

## Academic Newsletter

### Dates to look out for:

- Examination Period — 1 July - 21 July

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Exams. Year Tests. What ever you want to call them, they are the worst thing a student can experience. Even more so for the Accounting Sciences student.

With us now finding ourselves in a completely new environment for writing exams, there are a lot of challenges we need to overcome. For many, myself included, adapting to online tests has been a painful process. So, how do you make a success of your exams?

Firstly, make sure you have the data, devices and environment you need. The university has launched a second round of data applications, which can be found on the portal. Make sure you have devices compatible with online testing. Reach out to a friend or HouseCA if you need help with this.

Your environment is important for your success. Of course, many of us simply do not have the extra space available. However, it is more important than ever that you make the best use of the

space you have. Make sure to communicate with your family or those you live with, so you are able to study and write to the best of your abilities.

Secondly, prepare well.



Reach out to your lecturers if you do not understand work. Speak to your peers about the work and revise work that has been covered during the year. Practice the work under exam conditions to ensure you will be able to complete the exams in the given time. Now is the time to start your preparation, and catching up.

The best way to do this is make sure to allocate your time wisely. This means drawing up a timetable. Each day should have a specific






module and section of work that you will tackle. Of course, do not overwork yourself. Allocate time to take breaks, as this is an important part of the study process. When you are working, limit your distractions. Its okay not to check your Twitter or Instagram feed for an hour or two.

Lastly, set targets or goals. This should actually be the first thing you do, before you begin studying. Not only should you set targets for what mark you aim to achieve in each module, but daily and weekly targets are important too. This links back to the timetable point above. By the end of each day, and then the end of each week, you should have a set of goals that you will have achieved. Be it mastering *that* topic, or catching up on that module you've neglected (we all have one), a set of daily and weekly goals is important.

Ultimately then, exams are all about preparation. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail, as the old saying goes. So, lets get to work, and crush these year tests.

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## Working From Home

*Article written by: Nqobile Mbhele, qualified Chartered Accountant and Assistant Audit Manager at Mazars.*



Working from home can either be a blessing (for those of us who hate sitting in traffic) and a curse (for those who prefer being in a formal environment while working. However, during this unprecedented time where the country is dealing with COVID-19, we all in the same boat and forced to either work or study from home.

Staying motivated and focused while working or studying at home is a massive challenge for everyone. We have to deal with temptations such as our beds; the fridge and TV. To overcome these temptations and keep motivated and focused, I believe that we need to always be reminded and aware of the end goal, why we wake up every day to go to work where work or study

what we study.

This should be the primary driver and pushing factor that keeps us motivated and going even when times are tough or even when we reach the occasional lazy phase at work or during our studies.

It's worked for me during my university studies when I failed my 3rd year while studying for my BCom (Accounting Sciences) degree at UP. When I failed, in order to get up and try again I had to be motivated again. I reminded myself why I chose to study Accounting and re-ignite the focus and motivation spark.

Today, I am a qualified accountant (having passed both the ITC and APC first time) and doing what I love – Auditing. Doing what I love and being at a firm where I feel at home and a part of a big family keeps me going now during this time where I need to be productive while working at home.

This article wouldn't be complete if I didn't mention the biggest motivators in my life – my wife and daughter. In all that I do and strive for, they are my support base and best cheerleaders.



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## Human Trafficking: What is it and how is it relevant to you?

Human trafficking is the illegal trade of people for the purposes of exploitation. As the world's second largest and fastest growing criminal industry, it affects every nation across the globe, it is modern-day slavery.

A21 is a global anti-human trafficking organisation that exists to end slavery, everywhere forever. It is estimated that over 40.3 million men, women & children worldwide are affected by human trafficking with an estimate of 155 000 people enslaved in South Africa alone.

There are 5 types of trafficking that exists today.

- Sex trafficking
- Forced Labour
- Bonded Labour
- Domestic Servitude
- Child Soldiers

Of these listed above, sex trafficking, forced and bonded labour as well as domestic servitude is the most common forms of trafficking in South Africa. The most common way that someone is tricked into a trafficking situation is through false job opportunities. As a student, looking to earn additional income or launching your career, it is wise to be aware of some of the ways in which traffickers may present false job opportunities to you.

