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Telkom Provides Free Data for University Students

Telkom today announced that it will be providing data to students who cannot access academic materials due to the ongoing students protest. This action is part of Telkom's ongoing commitment to supporting education within South Africa.

Many institutions have had to make alternative plans to continue the academic year. Many universities have made lecture and study material available online while campuses are not able to be accessed by students. This may result in further anxiety for students who may already be surviving on the smallest of stipends, and must now find additional funds to purchase the data needed to access the materials they require to continue their studies.

"Our universities and institutions are key to empowering South Africans and creating growth in this country," said Siphosiso Maseko, Group CEO, Telkom. "We at Telkom believe it is essential that students are able to continue their studies despite the current political climate."

Telkom is offering a solution which will enable universities to allow free access to academic content for students, even if they have run out of data or airtime. Telkom's Reverse Bill URL service allows students using a Telkom mobile prepaid or postpaid SIM card to access content on a university website without paying for data consumption. Students accessing academic material via Telkom ISP will also benefit from free data as Telkom already zero rates this traffic. .

Under normal circumstances, mobile data usage would then be reverse billed back to the institution – similar to the reverse-charges phone calls of previous years. However, during this critical period, Telkom has taken a decision to waive the data consumption costs until the end of the academic year. Students who need to work off site can therefore do so even without the need to fund these costs themselves.

"We hope that this small contribution on our part will assist students to complete the academic year as we work together to build an equitable system for all," concluded Maseko.

Telkom is reaching out to academic institutions throughout South Africa to implement this solution. Students will be able to buy and Rica SIM cards from Telkom stores, national chains and participating dealers.

Additional information

Educational site Institution

cput.ac.za/	Cape Peninsula University of Technology
cut.ac.za/	Central University of Technology, Free State
dut.ac.za/	Durban University of Technology
mut.ac.za/	Mangosuthu University of Technology
nmmu.ac.za/	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
nwu.ac.za/	North-West University
ru.ac.za/	Rhodes University
sun.ac.za/	Stellenbosch University
tut.ac.za/	Tshwane University of Technology
uct.ac.za/	University of Cape Town

ufs.ac.za/	University of the Free State
uj.ac.za/	University of Johannesburg
ukzn.ac.za/	University of KwaZulu Natal
ul.ac.za/	University of Limpopo
unisa.ac.za/	University of South Africa
univen.ac.za/	University of Venda
unizulu.ac.za/	University of Zululand
uwc.ac.za/	University of the Western Cape
vut.ac.za/	Vaal University of Technology
web.up.ac.za/	University of Pretoria
wits.ac.za/	University of the Witwatersrand
wsu.ac.za/	Walter Sisulu University
ump.ac.za/	Mpumalanga University
smu.ac.za/	Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University
spu.ac.za/	Sol Plaatjie University
ufh.ac.za/	University of Fort Hare
usaf.ac.za/	Universities South Africa

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As of 31 March 2016, we had approximately 3.2 million telephone access lines in service and 1,077,939 ports connected via MSAN access. We offer business, residential and payphone customers a wide range of services and products, including:

- fixed-line retail voice services using PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) lines, including ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) lines, and the sale of subscription based value-added voice services and calling plans;
- fixed-line customer premises equipment rental and sales services both voice and data needs and these include PABX, Computers, Routers, Modems, Telephone handsets and other ancillary equipment;
- interconnection services, including terminating and transiting traffic from South African mobile operators, as well as from international operators and transiting traffic from mobile to international destinations;
- fixed-line data services, including domestic and international data transmission services, such as point-to-point leased lines, ADSL (Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line) services, packet-

based services, managed data networking services and internet access and related information technology services;

- Data Centre Operations includes e-commerce, application service provider, hosting, data storage, e-mail and security services;
- W-CDMA (Wideband Code Division Multiple Access), a 3G next generation network, including fixed voice services, data services and nomadic voice services;
- mobile communication services, including voice services, data services and handset sales through our mobile brand called Telkom Mobile;
- information and communication services including cloud services, infrastructure services, workspace services, global service integration management and hardware and network equipment sales locally, in seven African countries, the UK and Dubai through Business Connexion Group; and
- other services including directory services, through Trudon (Pty) Ltd, wireless data services, through Swiftnet (Pty) Ltd.
- Convergence is one of our key strategic initiatives in building a sustainable future for Telkom. We will lead the provision of converged services in South Africa in support of our mission statement: Seamlessly connecting people to a better life.