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## **Mr Joseph Khohloloane graduates from UCT**

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The University of Cape Town confirms that Mr Joseph Khohloloane graduated today. It is UCT policy that students who have outstanding debts cannot graduate. This is not unique to UCT. However, it must be noted that UCT, when requested, and despite the unpaid debt, will confirm to potential employers that the students indeed completed the academic courses successfully. We do this in order to ensure that the student is not prejudice in securing employment because of the outstanding fee debt.

UCT has a very generous financial aid system to help students in financial need. In fact we distribute some R141 million a year to students from various sources. It is, however, expected that students pay UCT the fee that they have agreed with the institution. Student fees are a large proportion of UCT's income and we are reliant on that income to sustain our operations.

We are grateful that only about 0.6% of our annual student fees are unpaid at each year-end. We encourage students to seek guidance if they are struggling to pay the fee debt after qualifying. As an example, the Department of Higher Education and Training makes available some funding that, in certain cases, can assist students who have completed degrees but are unable to repay the financial commitments they agreed to.

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