Some red flags, when applying for a job, to be aware of are:

- Travel fees paid for (In instances where the job is in a different location)
- Immediate traveling required
- No contract to sign
- Contract is in an unknown language
- No official paperwork
- Handing over passport or ID to employer (In instances where the job is in a different country)
- No experience needed or we will train you

- "You'll earn so much money"
- Fully paid accommodation
- No landline communication
- Sketchy websites, email addresses or various cell phone numbers used in communication

If you are exploring a new job opportunity, our South African National Human Trafficking Hotline can assist you in vetting the opportunity to determine the legitimacy thereof.

Call 0800 222 777, or e-mail us at:

[info@0800222777.org.za](mailto:info@0800222777.org.za), our call centre is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you would like to learn more about human trafficking or ways to get involved, check us out below:

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National Trafficking Hotline

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A CALL TO ACTION.

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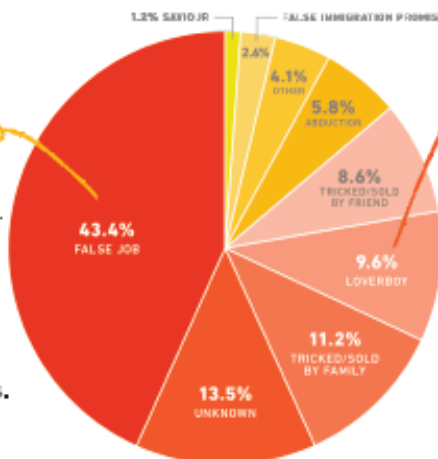
## WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human Trafficking is the illegal trade of people for the purposes of forced labour & sexual exploitation. As the world's fastest growing criminal industry, it affects every nation across the globe, it is modern-day slavery.

## HOW ARE VICTIMS RECRUITED?

### RED FLAGS:

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- No contract to sign.
- Contract is in an unknown language.
- No official paperwork.
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### GROOMING/LOVERBOY:

Seducing or tricking a person by building an emotional connection or relationship. The motive is to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse or exploitation later. This can happen online or in person.

### STAGES OF GROOMING:

- **Ensnaing:** wins trust and confidence through friendships.
- **Taking control:** using threats, demanding love is 'proved' and repay 'debts'.
- **Creating dependance:** through isolation from friends and family.
- **Total dominance:** creating a willing victim.

## HOW TO STAY SAFE ONLINE:

### AVOID:

- posting intimate photos or photos with personal information (i.e. your street address, car registration, etc).
- posting in real time.
- sharing personal details (phone numbers, address, etc)

### DO NOT:

- accept every "friend" request, or engage in 'deeper' friendships online with people you have never met before.
- agree to meet someone alone; just because you know someone on the internet, does not mean that you actually know them.

Once posted,  
always posted:  
What you post online  
stays online.  
Protect yourself on  
social networks.

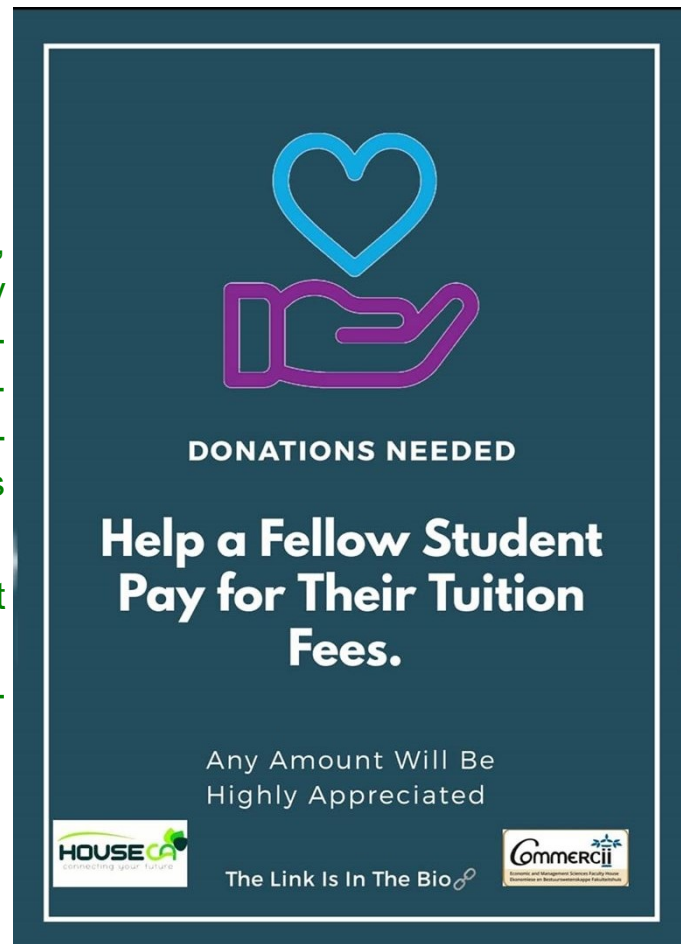
### HELPFUL CONTACTS:

