

URGENT UNIVERSITY NOTICE

29 May 2025

RESUMPTION OF UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS ON MONDAY, 2 JUNE 2025

Dear Students and Staff,

We extend our sincere apologies for the confusion, concern and disruption experienced in recent days. The uncertainty caused by the planned water shutdown has understandably impacted your academic and operational schedules. It is important to clarify that this matter originated outside the University and was not within our control.

It seems our earlier formal appeal submitted to the Executive Mayor of Emfuleni, has materialised amid later than anticipated. We have now received official confirmation, communicated this afternoon Thursday 29 May 2025, just after we had issued our communication regarding suspension of academic activities.

This confirmation comes after intensive discussions between Rand Water, the municipality and national stakeholders. While the broader shutdown will proceed in other regions, our campuses are not expected to experience any service interruptions. However, we remain alert to any potential changes and continue to monitor the situation closely.

Accordingly, the University will resume all academic activities, including scheduled examinations, from Monday 2 June 2025.

This brief pause has underscored the need for the University to strengthen its emergency response capacity and to investigate long term solutions that can better insulate us from future disruptions of this nature.

We appreciate your understanding, resilience, professionalism and continued commitment to our academic mission. Your patience during this period has not gone unnoticed, and we commend you for upholding the values of our institution.

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