

Building on our legacy while shaping the future of higher education.

From 1 January 2027, we will reach a significant milestone in our journey when The Independent Institute of Education is renamed Emeris, becoming a registered and accredited institution in its own right. This development builds on our established legacy of academic excellence, innovation and industry relevance, advancing our vision of Emeris as a globally recognised South African university that produces the country's most employable graduates.



Frequently asked questions

Explore what this means for prospective students, current students and alumni:

Q01 Why is The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE) changing its name to Emeris?

To enable the Emeris vision towards becoming a university, it needs to be a registered and accredited institution in its own right. Importantly, qualifications completed under The Independent Institute of Education remain valid and recognised.

Q02 Has the change already happened?

We are currently in the process of finalising the remaining matters. From 1 January 2027, Emeris will officially commence operations as an institution in its own right.

Q03 What happens to my application if I applied under The Independent Institute of Education (The IIE)?

Your existing application for 2027 will be transferred to Emeris.

Q04 Do I need to do anything with my application and will I receive a new application number?

No, we will make any required changes on your behalf, you retain your existing application number, and do not need to do anything from your side.

Q05 I am an international student looking to study at a South African campus in 2027. Will I need to submit my application for a study visa with the Department of Home Affairs under Emeris?

Yes, the Study Visa must be issued in the name of Emeris. We will assist you with a letter detailing the institutional name change.

Q06 Who will I graduate with? Who is conferring my qualification?

Given that Emeris commences operations as an institution in 2027, students who complete/ completed their qualification before 2027 will graduate with an Independent Institute of Education certificate. Students completing their qualification in 2027 and onwards will graduate as an Emeris graduate.

Q07 Will there be an impact on my qualification?

Your qualification remains accredited and registered. The change in institutional name has no impact on your qualification, academic record or the required completion time. Emeris students completing their studies from 2027 will receive their qualification from Emeris.

Q08 Is Emeris registered with the South African regulators?

From January 2027, Emeris (Pty) Ltd will be registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training as a private higher education and training institution under the Higher Education Act, 1997 (reg. no. 2007/HE07/002).

Q09 Will my Emeris modules/qualifications be credited/recognised with other institutions?

Yes, as your qualification remains accredited and recognised, you can apply for studies or credit transfers at other institutions. It is important to remember that each institution has their own admission criteria and module outcomes to consider when reviewing these applications for approval.

Q10 Will I need to apply for internal credits for modules I have already completed with The Independent Institute of Education?

Given that this is an institutional name change, with no change to the qualification, there is no impact on the modules that have been completed. You only need to apply for internal credits if you change your qualification.

Q11 Will professional bodies recognise my Emeris and/or Independent Institute of Education qualification?

Yes, as all regulatory aspects under the name of The Independent Institute of Education (Pty) Ltd will be transferred to Emeris from January 2027. Professional bodies, and endorsement partners will continue to recognise your qualification and membership.

Q12 Can I still transfer to other campuses previously referred to as Independent Institute of Education campuses?

Given that Emeris and Rosebank International are now separate institutions, Emeris students can only transfer between Emeris campuses. Should an Emeris student want to move to Rosebank International, they would need to deregister with Emeris and follow the associated Rosebank International application, registration and credit transfer process.

Q13 Will I get a new student number?

No, your current student number remains valid throughout your academic journey with Emeris.

Q14 I am continuing my studies in 2027, what happens to my study visa that is in the name of The Independent Institute of Education?

We are currently working with the Department of Home Affairs for clarification. Further information will be provided once available.

Q15 Will Emeris have BAC institutional accreditation?

Yes, the British Accreditation Council institutional accreditation transitions to Emeris.

Q16 Will I require a new student card?

No, your Emeris issued student card remains valid throughout your academic journey with Emeris.

Q17 I currently make payment through Electronic Fund Transfers; will I need to alter the banking details I have loaded under my banking profile?

Emeris is listed as a public beneficiary with major banks in South Africa and can easily be found by logging into your banking app or online portal, navigating to the payments or beneficiaries' section and selecting Emeris from the list of public recipients. Important to note that student numbers beginning with ST and followed by 10 digits ('STxxxxxxxx') must be captured as the reference to facilitate successful payments. Banking details for our public beneficiary account can also be found on our website.

Q18 I currently make use of a student loan to finance my studies; will I be able to continue financing my studies on this basis?

All major student loan providers, as well as our preferred partners will have been notified about the institutional name change. If any updated documentation is required, please raise a support request via Emeris Assist.

Q19 Would we need to notify our bursars of the name change?

We recommend speaking to your bursar to discuss their specific requirements. If any updated documentation is required, please log a request via Emeris Assist.

