



FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (FET)

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TQ: FET NATIONAL DIPLOMA STUDENTS

To the students who were registered for the phased-out National Diploma but could not complete it before the programme was phased out in December 2023 and now want to transition to the new Diploma qualification, kindly read this letter to familiarise yourself with the rules and regulations attached to the transition as approved by the Senate for the faculty.

Qualifying Students for the Transitioning

- Students can apply for the transition if they have been enrolled for the National Diploma in the past seven (7) years (in compliance with relevant institutional policies, including the Admissions Policy and the Procedure Governing Exemptions and Credit Requirements Policy).

Non-Qualifying Students for Transition

- Students enrolled for the National Diploma previously but not registered in the past seven years are not eligible for the transition. They must register for the entire new Diploma qualification and will not be eligible for credits/exemptions.
- Students with outstanding first year modules at the National Diploma do not qualify for transitioning into the new Diploma qualification. They will be required to register for the entire new Diploma qualification and will not be eligible for credits/exemptions.

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Content and Credits Exemption

- National Diploma WIL (P1 and P2) credits shall be transferred as is to the Diploma qualification.
- All students who completed all theoretical modules in the National Diploma but have outstanding P1, P2, or both must register for WIL under the new Diploma.

Other Modules Which Make Up the Balance of the 360 Diploma Credits

- Students should first enrol and complete any other outstanding module for the second or third year before they can register for WIL and before any exemption will be given. The theory modules are a pre-requisite to the WIL module.
- Students should only be exempted based on the equivalence in Content, Credit, and NQF Level under the National Diploma to the new Diploma module equivalence map per qualification programme, as the Senate accepts.
- All students must register for Mathematics 3 (AMMAT3A) as a compulsory module where applicable.
- The remaining modules exempted or registered into the New Diploma must be mixed and matched so that the total credits added to the WIL and first-year credits total 360 Diploma credits.

ECSA Graduate Attribute (GAs) Competence Evaluation

- When all the abovementioned requirements are met, students must complete a non-credit-bearing capstone project covering all the Graduate Attributes to comply with ECSA quality assurance standards.
- There must be evidence for compliance with evidence availability for students meeting the minimum competence requirements in exit-level ECSA GAs.

For all the students who qualify, applications should be submitted to Mrs Gapenyane Motswana, on the email gapenyanes@vut.ac.za on or before Tuesday, the 14th November 2025. **This is the final opportunity for eligible NDip students to transition to the Diploma programme.**

For the students who already submitted their applications, there will be no need to resubmit. The Change of Course and the Transition forms are attached.

Students who are approved must register for the academic year for which approval was granted (2026). Furthermore, students are required to complete all outstanding modules within the 2026 academic year.

Kind Regards



Prof Khalid Abou-El-Hossein
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