



OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Clarification on Short Learning Programme (SLP) Applications and Refund Process

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The Vaal University of Technology (VUT) has recently noted a high volume of applications—approximately 6,500—for its Short Learning Programmes (SLPs). A significant number of these applications were submitted by Grade 12 students seeking undergraduate studies, who may have mistakenly applied for SLPs instead of full-degree programmes. Additionally, some of these applicants proceeded to make deposit payments under the incorrect assumption that these courses are equivalent to formal undergraduate qualifications.

To clarify, SLPs are non-degree, non-diploma short courses designed for skills development and professional growth, and they do not form part of undergraduate studies. These programmes serve specific industry, and workplace needs and are not intended for first-time university applicants.

Immediate Actions by VUT

Recognising the confusion caused, VUT is taking urgent steps to address the situation as follows:

- Refund Process Initiated** – Affected applicants who made deposit payments in error will be eligible for a refund.
- Clear Communication to Applicants** – Emails will be sent directly to all affected applicants explaining the refund procedure.

Refund Application Process

Applicants who wish to request a refund must follow these steps: Send proof of all payments to peggyb@vut.ac.za and maninik@vut.ac.za

- *Obtain a Bank confirmation letter of the account where the refund must be paid into. Email this confirmation letter with the proof of payment to the same email addresses.*

VUT remains committed to ensuring fairness and transparency in addressing this matter. We urge all affected applicants to apply for refunds within 14 days to facilitate swift processing.

For **queries or further assistance**, please contact:

✉ maninik@vut.ac.za and peggyb@vut.ac.za

☎ 016 950 7733 or 016 950 7867

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to resolve this issue efficiently.

Issued by:

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