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**Media Response – Falsified Matric Certificates**

The University has strict measures in place to check on whether matric certificates have been falsified.

The University obtains results directly from the Department of Education and via the Central Applications Office. Students that have matriculated in previous years are required to provide certified copies and these are checked with the relevant matriculation authority.

Occasionally the University does receive false matric certificates and in those instances students will be subjected to the University’s disciplinary processes.

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Questions:

1. Has UKZN encountered forged Matric certificates from prospective students?
2. Are there measures in place to detect fraudulent documentation?
3. In the event that fraudulent documents are discovered, what would be the consequences?