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Unisa set to confer 16,900 qualifications at the 2026 Spring Graduations, adding to the 44,712 conferred during the Autumn Graduations

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The University of South Africa (Unisa) is set to confer **16,900** qualifications, including degrees, diplomas and certificates, during its 2026 Spring Graduations, which will take place from 5 October to 20 November 2026.

This will add to the **44,712** qualifications conferred during its 2026 Autumn Graduations earlier in the year, bringing the total number of qualifications conferred in the 2026 Academic Year to **61 612**.

The Spring Graduation ceremonies will be held at venues across Pretoria, Mbombela, Polokwane, East London, Durban and Cape Town, as well as in Asmara, Eritrea and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Among the graduates will be:

- 300 doctoral graduates;
- 417 master's graduates;
- 1,209 honours and postgraduate graduates;
- 9,741 undergraduate degree graduates; as well as
- 5,233 graduates receiving one- and two-year certificates.

The 2026 Spring Graduations mark another significant milestone for Unisa, celebrating the academic achievements of thousands of graduates from South Africa and beyond.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the graduation ceremonies. The details for the respective ceremonies, per city, are as follows:

Pretoria:

Date : 05, 06, 07, 08, 14,15, 16, 19 and 20 October 2026

Times : 09:00, 14:00, 18:00

Venue : 3rd Floor, ZK Matthews Great Hall, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Building, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus, Tshwane

East London:

Date : Monday, 05 and Tuesday,06 October 2026

Time : 10:00 and 15:00

Venue : East London International Convention Centre, 22 Esplanade Rd, East London.

Polokwane:

Date : Thursday, 08 and Friday, 19 October 2026

Time : 10:00 and 15:00



Venue : The Ranch Resort, N1 Road 101, Farm Hollands Drift, Polokwane.

Durban:

Date : Monday, 12, Tuesday, 21 and Wednesday 14 October 2026

Time : 10:00 and 15:00

Venue : Durban Exhibition Convention Centre, 11 Walnut Road, Durban Central, Durban.

Cape Town:

Date : Monday, 12 October 2026

Time : 10:00 and 15:00

Venue : Cape Town International Convention Centre, No 1 Lower Long Street, Cape Town.

Mbombela:

Date : Thursday, 15 October 2026

Time : 10:00 and 15:00

Venue : Emnotweni Arena, Ext1 Eastern Boulevard, Riverside Park, Mbombela.

Bloemfontein:

Date : Friday, 16 October 2026

Time : 10:00 and 15:00

Venue : PACOFS Sand Du Plessis, 12 1st Avenue, Bloemfontein.

Eritrea:

Date : Thursday, 26 November 2026

Time : 16:30

Venue : Asmara, Eritrea

Ethiopia:

Date : Saturday, 28 November 2026

Time : 16:30

Venue : Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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