



## **OFFICIAL REGISTRATION NOTICE: UPDATE ON THE 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR**

The Vaal University of Technology (VUT) issues this official registration communiqué to provide clarity regarding the registration process for the 2026 academic year, particularly in relation to first time entering students.

The University acknowledges that registration for first time entering students was scheduled to commence on **19 January 2026**. However, due to a combination of challenges related to the implementation of a new registration system, VUT was unable to proceed as planned.

These challenges include:

- Delays in the uploading and verification of 2025 National Senior Certificate results
- System integration constraints between the University's banking interface and internal registration systems, which affected the real time reflection of registration deposits
- The need to stabilise online systems to ensure accuracy, fairness, and data integrity for all applicants

The University sincerely apologises to prospective students, parents, and guardians for the inconvenience and anxiety caused by these delays. VUT recognises the importance of registration as a critical milestone and deeply regrets the disruption experienced by families during this period.

Registration for first time entering students will now commence on **Thursday, 22 January 2026**, once all systems are fully aligned and operational. This decision has been taken to safeguard the integrity of the registration process and to ensure that no student is unfairly disadvantaged.

### **1. Registration Modality and Campus Access**

All registrations for the 2026 academic year will be conducted **online only** through the official VUT Student Portal.

**NO WALK-IN OR PHYSICAL REGISTRATIONS WILL BE PERMITTED ON CAMPUS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

No registration related services will be offered on campus. Access to University premises during this period is restricted to authorised academic and operational activities only.

This approach is intended to:

- Ensure a stable, secure, and fair registration process,
- Prevent unnecessary travel and congestion on campus, and
- Protect students and parents from misinformation and fraudulent practices.

## **2. Eligibility to Register**

Only applicants who have:

- Received official admission confirmation from VUT, and
- Met all academic and administrative requirements will be permitted to proceed with online registration.

Applicants who have not been formally admitted will not be able to access the registration platform.

## **3. Capacity Constraints**

VUT continues to experience exceptionally high demand for limited programme spaces. Registration will therefore be managed strictly in line with approved enrolment targets.

Once programme capacity has been reached, **no further registrations will be permitted**, regardless of demand or circumstance.

## **4. Protection of First-Time Entering Students and Fraud Alert**

The University is acutely aware that periods of uncertainty, such as registration delays, create opportunities for exploitation, particularly targeting parents and first-time entering students. VUT unequivocally states that no individual or entity

has the authority to sell admission or registration spaces, fast track registration, influence outcomes, or offer any form of guaranteed placement.

The University further cautions against individuals or organisations who claim to provide registration assistance in exchange for payment, request cash or private payments outside official University systems, or present themselves as appointed agents or intermediaries. VUT does not appoint third parties to manage or facilitate registration, and any such claims are false, misleading, and constitute fraud.

Parents and guardians are strongly urged to exercise vigilance and to rely exclusively on official University communication channels. Failure to do so may result in financial loss and emotional distress. All suspected fraudulent activity should be reported immediately through official University channels.

## **5. NSFAS Propensity Letters**

The Propensity Form applies to final-year students who are applying to NSFAS for N+1 funding and who have received direct communication from NSFAS requesting completion of the form.

This process **does not constitute registration and does not override the no walk in or online only registration policy.**

Students are required to ensure that Section A of the form is completed and submitted to the relevant Head of Department for completion of Sections B and C, signature, and official stamping, in line with faculty specific arrangements communicated directly to affected students. Thereafter, the student must submit the form directly to NSFAS.

NSFAS has extended the closing date for appeals to **31 January 2026.**

## **6. Queries and Official Support Channels**

All registration related enquiries must be directed **only** to the official channels below:

**VUT Call Centre:** 0861 861 888

**Email:** [studentenquiries@vut.ac.za](mailto:studentenquiries@vut.ac.za)

The University will not respond to registration enquiries via personal contacts or unofficial platforms.

## **7. Official Communication**

Further updates regarding registration will be communicated exclusively **through official VUT platforms**, including:

- The VUT website: [www.vut.ac.za](http://www.vut.ac.za)
- Official VUT social media platforms
- Direct communication to registered applicants

VUT remains steadfast in its commitment to a fair, transparent, and student-centred registration process. All prospective students and stakeholders are urged to engage only through official VUT platforms and approved procedures and to disregard any unauthorised individuals or misleading information circulating outside these channels.

By working together and adhering to the prescribed processes, we can ensure a safe, credible, and efficient registration experience for all. VUT looks forward to welcoming its students into an academic environment defined by integrity, excellence, and opportunity.

### **Issued by:**

Office of the Registrar