

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **“UNISA OPENS 2018 APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION”**

ATTENTION: EDITORS, PRODUCERS, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL REPORTERS

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The University of South Africa (UNISA) has open the online applications for admission, 2018 academic year. The application processes takes place as follow:

- **14 August – 29 September 2017** for Undergraduate qualifications: higher certificate diplomas & degree, advanced certificate, advanced diplomas, Postgraduate Certificates in Education and BTech Degrees.
- **11 September – 13 November 2017** for Honours and Postgraduate Diplomas & Masters and Doctoral Degrees

#### **Who must apply?**

- Anyone wanting to start a new qualification must apply for admission. This includes first-time Unisa applicants and Unisa students changing to a new qualification.
- Anyone completing a Higher Certificate or Alternative Pathway / Extended Programme must apply for admission to the follow-on qualification.
- You must re-apply for admission if you previously applied for admission and received feedback, but did not register for any reason.
- Anyone planning to enroll for classes at a Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) college under the Unisa-TVET agreement must apply for admission.

#### **How to apply?**

- You can apply online.
- Applicants who plan to enroll for classes at a Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) college under the Unisa-TVET agreement may apply via the relevant TVET college or at Unisa via the online or self-help options.

#### **Upload supporting documents:**

- Everyone applying for a new qualification must submit the required documents (all first-time applicants and Unisa students starting a new qualification).
- Unisa does not provide scanners or electronic devices. Please ensure that your documents are scanned and uploaded to an electronic device before starting the application process.



**Pay the application fee once you've received a student number from Unisa:**

- R105 for online applications
- R160 for hard copy applications (non-degree purposes only)
- Use the student number you receive from Unisa AND the application fee reference number (ie STUDENTNUMBER 5370810030)
- Visit [www.unisa.ac.za/paymentinfo](http://www.unisa.ac.za/paymentinfo) for banking details and payment information.

Please note that the application fee is non-refundable even if you decide not to study through Unisa or do not qualify for admission to Unisa. For security purposes, the University does not accept cash at any of its offices. Any application submitted without an application fee will not be processed. Please ensure that you keep a copy of your proof of payment. The due date for the application fee is the closing date for the application period.

Unisa is the largest university on the African continent and attracts a third of all higher education students in South Africa. The university has over 300,000 students, including African and international students in 130 countries worldwide, making it one of the world's mega university.

*“This year the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) has published the top 800 ranked universities since 2003 based on a set of criteria applied to some 1200 universities across the world. The criteria favour institutions with a high number of publications in journals of nature and science, the number of articles indexed in science citation indices and per capita performance. Unisa’s ranking falls in the top 500-800 band which was not previously published, though we did feature in this category. We nonetheless take pride in the fact that the published rankings are an affirmation of our ranking amongst the top 800 universities rank by the ARWU”* said Professor Mandla Makhanya, Vice-Chancellor and the Principal of UNISA.

*“Unisa is a dedicated open distance education institution. The Open distance learning (ODL) entails a student-centred approach that gives students flexibility and choice over what, when, where, and how they learn, and provides them with extensive student support. As a comprehensive university, Unisa offers both vocational and academic programmes, many of which have received international accreditation, as well as an extensive geographical footprint, giving their students recognition and employability in many countries the world over”,* concluded Prof Makhanya.

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