

Origins of Universities in South Africa

Segregation

Apartheid

Post-1994

Have to sort out the column 'begins' – by legal creation or actual operation?

Name	Origin	Begins	Notes
University of Cape Town	1829	1918	Origins in the South African College, which prepared students for exams of the University of London. Created by Act 14 of 1916. Begins operations in 1918.
Rhodes University	1855	1951	Origins in St Andrews College in Grahamstown. University level courses begin in 1878. Out of this emerges Rhodes University College in 1904. Created through Act 15 of 1949.
University of the Free State	1873	1950	Origins in Grey College in Bloemfontein. This became Grey University College in 1910 through Act 5. Created through Act 21 of 1949. Incorporated campuses of
University of South Africa	1873	1873, 1916, 1951	Has its origins in the University of the Cape of Good Hope, established in 1873 in Cape Town as an examining rather than teaching institution. Becomes University of South Africa in 1916, based in Pretoria and remaining an examining institution (Act 12 of 1916). In 1951 it becomes a distance correspondence university.
Stellenbosch University	1866	1918	Udenominational Public School begins in Stellenbosch in 1866. In 1881 it becomes Stellenbosch College and in 1887 becomes Victoria College. Created by Act 13 of 1916. Begins operations in 1918.
University of the Witwatersrand	1896	1922	Origins in the South African Schools of Mines established in Kimberley. In 1903 this becomes the Transvaal Technical Institute in Johannesburg and then the Transvaal University College in 1906. The College becomes the South African Schools of Mines & Technology in 1910, and University College Johannesburg in 1920. Created by Act 15 of 1921.
University of Pretoria	1908	1930	Origins in the Transvaal University College, with the splitting of the original one in Johannesburg and creation of a site in Pretoria in 1908. Became a university in 1930
University of Natal	1909	1949	Act 18 of 1909 establishes Natal University College in Pietermaritzburg. A branch was created in Durban in 1931. Created through Act 4 of 1948.
University of Fort Hare	1916	1916 1959 1969	Established as South African Native College in 1916. In 1951 it became the University College of Fort Hare affiliated to Rhodes. In 1959 it came under state control and became one of five ethnic universities created by the Extension of Universities Education Act.
Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education	1919	1951	Established in 1919, with roots in the 1869 Theological School of the Reformed Churches in South Africa in Burgersdorp. In 1933 becomes Potchefstroom University College for Christian Higher Education. Created by Act 19 of 1950.

University of the North (post-1994, Limpopo)	1959	1969	Establishment of the University of the North in Turfloop, Northern Transvaal, as a constituent college affiliated to the University of South Africa.
University of Zululand	1959	1969	Establishment of the University of Zululand in Ngoye, Natal as a constituent college affiliated to the University of South Africa
University of the Western Cape	1959	1969	Establishment of the University College of the Western Cape in Bellville as a constituent college affiliated to the University of South Africa
University of Durban Westville	1959	1969	Establishment of the University College for Indians in Durban, as a constituent college affiliated to the University of South Africa
University of Port Elizabeth	1964	1965	Created by University of Port Elizabeth Act 1 of 1964.
Rand Afrikaans University	1966	1967	Created by Rand Afrikaans University Act 5 1of 1966
Medical University of Southern Africa	1976	1976	Created in 1976 and began in 1978. Veterinary science and dentistry from 1982
University of Transkei	1976	1976	Initially a branch of the University of Fort Hare.
University of Bophuthatswana	1978	1982	Created in 1978, enrolments from 1980
University of Qwaqwa	1982	1982	Branch of the University of the North?
Viata University	1983	1982	
Technikon Witwatersrand	1903	1979	Establishment of Technikon Witwatersrand in Johannesburg Had its origins in the Transvaal Technical Institute established in 1903. In 1925, the Witwatersrand Technical Institute was instituted, and became the Witwatersrand Technical College in 1930. In 1968 it became the Witwatersrand College for Advanced Technical Education.
Mangosuthu Technikon	1979	1979	Establishment of Mangosuthu Technikon in Umlazi, Natal.
ML Sultan Technikon	1930	1979	Its roots lay in the Indian Technical Education Committee of 1930 and the provision of technical education in the early 1930s. In 1946 the Minister declared the ML Sultan Technical College an approved institution for Higher Education, in terms of the Higher Education Act of 1923. The ML Sultan Technical College opened in 1956. It became a College of Advanced Technical Education in 1969.
Natal Technikon	1907	1979	It began as the Durban Technical Institute in 1907, later became the Natal Technical College, and in 1969 a College of Advanced Technical Education.
Port Elizabeth Technikon	1882	1979	Its roots were in the Port Elizabeth Arts School, founded in 1882. In 1969 it became a College for Advanced Technical Education. In 1985, it incorporated the Saasveld Forestry College which had been Tokai School for Forest Apprentices founded in Cape Town in 1912.
Vaal Technikon	1966	1979	Originally a College for Advanced Technical Education created in 1966.
		1979	Establishment of Technikon Northern Transvaal
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		1979	Establishment of Technikon South Africa in
			Establishment of Pretoria Technikon in Pretoria

