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Dear Students and Staff

The University of KwaZulu-Natal is pleased to participate in the **Student Technology Program (STP)** - <http://www.stp.ac.za>

STP was negotiated with various technology vendors by the Association of South African University Directors of Information Technology ([ASAUDIT](#)) and the purchasing consortium ([PURCO](#)) for South African higher education institutions.

This national initiative currently offers affordable deals on tablets and laptops to staff and students from public universities in South Africa who have agreed to participate in the STP. Further deals will be negotiated and added to the product offerings from time to time.

How this works?

The deal:

Staff and students are allowed to purchase up to 2 (laptops and tablets) of each of the deals on offer per year at significantly reduced prices. Students will achieve a further saving of approximately R3 500 on laptops as the laptop they purchase will be pre-installed with Windows 8 and Microsoft Office 2013 (with an option to choose Windows 7 and Office 2010). (Staff members who purchase laptops may, at the vendors' discretion, be given this software for free as well.) Accessories, upgrades and extra warranties are also available for purchase. View deals [here](#).

Process

You will need to register on this website (<http://www.stp.ac.za>). You will be required to provide certain information so that you can be verified as a bona fide staff member or registered student. You will also be able to purchase via toll free phone numbers shown on each vendor's page.

Kindly note that this is a purchase agreement between the **students/staff and the supplier**, the **only** involvement from the University will be the confirmation of registration or employment.

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