

14 December 2017

Subject: Deferred exams

By 13 December, the Deferred Exam Committee (DEC) had approved 3714 deferred exams for 2455 students. The DEC continues to deal with the remaining requests for reconsideration from students whose applications were not initially approved and who later provided further motivation. By close of business on Friday, 15 December, most students will have received the final decision of the DEC. A small number of cases remain pending, and these are receiving attention. Please note that the decision of the DEC is final and may not be appealed. Requests for review will only be possible on grounds of procedural irregularity on the part of the DEC or if the decision of the latter was irrational based on the information it had before it. Students who request such a review need to be clear as to why you believe the DEC should have reached a different outcome in deciding your application. In requesting a review, please provide all relevant information, include your submissions to the DEC as well as the letter from the DEC informing you of its reason(s) for declining your application. Your request for a review must be submitted to vc@uct.ac.za by Monday, 18 December 2017, in order for it to be considered before the January 2018 timetable is released. No review requests will be considered beyond this deadline.

In cases where students wrote the exam and the subsequently applied for deferral of the exam they already sat, these have been declined. The DEC cannot approve a deferral in these circumstances.

Students who applied for a deferral but had not heard the outcome before the day of the exam were advised to write the exam. If you wrote the exam and passed, the pass mark will stand even if the deferral was granted. So, if you passed and were granted a deferral, you do not need to take the exam again in January 2018.

The year is drawing to an end and your results will be available on PeopleSoft self-service on 22 December. The January 2018 exam timetable will also be released on the examinations website on 22 December 2017.

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