

E-MAIL TO ALL EMS STUDENTS DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 2020:

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## LEARNING AND TEACHING LEER EN ONDERRIG

Dear EMS students

I will address four matters in this communication, namely load shedding, the ethical declaration, A4 and mark improvement, and the Dean's Concession Exam.

### 1. LOAD SHEDDING

The following was communicated to EMS students on 14 August 2020:

*"We are now moving into a time of increased load shedding and students must do everything possible to plan ahead (by charging all devices and trying to take precautions, e.g. moving to another area that is not affected at the time). You can also download Eskom's Push from the Play store – if you allow push notifications, you will receive warning of load shedding schedules. For year modules, if students cannot upload and they cannot adhere to the specifications of the emergency e-mail submission, students can gain access to A4 in January 2021. Remember that **A4 is not available for Semester 2 modules.**" Unfortunately, at this time you cannot use FHARGA if you do not have a permit. Attached is a document that might further assist students in preparing for load shedding.*

As in the first semester, the availability of assessment opportunities could be extended as long as these don't run into the next assessment timeslot (timeslots are 09:00/09:15, 14:00 and 17:30/17:45). For example: an assessment that is available from 14:00 to 15:00, can be made available until just before 17:30 to accommodate load shedding. **Important to note however, is that this decision is made by the department/school and the type and nature of the assessment will determine if this is possible or not.**

Load shedding is out of our control and SU can only offer a further assessment opportunity. In semester modules a minimum of two main assessment opportunities have to be completed in order to obtain a valid final mark. For year modules a minimum of three main assessment opportunities have to be completed for a valid final mark. For first semester modules and year modules an A4 opportunity will be available in January 2021. For second semester modules there will be the normal A3 opportunity to obtain a valid final mark. I refer you to the Covid-19 EMS Implementation document where you can read more about mark calculation.

## 2. ETHICAL DECLARATION:

The ethical declaration's purpose is to make sure that students adhere to the ethical principles of assessment. Thus, if you click on the declaration at the start of the assessment, you indicate that you have reported for an assessment and the decision is not reversible. This has been part of the assessment regulation previously (see section 4.1.1) – for example if a student falls ill during an assessment, the mark was retained in the formula and this remains the case in online assessments.

This declaration prevents students from for e.g. opening an assessment, then seeing that they cannot answer the paper, and then closing it – and arguing that they did not see the paper. The same applies for the current conditions. If you start the assessment and cannot finish/upload due to load shedding (or any other reason) you will have to use the further assessment opportunity if needed. The emergency e-mail address is still available. The mark that you obtained in the assessment that you reported for (by clicking on the declaration) will remain in the formula.

## 3. A4 ASSESSMENT & MARK IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINAL-YEAR STUDENTS WANTING TO APPLY FOR FURTHER STUDIES :

See the document on A4 *Arrangements for A4 in January 2021*. Final-year students should please note point 1.2 “A4 can also be used by Departments as a mark improvement opportunity for final-year students, e.g. to apply for further studies. This is a departmental matter to be decided and communicated to students by the Department on SunLearn before the start of A2S2.” This decision will be communicated to students prior to A2S2.

## 4. DEAN'S CONCESSION EXAM (DCE):

Final-year students who qualify for a DCE exam should note that the **A4 opportunity in January will serve as the DCE for first semester and year modules** (no further DCEs will be scheduled for these modules). If you qualify for a DCE in a second semester module, this will be scheduled after the A4s. More information will follow once the dates and processes have been finalised.

All the best for your assessments.

Kind regards  
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