Q20 I received a scholarship/bursary; will this remain in place for the remainder of my studies?

If the scholarship/bursary was awarded for the duration of your studies, this remains in place with the existing terms and conditions.

Q21 I have a deferment credit valid into 2027; will this still be available within Emeris?

Yes, any credit commitments made in the name of The Independent Institute of Education will be honoured by Emeris.

Q22 What happens to my application if I applied to study a degree after my Higher Certificate or a Postgraduate qualification after my Undergraduate qualification?

Your existing application for 2027 with Emeris will not be impacted in anyway.

Q23 Will my previously issued report cards be issued in the name of The Independent Institute of Education or Emeris?

If you are in the class of 2026 and prior, your report cards will reflect The Independent Institute of Education.

Q24 Who will be my alma mater?

All previously conferred Independent Institute of Education qualifications remain valid. The Department of Higher Education and Training Register of Private Higher Education Institutions will now indicate that The Independent Institute of Education has changed its name to Emeris and that qualifications awarded to students by The Independent Institute of Education remain recognised by the Council of Higher Education, South African Qualifications Authority and the Department of Higher Education and Training. Importantly, whether you hold a previously conferred Independent Institute of Education qualification, or are yet to complete your qualification, your alma mater, alumni community and support network is provided via the Emeris Alumni Relations office.

Q25 How do I check that my previously issued qualification is registered and accredited with South African regulators?

Refer to the Department of Higher Education and Training Register of Private Higher Education Institutions and your qualification will now appear under Emeris, and state that Emeris was formerly The Independent Institute of Education. You can also search on the SAQA website using the SAQA ID or the original provider of the qualification.

[Go to the SAQA Website](#) >

Q26 Is The Independent Institute of Education still registered with the DHET?

The Independent Institute of Education has changed its name to Emeris, and this will be reflected on the DHET register. Emeris is registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training as a private higher education and training institution under the Higher Education Act, 1997 (reg. no. 2007/HE07/002).

Q27 Will employers/ future employers be able to verify/validate my previously issued qualifications.

The SAQA ID for your Independent Institute of Education qualification remains unchanged and will continue to be listed on the SAQA website. The DHET Register will indicate that the name of The Independent Institute of Education has changed. We can also issue you with a letter explaining the change, should this be required.

Q28 I have not completed my previously attempted Independent Institute of Education qualification, what should I do?

You may continue at Emeris with the remaining modules for your qualification, provided you do so within the permitted time for completion and the qualification is still available. The qualification will be conferred by Emeris upon completion.

Q29 Must I request updated documents (transcripts or qualification certificate) with the new institutional name?

This is not necessary as your original documentation remains valid. Should you require a certificate reprint after the final Independent Institute of Education graduations in 2027, certification reprints will be issued in the Emeris name and refer to the name change of the conferring institution.

Q30 How will overseas authorities and companies verify my Independent Institute of Education qualification?

The SAQA ID for your Independent Institute of Education qualification remains unchanged and will continue to be listed on the SAQA website here:

[Go to the SAQA Website](#) >

This information can be submitted for an equivalency evaluation, as you would with any other accredited qualification from South Africa.

Q31 What institutional name should I use on my CV or LinkedIn profile?

It is advisable to use the conferring institution and qualification title as shown on your certificate. Once the institutional name change takes effect, you may add "now known as Emeris" for clarification.

Q32 Does the name change alter my qualification's title, NQF level or credits?

Your academic records and associated conferred certification remain unchanged, and valid. Your original academic record remains the reference for these details.

Q33 Who can help with verification, transcripts or a name-change letter?

The Emeris Office of the Registrar provides support to all alumni regarding academic records, certification and verification. For assistance, raise a support request via Emeris Assist here:

[Go to Emeris Assist](#) >

Q34 What is the meaning of the name Emeris?

Emeris is an original name, inspired by the words "Ephemeris" that means the trajectory of celestial objects, and which gives the notion of direction and the Latin word "Emeritus" which means "merit" and earned success.

Combined the name symbolises the individual's path to success.

The path to success at Emeris is defined by our active learning approach, which is highly engaging, and which leads to student success and excellent employment rates!

Q35 Is Emeris a private university?

Historically, South African law has not permitted private higher education institutions to use the designation university. However, all our qualifications are accredited by the Council on Higher Education (CHE) and already hold the same standing as those offered by public universities in South Africa.

This change represents a significant step towards our goal of meeting the anticipated criteria for recognition as a university. Once finalised, these criteria will be published through amendments to South Africa's higher education legislation.

Achieving university status will create even greater opportunities for Emeris to contribute to the growth, development and advancement of higher education in South Africa.