

## E-MAIL TO ALL EMS STUDENTS DATED 8 SEPTEMBER 2020:

FACULTY OF / FAKULTEIT  
Economic and Management Sciences  
Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe



# LEARNING AND TEACHING LEER EN ONDERRIG

Dear EMS Student

The assessment period during A1 this semester has been very challenging with the added stressors of load shedding. In our previous communications we offered a list of possible actions you could take in an attempt to alleviate the impact of load shedding and we acknowledge that not all the alternatives are viable for all students.

The faculty and University has debated the impact of load shedding at length and it is never an easy task to make one decision that is best for all. EMS has put in place numerous amendments to the assessment regulation to address the impact of Covid 19. These included:

- A4 opportunities for Semester 1 and Year modules
- The option that students can complete both A2S2 and A3S2 for year modules and that both will count toward the final mark calculation (in other words an opportunity to improve the final mark)
- The emergency email address
- Additional 30 minute upload time
- Extended windows in which the assessment is available
- Password-protected assessments that allow for off-line tests that require an upload (thus a short time online)

Given the added impact of load shedding the following further amendments are made to calculate a final mark:

- The option that students can complete both A2 and A3 for semester 2 modules and that the higher of A2 and A3 will be used to determine the final mark (in other words an opportunity to improve the final mark)
- Currently, the regulation states that if a student clicks the ethical declaration, they have reported for the assessment and the mark obtained will stand as if the student completed an assessment. Thus, if the student does not submit successfully, after the acceptance of the declaration, a zero will be used in the formula. This rule will be amended for the A1 and A1S2 assessments in EMS to treat an unsuccessful submission as a non-submission. This means that the weighting of the assessment in the formula used to calculate the final mark, will be reduced to zero (ALL non-submissions irrespective of the reason).
- If a student submitted an incomplete document the student will have the choice to indicate to the lecturer if the submission should be viewed as a non-submission or request that the submission should be marked as it was uploaded on SUNLearn. This decision must reach your lecturer within 24 hours after the end of the assessment.

### Prof Ronel du Preez

Vise-Dekaan (Leer en Onderrig) | Vice-Dean (Learning and Teaching)

Professor: Bedryfsielkunde | Professor: Industrial Psychology

Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe | Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

