

ECOSA 2022 ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME KICKS OFF AT THE VAAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (VUT)



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The first accreditation session for 2022 commenced at the Vaal University of Technology (VUT) on Sunday, 27 February 2022. The provisional and regular accreditation review of nineteen (19) engineering qualifications was completed on Friday, March 4, 2022, using a hybrid accreditation model in compliance with E-01-POL (Accreditation Policy).

The accreditation of engineering qualification programmes at Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in South Africa by the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECOSA) is a mandate derived from Section 13 of the Engineering Profession Act, (Act No. 46 of 2000). Section 13 of the same Act also enjoins ECOSA to collaborate with the Council for Higher Education (CHE) in terms of Sections 5 and 6 of the Higher Education Act (Act No. 101 of 1997) to quality assure the engineering qualifications programmes offered at HEIs. This is to ensure the programmes comply with ECOSA policies and

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standards as well as with the relevant international engineering education accords, namely the Washington, Sydney and Dublin Accords.

As a member of the International Engineering Alliance (IEA) and the largest of the six Built Environment Professional Councils (BEPCs) ECSA has successfully implemented online accreditations from its inception in 2020. The Council has also eloquently maintained the stance on hybrid accreditations, which has been ECSA's well-established and proven modality, demonstrated at the initial international accreditation visit at the University of Mauritius from 8 - 12 November 2021.

To ensure a continuous injection into the engineering skills pipeline both public and private HEIs are welcome to approach ECSA to conduct accreditation of their respective engineering qualification programmes. The Council is also calling on its registered persons to avail themselves for training for purposes of participating in the ECSA Peer Review Mechanism as assessors, reviewers, moderators and trainers to contribute to the advancement and promotion of the engineering profession.

Both interested registered persons as well as public/ private HEIs are encouraged to forward their queries pertaining to accreditation or participation in the ECSA Peer Review Mechanism to accreditation@ecsa.co.za.