



UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA  
INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

**Internal Memorandum**

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**TO** : ALL Undergraduate and Postgraduate Distance Students  
**FROM** : Director, Institute of Distance Education  
**DATE** : 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
**SUBJECT** : **CLOSURE OF THE UNIVERSITY**

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Reference is made to the STATEMENT from the Registrar today (05/01/18), concerning THE CLOSURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA.

This decision has been arrived at following the joint directive by the Ministries of Health; General and Higher Education, to close all primary and tertiary institutions due to the cholera outbreak which has affected many parts of the country.

Postgraduate students are thus advised that the Seminar Presentations for Doctoral and Second-year Masters students scheduled to take place from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January and 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, respectively, as well as the Semester I Residential Sessions scheduled to take place from 15<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018, have been postponed until further notice.

During this period, you are not expected to physically come to any of our offices for any kind of assistance. Instead, you should take advantage that we are online. Send any request for assistance online, or by telephoning, addressing it to an appropriate staff. We urge you to visit our website ([www.ide.unza.zm](http://www.ide.unza.zm)) where you will find helpful information and guidance. Please ensure that you complete the registration processes, make any pending payments and submit your assignments before the due dates. Take necessary precautionary measures to avoid any unnecessary gatherings, contacts and consumptions to prevent infection.

The University of Zambia and IDE Management wish to advise all distance students to wait patiently until the next Ministerial statement which is expected after 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Please be guided accordingly.

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