Information relating to extra time applications and mental health accommodations and concessions through OIC-Disability Service

Extra Time Applications:

- Please note that the Disability Service (DS) does not provide extra time but processes extra time applications for approval by the Deferred Exams Committee (DEC) of UCT.
- **UCT only provides extra time for Specific Learning Disorder (SLD) which is the traditional Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dysgraphia or Dyspraxia. They do not provide extra time for Mental Health Disorders, ADHD or Autism.**
- They may consider ADHD or Autism if the student has a Psychometric report that shows that the condition impacts upon their working memory or processing speed, reading or writing.
- For all extra time applications, students have to provide **a comprehensive Psychometric report from a Psychologist** that includes intellectual as well as reading and writing assessments.
- The Psychometric report may **not be older than 3 years**.
- DS also provides notetakers, readers, scribes, prompters, read and write software, enlarged print, braille, computer use, etc (depending on the student's diagnosis).

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS:

	Teaching day 1	Student to register with DS by (First Friday of Semester)	Students to submit ET application to DS by	**DS to submit ET applications to EO by**
Semester 1	17 Feb 2025	21 Feb 2025	28 March 2025	Friday 25 April 2025
Semester 2	28 July 2025	01 Aug 2025	05 Sept 2025	Friday 15 September 2025

Please note that extra time applications for Physical Disabilities are processed through Student Wellness Services (SWS).

Mental Health Accommodations and Concessions:

- A mental health disorder is regarded as a mental health disability if it has been present for **more than one year** and causes **significant distress and impairment** in daily living.
- Students with mental health disability qualify for a Verified Accommodations Letter (VAL) that will assist them with secluded venue for tests and exams, flexible assignment deadlines, adjustments to lecture and tutorial requirements, access to deferred tests, etc.
- **To qualify for a VAL, the student's Psychologist or Psychiatrist needs to complete a Confidential Verification Form (CVF) confirming their diagnosis and making recommendations for accommodations and concessions.**
- Once the completed CVF is received, a VAL will be compiled for the student.

To receive support from Disability Service, students have to register online:
https://forms.office.com/r/U4iQGm5gwh
Any further enquiries: psychologist.disabilityservice@uct.ac.za