

SERVICES/ PROJECTS RENDERED

- Compile a data base for all staff and students with disabilities.
- Offer advice on teaching and learning methods to teaching and academic staff seeking support.
- Produce academic related material for people with disabilities in accessible formats.
- Recruitment of volunteers.
- Involvement in improving the physical accessibility on campus for all persons with disabilities.
- Sign language interpreting for people with hearing impairment, including note taking and other assistive measures.
- Assistance with registration, bursary and loan applications and interviews, as well as individual administrative support.
- Networking with organisations for people with disabilities including institutions of higher learning and the community in general regarding training, advice and support.
- Registration with DSO after registration with VUT and provide the relevant documentation (e.g. letter from doctor or hospital confirming disability).
- Liaison with academic staff, tutors and peer helpers.
- Adapted study material, referrals and exam concessions.



DSO renders support for the following categories of staff and students with disabilities:

PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT

- amputation
- paraplegia
- cerebral palsy

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

- Blind
- Partially blind

HEARING

- Deaf
- Hard of hearing

LEARNING

- Dyslexia
- Attention deficit disorder

MENTAL/ PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPAIRMENT

- psychiatric illness or condition

OTHER

- Epilepsy
- Chronic illness



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I N C L U S I O N



VISION

- To ensure that VUT increasingly becomes an accessible Higher Education Institution for people with disabilities.

MISSION

- To remove barriers that prevent students and staff with disabilities from fulfilling their full potential.

PURPOSE

- To offer reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities in all areas of university life, if not immediately, but on an incremental basis.
- To foster positive and empathetic attitudes towards people with disabilities.
- To provide individuals with the choice (registration/ employment) to disclose their disability or not, in line with relevant legislation.
- To progressively ensure that all future buildings, renovations, facilities, and services provided by the university comply with universal design principles.
- To ensure incremental basis on the University design, layout, parking and access to its buildings (including private accommodation and leased facilities) accommodate the need of people with disabilities.
- To provide for the establishment of a Disability Services Office (DSO) that will provide dedicated support services to people with disabilities.
- To promote equity for people with disabilities through access to course, buildings, learning material, residences, leisure and sport opportunities.



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- Exam concessions
- Recorders
- Tutors
- FM Systems
- Accessible Study Material
- Laptops
- Desk Magnifiers
- Notes

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