



Department
**TRANSPORT ECONOMICS,
LOGISTICS AND TOURISM**

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Dear Student

New and restructured qualifications in the Department of Transport Economics, Logistics and Tourism

Introduction

In its Higher Education Qualifications Framework (HEQF) published in October 2007 (*Government Gazette* No.30353), the Department of Education (DoHET) reiterated the need for a single qualifications framework that would be applicable to all higher-education institutions. The reason cited for this was that the existence of separate, parallel qualification structures for universities and technikons have hindered the articulation of programmes and the transfer of students between programmes and higher-education institutions.

The new policy provides the basis for integrating all higher education qualifications into the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and its structures for standards generation and quality assurance. It improves the coherence of the higher education system and facilitates the articulation of qualifications, thereby enhancing the flexibility of the system and enabling students to articulate more efficiently from one programme to another as they pursue their academic or professional careers.

The new qualifications framework establishes common parameters and criteria for qualification design, and facilitates the comparison of qualifications across the system. The policy operates within the context of a single but diverse, differentiated higher education system. It applies to all higher education programmes and qualifications offered in South Africa by both public and private institutions.

As a comprehensive university, Unisa has revised all its qualifications in the light of the HEQF. This has resulted in changes to qualifications currently offered, the phasing out of some existing qualifications and the introduction of new qualifications.

Undergraduate qualifications

All the BCom degrees and qualifications in the College of Economic and Management Sciences were previously registered as one generic degree or qualification. The qualifiers were according to the College's in-house policy. All the degrees with qualifiers must now be individually registered. The Department of Transport Economics, Logistics and Tourism offer qualifications in three areas, namely, Transport Economics, Logistics and Tourism Management.

BComTransport Economics and BCom Logistics

The Department of Transport Economics, Logistics and Tourism is currently offering a BCom with specialisation in Transport Economics or Logistics. This degree, with minor change in contents, will change to BCom (Transport and Logistics) or in full, Bachelor of Commerce in Transport and Logistics. The current BCom will be replaced by this revised degree, and the transition will be seamless with articulation possibilities for all modules completed. Students will be allowed to migrate from this qualification to a revised qualification which will be introduced in 2012. The first year modules have already implemented this change from 2011. This will not affect any current or new students and the change is just to be compliant with the Department of Education's policy.

The 2011 "my Registration" Calendar state on pages 64 and 76, respectively the Bachelor of Commerce of Logistics and Bachelor of Commerce of Transport Economics qualifications, that; "This qualification will be offered the last time in 2011. No new registrations will be accepted in 2012. Students have until the end of 2014 to complete the qualification". However, electronically the following was added and should be added in the hard copy of the Calendar; "Students will be allowed to migrate from this qualification to a

revised qualification which will be introduced in 2012.” Please be assured that current students will migrate with full credit of the modules already obtained. A detail explanation with specific reference to the revised qualification will be forwarded.

Tourism Management

Diploma Tourism Management

The Department of Transport Economics, Logistics and Tourism is currently offering a National Diploma in Tourism Management. This qualification, with minor change in contents, will change to a Diploma in Tourism Management. The current National Diploma in Tourism Management will be replaced by this revised qualification, and the transition will be seamless with articulation possibilities for all modules already completed. Students will be allowed to migrate from this qualification to a revised qualification which will be introduced in 2012. The one main significant change will be that the modules will be changed to semester modules instead of year modules as they are currently offered. As you have noticed the first year modules have already implemented this change from 2011. This will not affect any current or new students and the change is just to be compliant with the Department of Education's policy.

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The Department of Transport Economics, Logistics and Tourism is currently offering a BCom with specialisation in Tourism Management. This degree, with minor change in contents, will change to BCom (Tourism Management) or in full, Bachelor of Commerce in Tourism Management. The current BCom will be replaced by this revised degree, and the transition will be seamless with articulation possibilities for all modules completed. Students will be allowed to migrate from this qualification to a revised qualification which will be introduced in 2012. The first year modules have already implemented this change from 2011. This will not affect any current or new students and the change is just to be compliant with the Department of Education's policy.

Postgraduate qualifications

The DoHET has approved a BComHons (Transport Economics); BComHons (Logistics), and a Postgraduate Diploma in Transport and Logistics as well as a Postgraduate Diploma in Tourism Management.

The minimum admission requirements for the approved qualifications will be a Bachelor's degree or an equivalent qualification. A student must have passed the main area of specialization with an average of at least 60% or an equivalent course, and satisfy the Department as to their proficiency in the subject concerned by *inter alia* passing an admission test, subject to the discretion of the postgraduate admissions committee of the Department of Transport Economics, Logistics and Tourism.

As soon as these qualifications are accredited by the Council for Higher Education, students will be informed of date of commencement.

Enjoy your studies

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