

REASONS ACCEPTED FOR ACCESS TO THE 2024 SUPPLEMENTARY MAIN END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATIONS

1. Timetable reasons:

Only the following circumstances are acceptable for timetable reasons:

1.1 If the student must write two modules in the **same time slot**.

The student's personal examination timetable must be attached to the application form.

1.2 If the student must write two modules in **consecutive time slots on the same day**. **The student's personal examination timetable must be attached to the application form.**

2. Improvement of marks:

Improvement of marks can be requested in the following situations:

2.1 "A student who has passed a module but wishes to improve the final mark – provided that a final mark of at least 60% has been obtained – must, within the time allowed and on the prescribed form, apply for an assessment opportunity to improve their marks." (*General Academic Rules and Regulations A18.3(f)*).

The student's most recent academic record containing the outcome of the relevant module must be attached to the application form.

2.2 "A student in her/his final year with a final mark between 50% and 59%, who wishes to improve her/his final mark in a module with the sole purpose of gaining admission to a subsequent postgraduate qualification (Postgraduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours or a Master's Degree, but not a Doctoral Degree) must, via the academic head of department and with the dean's approval, within the specified time, apply for admission to an assessment opportunity in the form of a supplementary examination. The mark obtained in this assessment opportunity to improve the mark is recorded on the student's study record together with a note indicating that the student obtained this mark in an assessment opportunity to improve the mark, with the proviso that only the highest mark obtained will be reflected on the student's study record."

(*General Academic Rules and Regulations A18.3(j)(i)*).

The student's most recent academic record containing the outcome of the relevant module, and the recommended motivation must be attached to the application form.

"A student who was promoted in a module but who wishes to improve the final mark – provided that a final mark of at least 70% was obtained – must apply for an assessment opportunity to improve her/his mark, only to be written during the relevant supplementary examinations within the specified time and on the prescribed form."

(*General Academic Rules and Regulations A18.3(i)*).

The student's most recent academic record containing the outcome of the relevant module, and the recommended motivation must be attached to the application form.

2.3 Students who participated in the main examination and failed the relevant module cannot apply for access to the supplementary examination for this module.

3. Extraordinary circumstances:

Only the following circumstances are acceptable as unforeseen circumstances:

3.1 When an **illness** diagnosed by a registered medical practitioner, psychologist, homeopath, or professional nurse prevents the student from attending the main examination. Such

diagnoses should be made within **three (3) working days** of the examination session being missed.

The official medical report (Section B of the E001 form), completed by a registered medical practitioner, psychologist, or professional nurse, must be attached. Any other documents additional to the medical report that could support the application for medical/psychological reasons can be attached.

3.2 Any circumstances that prevented the student from participating in the main examination and could be considered on **empathetic or humane grounds**, e.g., the death of an immediate family member (**compassionate reasons**).

An affidavit made with the South African Police Service (SAPS), describing the circumstances for compassionate grounds, must be attached to the application form.

A SAPS-certified copy of the death certificate must be attached to the application form (if applicable).

3.3 Any convincing, credible, and conclusive circumstances that occurred without warning and were beyond the control of the student (**compelling reasons**, including work-related reasons).

An affidavit made to the SAPS, describing the compelling circumstances, must be attached to the application form.

A SAPS case number must be included in the affidavit if the student was involved in a motor vehicle accident or if a criminal act was committed against the student, e.g., theft of belongings.

A confirmation on an official letterhead from the student's employer confirming that the student will not be able to sit for the main examination due to operational requirements at the workplace must be attached to the application form (if applicable).

The original examination timetable from the other university (e.g., UNISA) or a certified copy thereof must be attached to the application form, where applicable.