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All Set for 2026: University Registrar Welcomes Students as Registration Gets Underway



The University Registrar, Dr Joel Baloyi

The University of Venda (UNIVEN) has officially commenced preparations for the 2026 academic year, with the Registrar's Division recently conducting a comprehensive Selection, Admission and Registration Dry Run.

The University Registrar, Dr Joel Baloyi, extended a warm welcome message to both newly admitted first-year students and returning students.

"On behalf of the University of Venda, I would like to warmly welcome all our first-year students. Congratulations on successfully passing your matric and thank you for choosing UNIVEN as your university of choice. UNIVEN is now your home, and we are committed to supporting you throughout your academic journey," said Dr Baloyi.

He further welcomed returning students,

expressing appreciation for their continued commitment to their studies at the institution.

"To our returning students, we thank you for your loyalty and perseverance. Your decision to continue your studies with us reaffirms your trust in the University of Venda, and we look forward to another successful academic year together."

The dry run forms part of the University's ongoing commitment to institutional readiness, improved service delivery and operational efficiency, ahead of the 2026 registration cycle. It brought together key stakeholders involved in the admissions and registration value chain to simulate processes, test systems and assess operational workflows under real-time conditions.

Dr Baloyi explained that the purpose of the dry run was to improve understanding of the end-to-end registration process, reduce assumptions, and address challenges proactively.

"As application numbers continue to grow, it is essential that our systems remain fair, transparent and efficient. Lessons learned from 2025, have informed improvements aimed at ensuring a smooth and seamless registration process in 2026," he said.

As the University prepares to welcome students for the 2026 academic year, all prospective and returning students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Selection, Admission and

Registration processes and to follow official communication channels.

The University of Venda cautions all prospective and returning students to remain vigilant against fraudulent activities related to admission and registration. Students are strongly advised not to pay any individual or third party for admission, registration or placement, as the University does not use agents or intermediaries for these processes. All selection, admission and registration activities are conducted strictly through the University's official systems and communication channels.

Any request for payment, admission assistance or guaranteed placement outside official UNIVEN platforms should be treated as fraudulent. Students are encouraged to report any suspected fraud or unethical conduct through the University's confidential Fraud and Whistle-Blowing Hotline on 0800 212 755 or via email at univenhotline@tip-offs.com. The hotline operates 24 hours a day, ensuring that reports can be made safely and confidentially.

For detailed information on application status tracking, admission outcomes, registration requirements, and important dates, students are advised to visit the University of Venda's official website at www.univen.ac.za.

Through this initiative, UNIVEN reaffirms its dedication to delivering a student-centred, efficient and transparent registration experience for the 2026 academic year.

SRC President Ushers in the 2026 Academic Year with a Message of Resilience and Leadership

As the gates of the University of Venda opened once more to welcome the 2026 academic year, a renewed sense of purpose settled over the campus. Students arrived with dreams, expectations, and questions about the journey ahead. Standing firmly at the centre of student leadership was Mr Tirani Mathye, the SRC

President, ready to welcome every student into a new chapter of growth and transformation.

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In his message to the student community, Mr Mathye emphasised that the beginning of a new academic year is not just about returning to lecture halls, but about embracing the resilience required to succeed. He reminded students that learning is a process, one that demands patience, consistency, and courage. Challenges are inevitable, he noted, but they are the very tools that shape a true UNIVEN graduate.

Speaking directly to both first-year students and returning students, Mr. Mathye highlighted the proud legacy of the University of Venda. UNIVEN, he said, has consistently demonstrated that it produces highly capable leaders and graduates who are highly respected in the workplace. His advice was simple yet powerful: trust the process. The university is not just a place of instruction, but a ground for the upbringing of future leaders, and every student is part of that journey.

At the heart of this journey stands the Student Representative Council. According to Mr Mathye, the SRC remains the backbone of the student body, more than just a structure of representation. It is a home of unmatched

academic, social, and emotional support. For 2026, the SRC has positioned itself to be proactive, thinking and feeling for students even before challenges are formally raised. The goal is clear: to ensure that no student feels unheard, unsupported, or alone.