Human Trafficking Hotline: 0800 222 777 - SAPS: 08600 10111 - ChildLine: 0800 055 555 - LifeLine: 0861 322 322  
Child Welfare Helpline: 0861 424 453 - GBV Hotline: 0800 428 428 - Missing Children South Africa: 072 647 7464 - Pink Ladies: 072 214 7439

## Back an Accounting Buddy!

A fellow Accounting Sciences student, Kudzai Charangwa, who is currently completing his CTA, is requesting financial assistance. Due to the current economic situation in Zimbabwe, it has become difficult for his family to pay for his tuition.

Please visit the BackABuddy page, at <https://www.backabuddy.co.za/kudzai-charangwa>, to find out more and to donate.



A campaign poster with a dark teal background. At the top is a logo consisting of a blue heart outline above a purple hand outline. Below the logo, the text 'DONATIONS NEEDED' is written in white. The main headline reads 'Help a Fellow Student Pay for Their Tuition Fees.' in white. Below this, it says 'Any Amount Will Be Highly Appreciated'. At the bottom, there are three logos: 'HOUSE CA connecting your future' on the left, 'The Link Is In The Bio' in the center, and 'Commerciil' on the right.

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**Help a Fellow Student Pay for Their Tuition Fees.**

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## House CA Hoodie Update

Good news, the hoodies are finished!

Our supplier has been able to finalise every single one of the hoodies that have been ordered by students.

You will be able to collect the hoodies once we can all return to campus.

We are awaiting an announcement from the university as to when we will be able to return to campus. As soon as we know, we will communicate the procedure for collecting the hoodies in a way that is safe for all.

We thank you for bearing with us during this trying time.





## HouseCA Buzz

The coronavirus has forced us to all to observe social distancing, and stay at home. Currently, all we have to keep us busy are online lectures. However, HouseCA has come up with a fun way to help you stay busy during lock-down.

The **HouseCA Buzz** is a weekly feel-good pamphlet that has shared with students on a weekly basis. So far we have shared quite a few with you, and the response has been great! As usual, the HouseCA Buzz will be shared on all our social media pages.

Featured are tips to make a success of the impending exam season. We also have a fun riddle, and a "Did you know" segment.

If you have any suggestions for content you want featured in the **HouseCA Buzz**, send us a direct message on Instagram or Facebook. For now, enjoy!



## HOUSECA BUZZ

A WEEKLY FEEL-GOOD PAMPHLET

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### WHAT'S INSIDE

Study Tips for The Exam Season

Riddle Me This

Did You Know?

### STUDY TIPS FOR THE EXAM SEASON

With exams coming up, we've included some study skills to help you ace those papers:

1. Have a designated and organized work space.
2. Meditate.
3. Take a break for five (5) minutes for every twenty-five (25) minutes of studying.
4. Practice teaching the material to someone else.
5. Motivate yourself to get going.
6. Start with small sections.
7. Go through past papers.
8. When you're unsure of a certain topic, remember to ask your fellow peers, friends, tutors and lecturers, they too are always there to help.



### Riddle Me This.

1. I am the longest of the 5 fundamental principles in the code of ethics. What am I?
2. I am reward for labour, expensed in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. What am I?
3. I am at the point where no profit or loss is made. What am I?
4. I am the standard that prescribes for properties that are held for rentals and or capital appreciation. Who am I?
5. I am the only item required to be treated prospectively by IAS 8. What am I?

Answers:  
1. Professional Competence and Due Care  
2. Salaries and Wages  
3. Break Even  
4. IAS 40 - Investment Property  
5. Change in Accounting Estimates

### Please Be Sure To Check Out Our Social Media Pages and The HouseCA Web Page

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### Did You Know?

In 1494, Italian mathematician and "father of accounting" Luca Pacioli wrote the first book on double-entry accounting entitled Summa de Arithmetica, Geometria, Proportioni et Proportionalita. In this book, he notes that one "should not go to sleep until the debits equal the credits."

"Bookkeeping" is the only English word to contain three sets of double letters back-to-back-to-back.

