NOTICE TO 2021 GRADUANDS
19TH GRADUATION CEREMONY

1. DATE AND VENUE
All graduating students are hereby advised that the 2021 Graduation Ceremony has been scheduled as follows:

Date: 3 December 2021.

2. GRADUATION INVITATION CARDS
In response to the COVID-19 pandemic regulations, the 2021 graduation ceremony will be both physical and virtual. Only the following graduands will attend the ceremony and be physically capped by His Excellency and Chancellor, the President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Cde Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa:

- All PhD Graduands
- All Masters Graduands with the Vice Chancellor’s Award or University Book Prizes
- All Bachelor’s Graduands with first class degree

Graduands may invite One (1) guest only. Admission to the Graduation Venue will be strictly by invitation. Graduands collect invitation cards at Harare International Conference Centre on 02 December 2021 when they come for rehearsals. The rest of the graduands will graduate virtually and will follow proceedings in their gowns and respond to announcements as the graduation ceremony shall be beamed live on all Regional Campuses, ZTV, ZOU Facebook page, Youtube and link via ZOU website.

3. REHEARSALS
Graduation rehearsals are scheduled for Thursday, 2 December 2021 starting at 1400hrs at the HICC in Harare. Attendance of rehearsals for those graduating physically is compulsory and graduands who do not attend rehearsals will not be allowed to take part in the graduation proceedings.

4. COLLECTION OF CERTIFICATES
Certificates shall be collected from the Regional Campus and NOT the Graduation venue. DPhil candidates shall collect certificates from Academic Registry upon production of evidence of clearance as from 6 December 2021. Graduates are required to produce acceptable identification i.e. National Identity Card, Passport, or ZOU Student Identity Card and proof of payment of graduation fees.

5. GRADUATION FEES
Local Graduands: US$30.00 (or RTGS equivalent at prevailing bank rate). International Graduands: US$60.00 (to be deposited into the ZOU Nostro Account). DPhil and MPhil Graduands: US$100.00 (or RTGS equivalent at prevailing bank rate). Please take note that the graduation fee is paid into your Regional Campus Bank account. Graduation fee to be paid by 30 November 2021.

6. OUTSTANDING TUITION FEES
Graduands with outstanding tuition fees must clear their balances before paying graduation fees.

7. ITEMS NOT TO BE BROUGHT
Please note that the following items will not be allowed into the graduation venue: lipstick and perfume containers, sharp objects, knives, ballpoint pen and cameras.

8. GRADUATION REGALIA
Graduands will only be admitted to join the Ceremony if they have proper ZOU Academic regalia i.e. gown, appropriate hood and cap. Graduands must buy and be in possession of the correct academic regalia from the University’s approved suppliers ONLY (gown, appropriate hood and cap) for their respective faculties and programmes.

9. GRADUATION REGALIA SUPPLIERS
Graduands must only be admitted to join the Ceremony if they have proper ZOU Academic regalia i.e. gown, appropriate hood and cap. Approved Suppliers:

Academic Regalia Investment Pvt Ltd, No 88 Rezende Street, Engineering House between J. Moyo Avenue, Harare, Cell: 0772 806 698 / 0772 806 674

Gowns World, Equity House Cnr. J. Moyo Avenue/Rezende Street3rd Floor Suite 301, Phone: 0242753844/Cell: 0734 054 177

Hwicho Investments, 76 Robert Mugabe Road Strachans Building Room 6, Ground Floor, Harare, Cell: 0772 378 270, /0774 651 216

Satra Enterprises, 75 J.R. Centre Ground Floor, L. Takawira St, Harare; Phone: 0242 758 389: Cell: 0772 407 209

The Sales Arena, No 4 Belvedere Rd Kopje, Harare: Phone: 0242 0705 76 702 0772 908 606/ Masvingo: 0774 700 474, Bulawayo 0714 720 435; Gweru, Cell: 0774 557 465

ZOE Manufacturers, 12th Av/Fife Street Bulawayo or Khan House, L. Takawira/albion street Harare, Cell 0772 235 752/0772 861 050

Elroi Fashions, shop No 12 Cnr Wayne St and South Av. Farm and City Harare: Cell: 0719 564 907/0772 564 907

10. PHOTOGRAPHERS
Personal photographers are NOT allowed into the Graduation Venue.

11. COVID-19
All graduands and guests are expected to produce a valid Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate at all entry points into the graduation venue. If not vaccinated, a Certificate confirming a negative PCR or Negative Rapid Results Test not more than 72 hours old on 3 December 2021. When, due to some underlying conditions that preclude vaccination one is advised to produce a vaccine Exemption Certificate from an accredited Health Practitioner and a Certificate confirming a negative PCR or Negative Rapid Results Test not more than 72 hours old on 3 December 2021.

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