

Dear Students and alumni,

Communiqué to Sport Management Students and Alumni regarding the Introduction of the new HEQSF-aligned qualifications from 2020 onwards: Phase in / Phase out of programmes

The revised South African Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework, (HEQSF) (2013) is a new national directive from the Department of Higher Education and Training to align South African Higher Education (HE) qualifications into one national higher education system. The HEQSF provided new qualification types for HE, which necessitated curriculum revision and the introduction of new qualifications in the Sport Management Department from 2020 onwards.

In relation to the above, the Minister of Higher Education and Training has stipulated that "...the last date for first time entering students enrolling in academic programmes that are not aligned with the Higher Education Qualifications Sub-Framework" is 31December 2019. (Government Gazette No. 40123, Vol. 1636, July 2016).

The proposed new suite of qualifications to be introduced in the Sport Management Department have been designed and developed over a number of years, following consultation with our academic colleagues both overseas and in South Africa, as well as our industry based advisory board members; however prior to being included in our 'programme offerings' they must gain approval from the Council for Higher Education (CHE), Department of Higher Education (DHET) and the South Africa Qualifications Authority (SAQA).

New programmes

From 2020 onwards the proposed new programmes include the Diploma in Sport and Leisure Management; the Advanced Diploma in Sport and Leisure Management; the Post Graduate Diploma in Sport and Leisure Management. These new qualifications will provide articulation into our existing Masters in Sport Management as well as the proposed Doctoral Degree. An additional qualification that we are considering as part of our programme offerings pending its release as a formal qualification by the CHE is the Bachelors Degree in Sport Coaching.

What is the difference between the old qualifications and the new?

The following table compares the old (non-HEQSF-aligned) qualifications with the new (HEQSF-aligned), with regard to NQF level, qualification types and credit values:

| Old NQF Levels | Previous qualification structure | New NQF Levels | New qualification structure |
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| 8 | No current qualification: new HEQSF qualification | 10 | Doctorate in Sport Management (TBC) (360 credits) |
| 8 | Magister Technologiae MTech in Sport Management (180 credits) | 9 | Master in Sport Management (180 credits) |
| | No current qualification: new HEQSF qualification | 8 | Postgraduate Diploma in Sport & Leisure (TBC) Management (120 credits) |
| | No current qualification: new HEQSF qualification | 7 | Advanced Diploma in Sport & Leisure Management (2020 / 2021) (120 credits) |
| 7 | Baccalaureus Technologiae (B Tech: Sport Management) (120 credits) | | No new qualification: Old NQF qualification |
| 6 | National Diploma in Sport Management (360 credits) | 6 | Diploma in Sport & Leisure Management (360 credits) |

Phase in / Phase out process

- All undergraduate programmes will be phased out systematically. In addition, all new Sport Management qualifications will only be offered on one consolidated campus. Therefore, the current ND Sport Management will be phased out on the Wellington Campus. However, students registered for a programme (either on Mowbray or Wellington Campus) will be allowed to complete it within the designated time period.
- The Advanced Diploma in Sport and Leisure Management will replace the existing BTech in Sport Management. The introduction of the Advanced Diploma in Sport and Leisure Management is proposed in 2020 pending the final approval of delivery arrangements. It is envisaged that the Post Graduate Diploma in Sport and Leisure Management will be part of the programme offerings in 2021.

A new student who applies to CPUT:

New applicants will be subjected to an admission and selection process to assess if they meet the minimum requirements to be admitted to the Diploma in Sport and Leisure Management and/or the Advanced Diploma in Sport and Leisure Management.

Students applying for Postgraduate qualifications will also need to comply with the admission and selection process to assess if they meet the minimum requirements.

A currently enrolled student at CPUT who has not yet completed their qualification:

Current undergraduate students will be allowed to complete their current BTech: Sport Management for a certain period, after which, they will be articulated onto the new qualification.

A student who has had a break in studies, or a returning student who has not yet completed their qualification:

Students who are returning to complete their qualification will be taken back on the current qualification if it is still offered at the time of their return. If the qualification has been phased out, they will be articulated into the new qualification.

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