Dear Student

TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE – THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO
(FULL QUALIFICATION STUDENTS REGISTERED IN THE DISTANCE MODE FOR IIE QUALIFICATIONS)

As South Africa closes out the first full week of the lockdown, we hope that you and your families remain safe.

We hope that you have been able to continue to give your studies the time and attention they need and that if you are struggling, that you are making use of the support resources available to you. As far as your studies go, you have been impacted far less than our contact students but there will be one change for you related to your examinations at the end of this semester. In order to accommodate the students studying in the contact mode and make sure they are all adequately prepared we will be teaching them online from the 15th of this month.

It is important to note that we have moved examinations out to the period from **22 June 2020 to 11 July 2020** so that we have enough time to do this properly. As you and they write the same examinations this impacts on you too and we are confident you will understand why we have had to make these changes.

Not only do we need to change the dates, but we are also changing the format in anticipation that we may not be able to gather large numbers of students in one venue to write conventional exams. Instead, you will be given an assessment to "take home" and work on – you will have five days to do so and will then need to submit on Learn having put your assessment through SafeAssign. You will get all the instructions on the student portal, Learn and from your support team.

You will get information about the exact dates and requirements for your examinations in due course.

Please continue to engage with your online and support tutors and your classmates – even if you are more used to studying independently these are unsettled times and your routine may be under pressure. Please connect with someone who can help you get back on track or if you are coping well perhaps you could support a classmate who isn’t?

We will continue to communicate with you – both from The IIE central team and from your support team at your online centre. Adaptability and flexibility are required of us all so that the quality of your education is uncompromised. Thank you for understanding why we needed to change the examination dates and format.

Yours sincerely

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