

Date: 16 May 2022

Attention: Maritime industry stakeholders

**RE: CPUT Maritime Studies department– phase out of qualifications**

This communique serves as an update to related communication shared on 01 June 2021.

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) published a notice (dated 6 July 2016) which announced that all the qualifications registered in terms of the eight level National Qualifications Framework (NQF) would be phased out as all qualifications had to be aligned to the new 10 level framework. A qualification in phase out is a programme on the old NQF that cannot be offered in terms of the new HEQSF, however it remains a valid and verifiable qualification with value in the system.

The DHET announcement, which is applicable to all universities across South Africa, indicated that the last year in which new students could be enrolled on these old programmes was 31 December 2019. Students who enrolled for the first time before this date will be allowed to apply if they continue to meet the academic rules and progression rules\* of the university.

Important for CPUT Department of Maritime Studies is that qualifications such as the National Diploma in Maritime Studies as well as Marine Engineering are now in their final period of phase out with the **final application period to register for the 2023 academic year** being:

16 May – 30 September 2022 (local applicants)

16 May – 31 August 2022 (international applicants)

In summary:

**No NEW intakes i.e. S3 and S4 will be permitted in 2024 for phase out qualifications.**

Should you have any queries, you are welcome to contact me directly as per the contact details provided below or should you have queries regarding the progression rules and recognition of prior learning (RPL), kindly contact Mr Matthew Schouw via email at [schouwm@cput.ac.za](mailto:schouwm@cput.ac.za)

Communication regarding the way forward post the phase out will follow.

Kindest regards



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\*Progression rules: If a former CPUT student (including students from the Cape Technikon and Peninsula Technikon, Teacher and Nursing Colleges and any other feeder institution that makes up CPUT as the current University) requests to continue with his/her studies after 10 years (Academic Rules and Regulations, point 4.2.2 p12) (2016), this application is regarded as an RPL application. The aim of the RPL assessment will be to determine whether the person's knowledge gained in the workplace is relevant, sufficient and current in relation to the current qualification which the person studied before and now wants to continue with. The assessment is done on the currency of the knowledge in the field of discipline and profession. The RPL application is handled as an application for exemptions.