Accounting has been around for millennia. Tokens dating back 7000 years were discovered in ancient Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq, Turkey and Syria)

## BDO Student Webinar

Professional Services firm BDO have hosted a series of webinars over the past weeks during this difficult time we find ourselves in. They have been hosted by their Graduate Recruitment division, and address topics that are on the minds of students right now. Their next webinar is on the 3rd of July, and its theme is “CA’s of the future”, something many students, and the profession as a whole, are discussing during this time.

You will be able to attend the event via this link: <http://ow.ly/L9FC50AgzpL?fbclid=IwAR19SoYdbHksMUB7iZxMkEZOKPdCgc9zsTF21Mr5xCYIKi7tyLBYAsztlcU>. The webinar will begin at 14:00, and will be an hour long.

If you would like to see previous webinars hosted by BDO, with topics such as “Wellness in Uncertain times” and “What is expected from you in articles” then please search for their YouTube channel, BDOSouthAfrica. Subscribe, hit the like button, and click the notification bell.

We hope you attend this useful webinar, and enjoy learning from those in the profession.



A promotional poster for a BDO Graduate Recruitment Webinar. The background is a dark, textured wall with a blue and purple light effect. The BDO logo is in the top left. The text 'GRADUATE RECRUITMENT' is in the center. Below it, the word 'Webinar' is written in a large, glowing, cursive font. The topic 'CA's of the Future' is listed below. The date and time are 'Friday, 3 July 2020' and '14:00 - 15:00'. The hashtag '#BDOBuilds' is at the bottom. The 'FRANKLY SPEAKING' logo is in the bottom right.

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GRADUATE RECRUITMENT

*Webinar*

**Topic:** CA's of the Future

Date: Friday, 3 July 2020  
Time: 14:00 - 15:00

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## Lockdown Advanced Alert Level 3

As of 1 June 2020, South Africa has moved down to lockdown level 3.

There is a countrywide dynamic lockdown system, which consists of 5 levels, with varying degrees of mobility and activity being allowed in each level. Level 5 is the hard lockdown which we initially experienced at the start. We have since moved down to level 3 from Monday, 1 June 2020. From now, each province, district and municipality will be able to adopt a different level, depending on various circumstances. The level in your province, district or municipality may change, depending on the number of COVID-19 cases.

With that in mind, it is important to continue observing social distancing, and to wash your hands regularly. Wear a face mask when leaving home. For more info please go to <https://www.stateofthenation.gov.za> or <https://www.sacoronavirus.co.za>. Please stay safe and wash your hands.

The entire country will move to Level 3 from Monday 1 June 2020

**SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS**

**ALERT LEVEL 3**

**WHEN CAN I LEAVE MY HOME?**

You must remain at home at all times, except to:

- Travel to and from work
- Attend a school or learning institution once these are opened
- Purchase goods or obtain services that are allowed at Level 3
- Exercise, between 6am and 6pm, and not in groups
- Move children between homes, where permitted
- Attend a place of worship

You must wear a cloth face mask whenever in public

**WORKPLACE PROTOCOLS**

To keep workers safe, employers must:

- Minimise the number of employees at the workplace at any given time through rotation, staggered working hours, shift systems, remote working arrangements or similar measures, to limit congestion in public transport and at the workplace
- Make arrangements for social distancing at work
- Provide sanitiser or facilities for hand-washing
- Sanitise surfaces regularly
- Screen employees for symptoms daily and assist those at risk to seek treatment

**ECONOMIC SECTORS**

All economic sectors are permitted to operate, except for high-risk activities that remain restricted

**THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS WILL REMAIN IN PLACE:**

- Consumption of food and alcohol in restaurants, bars, shebeens and taverns
- Personal care services where social distancing is not possible
- Hotels and accommodation for leisure
- Domestic air travel, except for essential work travel
- Conferences, events and gatherings
- Cinemas, theatres, museums and other entertainment venues
- Gyms and fitness centres
- Beaches, public parks, sports grounds and swimming pools

**WHAT GOODS CAN I PURCHASE?**

- All retail outlets will be open, with stringent health protocols in place
- Alcohol will be sold under strict conditions, from Mondays to Thursdays between 9am and 5pm
- The sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products remains prohibited

**PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS**

- Most people who are infected with COVID-19 have no symptoms
- You may be spreading the virus without knowing it
- Wear a mask, wash your hands regularly and keep your distance from others at all times

The entire country will move to Level 3 from Monday 1 June 2020

**SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS**

**ALERT LEVEL 3**

**HOTSPOTS**

Hotspots will be determined based on the number of active cases per 100,000 in the population, the rate of increase in active cases, and the capacity of the health system.

