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I, Dr BE Nzimande, MP, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, in terms of regulation 10(8) of the Regulations issued in terms of the Disaster Management [Act, No 57 of 2002](#), hereby issue the Directive set out in the Schedule hereto in order to provide guidance on the implementation of the provisions for essential goods and services for higher education institutions.

Dr BE Nzimande, MP

Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation

## 1. Definition

In this Schedule, a word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Regulations issued in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, [Act No. 57 of 2002](#), published under [Government Notice No. 318](#) in Government Gazette No. 43107 of 18 March 2020, as amended by the Regulations published in Government Gazette No. 43148, Government Notice No. 398 of 25 March 2020 ("the Regulations"), and the Higher Education [Act, No 101 of 1997](#), as amended, bears the meaning so assigned to it, unless the context otherwise indicates.

## 2. Authority

- 2.1 The COVID-19 was classified as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation ("WHO"), and following related developments within the Republic, the President of the Republic declared a national state of disaster relating to COVID-19 in terms of section 27(1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002.
- 2.2 Section 26(2)(b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002, provides that a national disaster, once declared, must be managed in accordance with existing legislation, as well as contingency arrangements as amplified by disaster management regulations or directions issued in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002.
- 2.3 This Directive is issued pursuant to regulation 10(8) of the Regulations to provide for measures necessary to manage COVID-19, and is valid for the duration of the declared national state of disaster.

## 3. Purpose

The purpose of this directive is to:

- (a) prescribe temporary measures to manage the impact of the covid-19 lockdown on the functionality of higher education institutions;

- (b) ensure the procurement and delivery of essential goods and services for higher education institutions.

#### **4. Directive relating to essential goods and services for higher education institutions**

The following are designated as essential goods and services for the functionality of higher education institutions:

- (a) Information and Communication Technology devices (such as desktops, laptops, modems and other devices) for education purposes.
- (b) Gases, liquids and chemicals used in the preservation of biological samples and maintenance of equipment and machinery.
- (c) Animal feed for laboratory and farm animals.

The transport of such goods between suppliers and higher education institutions and between higher education institutions and identified individuals and institutions is declared an essential service.

#### **5. Commencement**

This Directive comes into effect on the date of publication in the Government Gazette.