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TVET LETTERED CIRCULAR NM

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RE: REVISED DATES FOR TRIMESTER 2 AND 3

TO: Acting/Principals *[Distribution of circular by Office of DDG: T]*

CC: Acting/Regional Managers *[Distribution of circular by Office of DDG: T]*

After several consultations with Principals and Campus Managers, discussions within the TVET team responsible for the TVET college calendar and broader consultation through the lettered circular NK, it has emerged that the majority are in favour of postponement of the second Trimester (T2) examinations by a period of three (3) weeks rather than cancelation of third Trimester (T3). This circular therefore serves to concur with and communicate the majority view. The following principles will therefore be followed for the remainder of the 2021 Academic year:

1. **Examinations** to be postponed by 3 weeks to begin on **17 August 2021** and end on **07 September 2021** (16 days).
2. The ICASS requirements for T2 NATED Engineering studies will be adjusted to allow for more teaching and learning time;
3. College **lecturers** to reopen for **T3** on **04 October 2021**;
4. **Students** to reopen for **T3** on **07 October**;
5. At least 45 teaching days in T3;
6. **Examinations for T3** to take place in **January 2022**;

7. Colleges will get a brief period in January 2022 to prepare students for exams;
8. Results for T3 to be released possibly in first or second week of March 2022; and
9. Due to late start in 2022, there will only be two Trimesters for Nated Engineering Studies.

A revised TVET Calendar will follow in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr SZ Zungu', written over a horizontal line.

Mr SZ Zungu

Deputy Director-General:

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Date: *28 July 2021*