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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

"Areas of specialisation have been submitted as elective for this qualification which may be obtained by research only. This needs to be reviewed by the university and the necessary corrections effected."

Response

Each field of specialisation has a specific module code assigned to that programme. The elective status of each module, as per the submission, is thus unclear. The Table below indicates the composition of each of the fields of specialisation to clearly highlight the use of the compulsory modules in these different fields of specialisation.



Table: Composition of PhD programmes

Programme	Abbreviation	Module code
Doctor of Philosophy with specialisation in Business Management	PhD with specialisation in Business Management	EPBM9100
Doctor of Philosophy with specialisation in Industrial Psychology	PhD with specialisation in Industrial Psychology	ETIP9100
Doctor of Philosophy with specialisation in Economics	PhD with specialisation in Economics	EEDE9100
Doctor of Philosophy with specialisation in Public Administration	PhD with specialisation in Public Administration	EPAM9100
Doctor of Philosophy with specialisation in Accounting	PhD with specialisation in Accounting	EACC9100
Doctor of Philosophy with specialisation in Development Studies	PhD with specialisation in Development Studies	EMDS9100

We trust that you will find this response adequate to validate its accreditation and HEQSF alignment.

Kind regards



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