

Communique to Pre-2009 PG Students

The Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) has recognised that there is a large number of pipeline students that have registered to beyond the stipulated time for their respective degrees. This is stated in the guide "Postgraduate Studies @ CPUT 2013" as 1-5 years FT and 2-5 years PT for Master studies and as 2-6 years FT and PT for Doctoral studies. The University has also recognised that various reasons led to this state of affairs and that this is not healthy for all concerned. It is not financially viable to have students in the system to beyond the maximum time. It also places the University in a situation where it becomes impossible to admit new students. The problem must be addressed with finality.

To this end, please be advised that on Monday 10th March 2014 the Senate of the University approved the proposal that all pre-2009 Masters and Doctoral students who have not yet graduated (except for those who had applied for break in studies) be given a two-year grace period in order to complete their studies, that is with effect from 2014 and in 2015. All students in this category must submit the thesis for assessment by 11 December 2015. The usual fee payment processes will apply. No further extension will be granted for these students, including the application for break-in-studies. Students who are unable to complete within this stipulated time will not be allowed to register for the same course at CPUT.

All affected students are advised to register by 31 May 2014. Students that fail to register by this date shall forfeit this opportunity and will be completely removed from the system by June 2014.

Special arrangements in terms of supervision can be discussed with the relevant Head of Department as well as with the Centre for Postgraduate Studies (cpgs@cput.ac.za). The University will make every effort to provide assistance to these candidates and to ensure that proper supervision takes place.

Once again please, the affected students must ensure that they register no later than 31 May 2014.

This Communique is issued on behalf of CPUT by the Centre for Postgraduate Studies.