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MEDIA RELEASE: NUST MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) wishes to further update the public on the progress made in relation to the accreditation challenges facing the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences programme.

Following the 30 September 2026 media release outlining challenges affecting the programme, particularly regarding the practical training capacity required for Work-Integrated Learning (WIL), laboratory facilities, and professional supervision, NUST has since undertaken the following measures:

1. Continuous Engagement with Students

The University engaged students on a one-on-one basis to explain how the matter affects them, establish which academic options they would like to pursue, and determine the individual support they require.

2. Engagement with the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (MEIYSAC)

The University has kept MEIYSAC abreast of developments regarding the matter and continues to engage the Ministry as the process progresses.

3. Engagement with Relevant Stakeholders

As part of broader solutions to address the matter, the University is availing options for affected students to transfer to other NUST programmes or partner institutions to support their academic progression. Furthermore, the University has consulted the Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA) on the validation and authentication of potential receiving institutions. Additionally, NUST has engaged with independent laboratories to secure additional WIL placements.

4. Individual Financial Considerations

Individual students have been affected by the matter in different ways. The University is therefore determining appropriate financial solutions on a case-by-case basis and will communicate these directly to affected students once consultations have been concluded.

5. Psychosocial Support

As a student-centred university, NUST has put measures in place to safeguard the well-being of affected students by providing psychosocial support throughout the process to help them cope with the situation.

6. Individual Written Communication

The University is committed to finding amicable solutions and takes full responsibility for doing so. Every affected student will therefore be provided with written information regarding their individual case once consultations have been concluded.

The University is actively working to ensure that every affected student receives the necessary support and guidance to progress towards completing their qualification in consultation with all key stakeholders. NUST further commits to communicate directly with affected students as arrangements are finalised and remains committed to supporting them throughout this process.

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