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PATENT EXAMINATION BOARD

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Dear Students

We hope that you and your families are keeping well in these challenging times.

Due to the extraordinary circumstances relating to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Patent Examination Board has rescheduled the examinations that were due to be held in July 2020 until September 2020. A provisional timetable for the rescheduled examinations can be accessed on the PEB website.

However, if the situation does not improve within the next few months it may be necessary to reschedule these examinations yet again. Please also note that due to the small number of Durban students, students from this region may need to travel to Pretoria or Cape Town to write the examinations. We will confirm this with the affected students in due course.

The lectures for the examinations will be held online, and the examiners will communicate with you shortly in this regard if they have not already done so.

The Patent Examination Board has agreed that students who would prefer to defer their examinations until 2021, by which time it will hopefully be possible to hold proper in-person lectures, may do so without incurring any financial penalty. If you wish to defer your examinations until 2021, please advise the PEB secretariat as soon as possible and certainly by no later than **30 June 2020**.

Yours sincerely
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