Special measures will apply in hotspot areas:

- Movement in and out of hotspot areas may be restricted
- Dedicated, multidisciplinary teams will be deployed to contain the outbreak, including epidemiologists, doctors, nurses and community health workers
- Each hotspot will be linked to testing and quarantine facilities, and additional hospital beds where necessary
- All contacts will be traced and isolated to prevent further transmission

**OUR COVID-19 PREVENTION TOOLBOX**

At Level 3, we need to take personal responsibility for our safety and the safety of others:

- Keeping a distance of one-and-a-half metres from other people
- Regularly washing or sanitising your hands
- Wearing a cloth mask in public
- Cleaning surfaces regularly
- Avoiding crowds and gatherings

**SPECIAL MEASURES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE**

- All those above the age of 60, and those with underlying medical conditions, should leave home only in exceptional circumstances
- Employers should allow them to work from home where possible, or put special measures in place to facilitate their safety at work

**PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS' EMPLOYMENT**

- All staff employed by private households may return to work, and employers must take measures to ensure a safe working environment

**GATHERINGS**

All gatherings are prohibited, except for:

- Places of worship with 50 people or less, depending on the size of the venue, and following strict health protocols
- Funerals, with specific restrictions
- Workplaces, with social distancing guidelines adhered to
- Agricultural auctions
- Professional non-contact sports matches, but with no spectators

**EVICCTIONS**

- No person MAY BE EVICTED from his or her land or home during the period of Alert Level 3
- A court may grant an eviction order, but this will be stayed and suspended until the end of Alert Level 3

The entire country will move to Level 3 from Monday 1 June 2020

**SUMMARY OF REGULATIONS**

**ALERT LEVEL 3**

**MOVEMENT BETWEEN PROVINCES**

Movement between provinces is prohibited, except for:

- Carrying out work responsibilities or performing any service permitted under Alert Level 3, where a permit has been issued
- Moving to a new place of residence
- Moving to care for an immediate family member
- Members of Parliament performing oversight responsibilities
- Learners commuting to attend schools or institutions of higher learning
- Attendance of funerals, and transportation of mortal remains
- Obtaining medical treatment
- Persons who are returning to their place of residence from a quarantine or isolation facility
- Transportation of fuel, cargo and goods

**CLOSURE OF BORDERS**

All borders of the Republic remain closed, except for the transportation of goods, repatriation of South Africans and evacuation of foreign nationals

**FUNERALS**

You may travel to attend a funeral if you are a:

- Spouse or partner of the deceased
- Child of the deceased, whether biological, adopted or stepchild
- Child-in-law of the deceased
- Parent of the deceased, whether biological, adopted or stepparent
- Sibling, whether biological, adopted or stepbrother or sister of the deceased
- Grandparent of the deceased

Attendance at a funeral is limited to 50 people, and a permit must be obtained from a magistrate or police station

During a funeral, all hygienic conditions and distancing measures must be followed to limit exposure of persons at the funeral to COVID-19

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## Meme-o-Thon: A Recap!

Oh Snap, The Meme-O-Thon is Over!

House CA would like to extend their gratitude towards SuitUp for the sponsoring the Meme-O-Thon once again. Without your support, this competition would have not been possible.

House CA would further like to thank the meme creators for giving us a reason to smile during these tough times.

A round of applause to the first, second and third place creators for the Meme-O-Thon 2020:

1st place: @yaseera98

2nd place: @kundayi\_zenda

3rd place: @banele\_iv

A quick reminder of the cash prizes that the top three creators will receive:

1st place: R3000

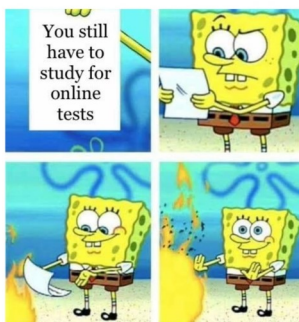
2nd place: R2000

3rd place: R1000

The winners will be contacted via social media to get their details.

The top 3 memes can be found below.

### 1st Place Meme



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### 2nd Place Meme



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### 3rd Place Meme


When you finish your Degree without Understanding what A tax base is 🤔



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# Updated University of Pretoria Calendar



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA  
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2020  
(Amended April 2020)  
Start 4 May - Complete Q1

Disclaimer: This calendar contains information relating to the academic activities of the University applicable at the time of publishing. Amendments to, or updating of the information contained in this calendar may be made from time to time without prior notification. The accuracy, correctness, or validity of the information contained in this calendar is not guaranteed by the University at any given time and is always subject to verification. All staff and students are kindly requested to, at all times, verify the correctness of the published information with the University. Failure to do so will not give rise to any claim or action of any nature against the University by any party whatsoever.

