 2 Introduction to Environmental Engineering Water Engineering 1	No comparable subject No comparable subject Water Engineering (Hydraulics) 2 Water Engineering (Water & Waste Water Treatment) 2
Structural Analysis	Structural Analysis 2 Structural Analysis 3
Geotechnical Engineering	Geotechnical Engineering 2 (Theory) Geotechnical Engineering 2 (Practical) Geotechnical Engineering 3 (Theory) Geotechnical Engineering 3 (Practical)
Transportation Engineering	Transportation Engineering 2 Transportation Engineering 3
Civil Engineering Documentation	Documentation 3: Specification Documentation 3: Civil Engineering Quantities Documentation 3: Estimating Documentation 3: General conditions of contract
Applied Mathematics Water Engineering 2	No comparable subject Water Engineering 3 (Hydrology) Water Engineering 3 (reticulation design)
Engineer in Society Engineering Design	No comparable subject Structural Steel & Timber Design 3 Reinforced Concrete & Masonry Design 3
Integrated Computer Project Civil Industrial Project (WIL)	No comparable subject Civil Engineering Practice 2 Civil Engineering Practice 3

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**Acknowledgement of information regarding the Phase-out of the National Diploma  
Civil Engineering and Phase-in of the Diploma in Civil Engineering**

I hereby acknowledge receipt of information regarding the Phase-out of the National Diploma Civil Engineering and Phase-in of the Diploma in Civil Engineering.

I understand that if I have not progressed to year two of the National Diploma Civil Engineering by the end of 2018, I will be transferred to the Diploma in Civil Engineering and will repeat year one.

I am aware that there will be financial implications if I am transferred to the Diploma based on my academic performance.

I accept to comply with any appropriate actions to overcome any unforeseen WIL implications that may occur due to the phase-out of the National Diploma.

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Student Number:

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