Cape Technikon	1920	1979	Had its roots in the Cape Technical College, which was established in Cape Town in 1920. In 1969 it became the Cape College for Advanced Technical Education.
Peninsula Technikon	1962	1979	Began life in Cape Town in 1962 as the Peninsula Technical College. In 1967 it moved to Bellville, and in 1979 became the Peninsula Colleges for Advanced Technical Education.
Technikon Free State	1981	1981	Establishment of Free State Technikon in Bloemfontein. Became CUT?
Vista University	1981	1981	Established with campuses in Bloemfontein, Daveyton, Mamelodi, Port Elizabeth, Sebokeng, Soweto, and Welkom, and a distance education campus in Pretoria.
Border Technikon			In East London
Eastern Cape Technikon	1985?	1994?	Established initially as a campus of the University of Transkei in Butterworth in 1985?
University of Venda	1982	1982	Created by Venda Bantustan government in Thohoyandou
Durban University of Technology		2002	Created from merger of Natal Technikon and ML Sultan Technikon with campuses in Durban and Pietermaritzburg.
Vaal University of Technology		2004	Campuses in Secunda, Kempton Park, Klerksdorp, Upington and Vanderbijlpark
Central University of Technology		2004	Campuses in Bloemfontein and Welkom
Tshwane University of Technology		2004	Created as a merger of the Technikon Northern Gauteng, Technikon North-West and Technikon Pretoria, with campuses in Pretoria, Mbombela, Polokwane, Ga-Rankuwa, Soshanguve, and Witbank
University of KwaZulu-Natal	1909 & 1959	2004	Created through merger of the universities of Natal and Durban-Westville, with campuses in Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Pinetown, and Westville
North-West University	1919& 1979	2005	Creation of from merger of University of Bophuthatswana in Mafikeng and Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education
Walter Sisulu University	1976 & ??? & ???	2005	Created by merging the University of Transkei in Umtata, Border Technikon in East London and Eastern Cape Technikon in Butterworth
University of Johannesburg	1966 & 1903	2005	The result of a merger of the Rand Afrikaans University, Technikon Witwatersrand, and the Soweto and East Rand campuses of Vista University
Nelson Mandela University	1964 & 1979	2005	A merger between the University of Port Elizabeth and Port Elizabeth Technikon, with the Port Elizabeth campus of Vista University being incorporated into UPE in 2004.
Cape Peninsula University of Technology	1979	2005	Created from merger of Cape Technikon and Peninsula Technikon with campuses in Cape Town, Bellville, Mowbray, and Wellington.
University of Mpumalanga	2013	2013	One of two new post-1994 institutions. Established in Mbombela, Mpumalanga.
Sol Plaatje University	2013	2013	One of two new post-1994 institutions. Created in Kimberley, Northern Cape

Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University	1960 & 1976	2014	Reestablished in Ga-Rankuwa by separating the previous Medical University of South Africa from the University of Limpopo after they were merged in 2005.
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