

# COMMUNIQUE

## Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching & Learning

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### Special examinations for qualifications that phased out in December 2023

Dear student,

The University has taken cognisance of the number of students who have failed to complete their qualifications before they phased out in December 2023. Since many of these students only have a few modules left, the TUT Senate has granted permission for them to write special exams for modules that are not prerequisites for follow-up modules, except if these modules are prerequisites for Work Integrated Learning (WIL).

These special exams will be written **from 18 to 28 June 2024** during the next formal supplementary examination period.

Senate also agreed that students who pass these special exams and only have the WIL module outstanding, will be allowed to register for their WIL module in the second semester of 2024.

#### **Important information to note:**

**Before 12 April 2024**, students who qualify for the special exams must pay the approved special examination **tariff of R583 per module** at the Fees Office, complete the special exam application form and submit it at their academic department.

Students must meet the criteria (listed below) to qualify for these special exams. The results for these special exams will be backdated to June/December 2023.

It is important for students to note that these special exams will be the last opportunity to complete the phased-out qualifications, no further assessment opportunities will be granted. In addition, there will be no supplementary exam opportunities based on the special exam results or further special exam opportunities due to absenteeism for any reason.

Students who were excluded in semester 1 of 2024, because the qualification phased out, will be allowed back into the system to write the special exams. If they fail any of the exams, they will remain excluded. If they pass all of the exams, their exclusions will be lifted because their qualifications will either be completed, or they will only have to register for WIL.

#### **Requirements to qualify for the June 2024 special examinations:**

- Students should have been registered during 2023 for qualifications that phased out in December 2023.

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- Students should have been registered for the modules during 2023 (year modules or semester modules in semester 1 or semester 2 of 2023).
- Students with modules outstanding who write the special exams will be able to complete the phased-out qualification if they pass these special exams or will only be left with Work-integrated Learning.
- For exam assessment modules, students should have been registered for the modules during 2023 and received exam entrance via predicate. As per exam policy, the predicate mark of the last time the student qualified for exam in this module will count 50% and the mark of the special exams will count 50% towards calculating the final mark. Students also need to achieve the subminimum pass requirement of 40% in the special exam.
- For continuous assessment modules, students must have written the summative assessment and failed the module to qualify to write the special examination. The final mark will be calculated according to the assessments' 2023 weights for the module. Only the final mark will be entered into the system.