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The Graduate Centre for Management qualifications being phased out and phased in – a NOTICE from the Head of Department

1. The purpose of this communication from the CPUT Graduate Centre for Management is to provide information on the articulation options available to all graduates of its B Tech Business Administration and M Tech Business Administration qualifications, as from 1 January 2020.
2. The Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) (2013) is a national directive from Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) to align South African higher education qualifications into a new national higher education qualification system.
3. Under the HEQSF the following programmes provided by the CPUT Graduate Centre for Management will be phased out.
 - 3.1. Bachelor of Technology: Business Administration (NQF level 7)
 - 3.2. Master of Technology: Business Administration (course based, NQF level 8)
 - 3.3. Master of Technology: Business Administration (research only, NQF level 8)
 - 3.4. Master of Technology: Business Information Systems (research only, NQF level 8)
4. As at the end of 2019 no new students may be admitted to be registered for these qualifications.
5. The Graduate Centre for Management will continue to admit returning B Tech students for registration by CPUT from the beginning of 2020 until the end of 2022, so they may complete their qualifications. It will also continue to admit returning M Tech students for registration by CPUT from the beginning of 2020 until the end of 2024, so they may complete their qualifications.
6. Under the HEQSF the following qualifications will be phased in by the CPUT Graduate Centre for Management. These are new qualifications offered at different NQF levels to the ones being phased out. The Graduate Centre for Management is applying to offer the following qualifications.
 - 6.1. Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration (NQF level 8)
 - 6.2. Post Graduate Diploma in Supply Chain Management (NQF level 8)
 - 6.3. Master of Business Administration (course based, NQF level 9)
 - 6.4. Master of Business Administration (research only, NQF level 9)
 - 6.5. Doctor of Business Administration (research only, NQF level 10)
 - 6.6. Bachelor of Business Informatics (NQF level 7)
 - 6.7. Master of Business Informatics (research only, NQF level 9)
 - 6.8. Doctor of Business Informatics (research only, NQF level 10).

7. These new programmes will only be open to admit students to be registered by the CPUT when they have received all the necessary approvals.
8. The B Tech in Business Administration at NQF level 7, will qualify the student to apply for admission into a Master's programme at NQF 9 level. Admission will depend on meeting criteria, such as having attained a minimum average percentage at the B Tech level. The business school Masters' qualifications will include a Research Methodology module. On implementation of the PGDip in Business Administration, BTech graduates will be required to articulate into the PGDip before being admitted to any Master's qualification. When the PGDip is offered, BTech graduates will no longer be allowed direct access to Master's qualifications.
9. The M Tech qualification is at NQF level 8. It will qualify the student to apply for admission into a Doctoral programme at HEQSF level 10.
10. The CPUT Graduate Centre for Management has negotiated an agreement with the CPUT Department of Business and Information Administration for enrolment space during 2020 to admit students who wish to be considered for admission to its MBIA qualification (research based), but supervised and administered by the staff of the business school. It proposes to keep this arrangement in place until such time as the new Masters qualifications of the business school are properly approved.

Signed : 

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