Mr Mathye also spoke about the responsibility students carry in maintaining a safe, respectful, and productive learning environment. He described the SRC as the “first language” of students at UNIVEN, a bridge that facilitates easier communication and strengthens advocacy. The most crucial role students must play, he stressed, is to speak without fear. Bringing issues forward empowers the SRC to represent students effectively in all forums, ensuring that decisions are informed and inclusive.

As he concluded his welcome, Mr Mathye delivered a message that he described as precise, honest, and perhaps unpopular, but necessary. The centre of academic performance, he said, is attending classes. Without guidance from lecturers, navigating assessments and achieving pass marks becomes far more difficult. His call for 2026 is clear: let this be a year of high-class attendance, not just for marks, but for long-term academic growth, strong performance, and a successful future.



Mr Tirani Mathye, the SRC President

SELECTION, ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION PROCESS: 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR



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- Application for admission closed on **30th of September 2025**.
- The application process shall not be reopened, and '**walk-ins' shall not be attended to.**
- The University has streamlined and automated the selection and admission processes, and as a result, prospective students are advised not to visit the University for Admission or to bring their statement of results. (i.e., Electronic NSC / matriculation results of all applicants are already obtained from the Department of Basic Education by the University)

TRACKING OF SELECTION OUTCOMES / RESULTS

- The following web link to check/track your admission status will be activated on the UNIVEN website on **12 January 2026**.

<https://www.univen.ac.za/check-application-status/>

Telephonic enquiries can be directed to **015 962 8943/ 9334/ 9335**

REGISTRATION PROCESS

You can only register if you have been admitted to our Qualification/Degree study programme.

- Minimum Initial Payment during registration

All students without a loan/bursary will be required to pay an upfront minimum registration deposit of R5,000.00 towards tuition and R4,900.00 towards residence allocation per semester. The amount for residence should be paid by students whose application for residence has been successful. Payments can be made at any ABSA branch

BANKING DETAILS

ONLINE REGISTRATION

All prospective students are to register online at the following link: https://univen.univen.ac.za/pls/prodi04/w99pkg.mi_login

Name: University of Venda

Bank: ABSA

Acc. No: 1000 000 589

Branch name: Makhado

Branch code: 33 414 940

Reference no: Student Number



SCHEDULE FOR SELECTION, ADMISSION, AND REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS IN THE 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

PERIOD	ACTIVITY
06 January 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University re-opens. • Academic Programme commences. • Return of students: Faculty of Health Sciences and continuing postgraduate students.
06 – 09 January 2026	Registration of Faculty of Health Sciences students.
12 January 2026	Residences open for first-time entering and returning students of all faculties.
12 - 30 January 2026	Selection, Admission, and Registration of First-Time Entering and Returning Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students.
20 February 2026	Final date for Registration of Honours and Masters by coursework.
24 March 2026	Final date of Admission of Registration for Master's and Doctoral Degrees by Research.
30 January 2026	Official Opening of First-Time Entering Students Orientation
02 – 13 February 2026	Late Registration for Undergraduate Students.
02 – 06 February 2026	Compulsory Orientation for First-Time Entering Students.
04 February 2026	Official Opening of the Academic Year 09h00.

► NEW VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

VISION AND MISSION

“Vision is the art of seeing the invisible”
~ Jonathan Swift

Our vision defines what we want to become by 2040. It is an aspirational description of what we would like to achieve in the long term.



VISION

A University leading in engaged scholarship



MISSION

The University of Venda produces graduates who are locally relevant and globally competitive

INSTITUTIONAL VALUES

The University of Venda is guided by a set of core institutional values that shape its culture, inform decision-making, and underpin the university's strategic priorities. These values include:



EXCELLENCE

Striving for the highest standards in teaching, research, and service



INTEGRITY

Acting with honesty, ethics, and transparency in all we do



ACCOUNTABILITY

Taking responsibility for our actions and delivering on our commitments



DIVERSITY

Embracing and promoting inclusivity, equity, and different perspectives



RESPECT

Valuing the dignity and contributions of every individual

POSITIONING STATEMENT

Positioning the University of Venda for Relevance, Excellence and Impact