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Public Holidays  
Registration / Orientation  
First Year Students  
Rag  
Spring Day

UP Examinations  
UP Supplementary Examinations  
UP Recess

Special Lecture Days  
INSYNC first year consent  
# Choose UP Day  
Engineering Test Weeks

Public Holidays	UP Examinations	Special Lecture Days
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(Amended April 2020)

## UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA Explanation of lecture days for 2020 (Amended April 2020) Start 4 May 2020 (Complete Q1)

**Semester 1: 03 February – 29 June**

**Quarter 1: 03 February – 8 May**

Mo = 8\*, Tu = 7, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (36 lecture days)  
\*Monday 4 May repeating Monday 16 March

**Quarter 2: 11 May – 29 June**

Mo = 8 Tu = 6, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (35 lecture days)

Monday 29 June Tuesday timetable is followed

**Semester 2: 3 August – 13 November**

**Quarter 3: 3 August – 21 September**

Mo = 7 Tu = 7, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (35 lecture days)

**Quarter 4: 28 September – 13 November**

Mo = 7, Tu = 7, We = 7, Th = 7, Fr = 7 (35 lecture days)

## UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

### CALENDAR 2020 MAIN DATES (Amended April 2020) Start 4 May (Complete Q1 – July/Sept short Recess)

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1 January	New Year's Day
3 January	Academic year commences
6 January	Commencement of online registration for senior students
6-17 January	Summer School
13 January	Commencement of online registration for first year students
13-25 January	Assisted online registration for first year students at Hillcrest campus
24-26 January	Special orientation for non-RSA students
25 January	Welcome Day
27-31 January	1. Orientation programme for new first year students at Hatfield campus 2. Assisted online registration of senior students at Hillcrest campus
30 January	Closing date: Submission of final marks for Autumn Graduation (Students will receive degrees in absentia on the official graduation dates announced earlier)
1 February	INSYNC first year concert
3 February	Lectures commence for quarter 1 and semester 1
8 February	Rag
10 February	Anniversary of the University's founding
17 February	Closing date for amendments or cancellation of modules (quarter 1, 2 and semester 1)
17 March-3 May	University closed for face-to-face lectures and assessments due to the Coronavirus pandemic
21 March	Human Rights Day
10 April	Good Friday
13 April	Family Day
27 April	Freedom Day
1 May	Workers' Day
4 May	1. Lectures commence <b>online</b> after recess for quarter 1 and semester 1 Lectures end for quarter 1
8 May	Lectures commence <b>online</b> for quarter 2
11 May	Youth Day
16 June	1. Tuesday timetable is followed
29 June	2. Lectures end for quarter 2 and semester 1 3. Last day for discontinuation of modules
15 June-30 July	Cooling off period for all non-academic student activities before and during the examination period
1-21 July	Examinations of first-quarter, second-quarter and first-semester modules
22-28 July	S0004/19 Supplementary examinations of first-quarter, second-quarter and first-semester modules
30 July	Last day of submitting supplementary examination marks of first-quarter, second-quarter and first-semester modules
31 July	Closing date: Submission of final marks for spring graduation
29 July-2 August	July short recess due to COVID-19
3 August	Lectures commence for quarter 3 and semester 2
9 August	National Women's Day
10 August	Public Holiday in terms of legislation
15 August	# Choose UP day
18 August	Closing date for amendments or cancellation of modules (quarter 3, 4 and semester 2)
18 September	International Students Day
21 September	Lectures end for quarter 3
22 September	Spring day
23-27 September	September short recess due to COVID-19
24 September	Heritage Day
28 September	Lectures commence for quarter 4
2 November-12 December	Cooling off period for all non-academic student activities before and during the examination period
13 November	1. Lectures end for quarter 4 and semester 2 2. Last day for discontinuation of modules
16 November-5 December	Examination of third-quarter, fourth-quarter, second-semester and year modules
7-12 December	Supplementary examinations of third-quarter, fourth-quarter second-semester and year modules
12 December	Academic year ends
15 December	Last day for submission of supplementary examination marks of third-quarter, fourth-quarter, second-semester and year modules
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
23 December	University closes at 10:00
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill
4 January 2021	Academic year commences

### GRADUATION CEREMONIES 2020

28 September – 2 October  
10 December

Spring Graduation Ceremonies  
Graduation Ceremony for LLm in Human Rights