

# CHAPTER 17

## ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

### 17.1 DEFINITIONS

In this chapter, unless otherwise indicated –

- 17.1.1 “**the Act**” means the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997);
- 17.1.2 “**admission**” means the permission TUT grants to an applicant to commence studies, thereby allowing such applicant to register for a particular programme in a particular academic term;
- 17.1.3 “**Council**” means the Council of the Tshwane University of Technology, as duly constituted in terms of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997), as amended;
- 17.1.4 “**international student**” means a non-South African student;
- 17.1.5 “**SAQA**” means the South African Qualifications Authority;
- 17.1.6 “**Senate**” means the Senate of TUT, duly constituted in terms of the provisions of section 28 of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997), as amended, and in terms of the University’s Statutes; and
- 17.1.7 “**TUT**” means the Tshwane University of Technology, as duly constituted in terms of the provisions of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997), as amended.

### 17.2 RULES

- 17.2.1 International students shall be admitted to study at TUT in terms of the rules and regulations approved by the Council, in consultation with the Senate. For all statutory admission requirements, refer to Chapter 1.
- 17.2.2 No international student shall be allowed to register for a qualification at TUT unless he or she meets the minimum admission requirements, as approved by the Council.
- 17.2.3 International students must contact the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) beforehand to have their qualifications evaluated.
- 17.2.4 If an international applicant who had previously registered as a student at a tertiary institution outside the Republic of South Africa, discontinued his or her studies at that institution before obtaining the diploma or degree he or she had registered for, he or she must, before registering at TUT, submit an original academic record of such studies, a certificate of conduct issued by the Registrar of that institution, and a certificate of evaluation from SAQA.
- 17.2.5 International students must obtain an application form for admission to study at TUT from the Information Offices or online.
- 17.2.6 All applications received from prospective international students shall be submitted to the International Office of TUT for consideration.
- 17.2.7 The International Office of TUT, in consultation with the academic departments, inform an international student who has applied to study at TUT whether or not his or her application has been approved. No other office shall be allowed to communicate such information.
- 17.2.8 No international student shall be allowed to study at TUT unless he or she is in possession of a study permit issued by the Department of Home Affairs. If a student has been admitted to TUT, it does not imply that he or she will automatically receive a study permit, and it is therefore imperative that a prospective international student await the outcome of his or her application for a study permit before he or she approaches TUT to register formally.



- 17.2.9 Only after an international student has complied with all the requirements of the Government for entering South Africa and has been issued with the necessary authorisation (study permit), may he or she formally register at TUT.
- 17.2.10 An international student must ensure that his or her study permit is renewed before the expiry date. In the case of a student failing to submit a copy of such a renewal, his or her registration for the academic term concerned will be summarily cancelled, and any fees he or she has paid will be forfeited.
- 17.2.11 An international student must ensure he or she has sufficient medical aid cover as recognised by the Department of Home Affairs and provided by the Medical Aid Scheme Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998). Such cover must be paid for twelve (12) months in advance before registration.

