

SIXTH CONGREGATION DATES

The Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) wishes to inform all students who completed their studies in the 2024/25 academic year that their graduation ceremony is scheduled for **Thursday**, July 24, 2025.

The university's 6th Congregation will be held in the Main Auditorium at MUST campus in Thyolo and **His Excellency Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera**, Republican President and Chancellor of MUST, will preside over the graduation ceremony. The starting time is 8.30am.

Academic dress

The university has prescribed academic dress for all graduating programmes which is available for hire as follows:

| • | Diploma students: | K50,000 |
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| • | Bachelors' students: | K60,000 |
| • | Masters' students: | K150,000 |

The stores office will be open between July 20 and 23, 2025 for students to hire out the academic dress. Take note that the office will only be open during working hours. Only those who will provide a payment receipt will be given a gown. The gowns are expected to be returned to the Stores Office immediately after the graduation ceremony, otherwise any delay will be fined K20,000 for any passing day. The academic dress will be given out already cleaned and ironed and students are urged not to clean or iron it again. Any damaged academic dress will be replaced by the graduating student concerned.

Rehearsals

The university has arranged for rehearsals for the ceremony on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 and all graduating students are requested to attend. Those that will not participate in the rehearsals will graduate in absentia even if they make it to the campus on the graduation day. The rehearsals will start at 9.30am.

Guests

Each graduating student will be allowed to bring one guest inside the graduation venue. Additional guests will watch the proceedings from outside where tents and TV screens will be mounted to ensure that they do not miss anything happening inside the venue. Only guests carrying an invitation card and arriving on time, will be allowed access into the main Auditorium. Late comers will be turned back. The university will issue invitation cards to all graduating students to share with their guests.

Photography

The university will engage one photographer who will have EXCLUSIVE access inside the Main Auditorium, all the other accredited photographers will operate from outside the venue but inside the university's perimeter fence. Graduating students who would like to have their pictures taken inside the venue, will have to arrange with the official photographer by contacting the university's Communication Office by July 20th at noon through email on ykamcholoti@must.ac.mw.

Photographers interested to do business on the day are asked to apply for accreditation at a fee of **K40,000** and these will operate from inside the university's perimeter fence but not inside the graduation hall. Applications for photography accreditation should be made via email: jndau@must.ac.mw. Deadline for submissions is July 22. 2025.

Food and other vendors

The university has prepared a designated space for vendors to operate from. To access this space, interested vendors should apply for accreditation at the fee of **K25,000** via email: mmwambongo@must.ac.mw. Again, deadline for applications is July 22, 2025.

For any enquiries, please contact the Assistant Registrar (Academics) at: dbatizani@must.ac.mw.

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