

**Subject:** FW: NOTICE FROM THE REGISTRAR PERTAINING TO MID-YEAR ASSESSMENTS

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**From:** Shirona Patel on behalf of VCO News

**To:** VCO News

Dear Student

In the revised 2020 almanac, the period 10 June 2020 to 1 July 2020 has been identified as a summative assessment period, which requires some form of assessment to take place in all faculties. Each Faculty has determined the modes of assessments for this period as outlined in the table below.

During this period, no formal face-to-face, in person or sit-down assessments will take place. Assessments will take the form of a project and/or take-home assessment and/or an open book assessment and/or a Multiple Choice Questionnaire (MCQ) and/or any other form of remote assessment, as determined by faculties.

The Examination and Graduations Office (EGO) will publish a formal assessment schedule on the EGO website ([www.wits.ac.za/exams](http://www.wits.ac.za/exams)) on Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2020. This schedule will define the due dates and times for take-home summative assessments and the dates and starting times for when online assessments will be administered. This schedule will be communicated to you by your School or Department. Should a course not be listed on the summative assessment schedule, please contact your course coordinator for more information.

<b>Faculty of Commerce, Law and Management</b>	Assessments will take various forms, including take-home assessments, MCQs, other examination equivalents and/or short answer tests, administered online through SAKAI. Each course coordinator will communicate the format(s) of their assessment to students. Except where otherwise arranged by a department, all assessment due dates and dates of online administration will be defined as per the EGO summative assessment schedule.
<b>Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment</b>	There are a range of assessments which include take-home, online and alternative assessments like projects. Formal examinations have been postponed to the end of the academic year. However, in the case of some full-year courses, the mid-year and final assessments will be consolidated into a single examination which will take place at the end of the course.
<b>Faculty of Health Sciences</b>	Assessments have been scheduled for this period only for courses which terminate in June. Formal sit-down examinations will be replaced by continuous online assessments, quizzes and take-home assignments. Significant assessments are being deferred to the second half of the year. The weightings of assessments have also been reviewed in line with the Faculty's recommendations. An examination and assessment schedule for the Faculty of Health Sciences is available here: <a href="http://www.wits.ac.za/health/faculty-services/staff-and-student-downloads/">http://www.wits.ac.za/health/faculty-services/staff-and-student-downloads/</a>
<b>Faculty of Humanities</b>	Various forms of assessments will take place that will include take-home assessments and/or examination equivalents such as open book, project, portfolio and/or essay type assessments. Formally timed assessments will be held as per the summative assessment schedule.
<b>Faculty of Science</b>	No formal assessments will take place from 10 June 2020 to 24 June 2020. This period will be used for consolidation, revision and continuous assessments. Schools will manage this process

and the scheduling of the continuous assessments and tests will take place internally.

### **Deferrals**

No deferred assessments will be scheduled by the EGO during this period. If you are unable to participate in an assessment or session for a valid reason (such as illness) as defined in the University's General Rules, please advise your course coordinator immediately and follow the processes for deferred assessments as stipulated by your Faculty.

Thank you

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