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**COMMUNIQUE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR: TEACHING AND  
LEARNING**

**DISCLAIMER FOR ONLINE ASSESSMENTS AND SUBMISSIONS**

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Dear Staff and Students

In line with the Online Teaching and Learning plan, students will be required to take assessments in the online mode. To ensure the integrity of all assessments the disclaimer below outlines an extract from the Plagiarism Policy for online assessments and submissions. All students will have to agree to this disclaimer when they log into Moodle and this disclaimer is applicable for all assessments that the student undertakes. Please read and ensure you understand what is expected of you as a student at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

- a) All relevant examination/**assessment** rules and **the UKZN** Plagiarism Policy applies hereto.
- b) I hereby give permission for UKZN to use the appropriate technologies such as lockdown browser, online proctoring and recording and reviewing to ensure that the online assessments are appropriately monitored.
- c) I hereby further acknowledge that I **have not cheated or plagiarised in this assessment being submitted**.

**Cheating or plagiarism includes (but is not limited to):**

- c.1** The communication or attempted communication of any information relating to an examination/ test/ assessment to any persons, who the examiner has not given explicit permission to engage with, while the examination/test/assessment is in progress.
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- c.3** The use of a false name or identity number/ student number or another student's name or identity number/ student number or another person to access and/or undertake any examination/ test/ assessment;
- c.4** The violation of any rules agreed upon between the student and the examiner with regard to completion and submission of work, irrespective of the medium through these rules are communicated and agreed upon. This includes individual effort, group effort, individual submissions per group effort, and a combined single group submission per group effort.
- c.5** the submission for any examination/test/assessment as your own work and any written matter or project which has been copied, reproduced or extracted, in whole or in part, from the work of another student or some other person, or any published material including one's own published material.
- c.6** Presenting the ideas, words or works of another for any examination/ test/ assessment as if they are your own.

- c.7** Utilisation of the ideas, words or work of another, for any examination/test/ assessment without appropriate acknowledgement, or any published material including one's own published material.
- d)** Breach of these rules and/or policies by yourself may result in a guilty finding and suffer one or more of the following consequences:
- d.1** Disqualification from entry to any examination/test;
  - d.2** Cancellation or forfeiture of examination/test results;
  - d.3** Deprivation of a degree, diploma or certificate obtained as a result of the offence;
  - d.4** Further or alternative sanction/s as deemed necessary by the UKZN Proctor.

**Issued by**

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