

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

6th General Conference Juris Diversitas

The following information on the NWU, Potchefstroom and South Africa might assist you during your time here.

Please do not hesitate anyone for assistance should you need any.



North-West University

Potchefstroom, South Africa

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Welcome to North West University!

Welcome to North West University (NWU) and welcome to South Africa! We are delighted to be hosting you on the Potchefstroom Campus. The following information is provided to ensure that you have all the practical information required to ensure a pleasant stay on our campus.

The NWU came into being on 1 January 2004 when the former Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education (PU for CHE) merged with the former University of the North West and the Sebokeng Campus of Vista. The NWU consists of three campuses which are located in Potchefstroom, Mafikeng and Vanderbijl Park. The faculty of law is one of eight NWU faculties. Law is taught on all three campuses and the faculty provides legal education and research at undergraduate (LLB, BA(LLB) and Bcom(LLB)), masters (LLM) and doctoral (LLD/Phd) levels. masters (LLM) and doctoral (LLD/Phd) levels.

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Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal/Potchefstroomse Elektroniese Regsblad (PER/PELJ):

<http://law.nwu.ac.za/per>

History of NWU: <http://www.nwu.ac.za/content/history-potchefstroom-campus-potchefstroom-campus-nwu>; <http://www.nwu.ac.za/content/nwu-history-nwu>)

Ferdinand Postma Library

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There is a postgraduate research commons on the 3rd floor of the Ferdinand Postma Library. Access to the library will be arranged upon arrival. The Law Library is on the 2nd floor to the left of Ferdis Coffee Shop.

General Information

South Africa

Currency: Rand

Bureau de change: OR Tambo International Airport, left at the arrivals exit. All places accept *visa/mastercard* credit or debit cards. Remember to inform your bank of your travels to RSA so as to avoid a card being blocked. It is not advisable to walk around with any significant amount of cash. You can draw money from ATMs on and around campus as required.

International dialing code: +27

Time zone: GMT+2

Language. South Africa has 11 official languages: English, Afrikaans (similar to Dutch), Zulu, Xhosa, Ndebele, Southern Sotho, Northern Sotho, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda and Swati. Most people in South Africa are bilingual or trilingual. **English and Afrikaans are spoken throughout Potchefstroom.**

Potchefstroom

Places to eat/drink

Walking distance from campus

- Toro Coffee Shop (wifi and a co-working space area)
- De Milko Coffee Shop (wifi)
- NWU Studente Sentrum (student center) known as the "SS" (on campus)
- Draakenstein Restaurant/Pub (on campus)
- River Café Restaurant (safe to walk to during the day, not at night)
- Die Akker Coffee Shop
- Boere Sjiem (Typically South African comfort food)
- Jonge Akker (on campus, you will have access to campus wifi from here)

- Café Fiori Coffee Shop
- Broken Pot Pub
- Beef Boys Pub and Grill
- Fish Monger Pub and Grill

(There are also a few fast food takeaway places on campus (at the SS) and on the Bult area around campus that are open on a Sunday. KFC, Wimpy etc. The Mr Delivery App is also an option for food delivery from selected fast food chains in Potchefstroom).

Driving distance from campus

- Vida Verde Restaurant
- Black Orchid Restaurant
- Daily Coffee, Coffee Shop, etc

ATMs on and near campus

- In the SS (safest option)
- OK Supermarket - at Cachet
- Die Bult near Bourbons nightclub (not recommended to draw money here at night)

Gym/Fitness

- NWU Campus Gym at the "SS" (Gym and Squash courts)
- Ground Zero Crossfit
- Raiona Crossfit on the Bult
- Blackops fitness, Ferdinand Postma School
- Virgin Active Health Club on the Bult (Swimming pool and spinning)
- CX Fitness Health Club near the mall (Gym and spinning)

Doctors/Pharmacy/Emergency Medical Services

Doctors

- NWU Healthcare Centre (on Campus): Building E16, Jooste Street
- Mediclinic Hospital Potchefstroom: Meyer St, 66, Potchefstroom, 2520, South Africa
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Emergency Ambulance Numbers

- ER 24: +27 86 108 4124
- Netcare: +27 72 505 5133

Pharmacies

- Kampus Apteek (closest to campus)
- Super Spar Potchefstroom
- Clicks (at the mall)
- Dischem (at the mall)

Grocery Stores

- Spar (on the Bult next to shell fuel garage)
- Pick n Pay (van der Hoff Park)
- OK Supermarket, Cachet (Bult – right next to campus main gate)
- Woolworths (at the Mall)
- Checkers (at the Mall)
- Insleep (on the Bult), etc.

Recommended typically South African foods/drinks to try

- Boerewors
- Biltong
- "Pap en vleis" at a Braai(SA grill)

- Melktert
- Amarula don pedro
- Koeksisters
- Bobotie
- Oxtail
- Malva poeding
- Samoosa
- Vetkoek
- Curry and rice
- Castle larger beer
- Windhoek lager beer (Namibian beer)
- Savannah dry/light cider
- Black Label beer
- Brandewyn en coke (brandy)
- South African craft gin/beer (River Café, Vida Verde and Broken Pot have a selection)
- Ginger beer (non-alcoholic)
- Rooibos tea (naturally caffeine free)
- Five Roses tea

Useful Phrases:

Afrikaans

- Yes - Ja
- No - Nee
- Thank you - Dankie

- Please - Asseblief
- Goodbye – Totsiens
- How are you? - Hoe gaan dit met jou?
- Good morning- Goeiemôre
- I'm fine, thanks- Goed, dankie

Zulu

- Go well, good bye; see you (Kahle is pronounced kashle) - Hamba Kahle
- Hello - Sawubona
- Thank you - siyabonga

Tswana - generally spoken in Potchefstroom

- Good morning/afternoon/evening – Dumela (to one person), Dumelang (to a group)
- How are you? – O Kae?
- I am well – Ke teng
- Stay well – Sala sentle
- Go well – Tsamaya sentle
- Please – Ka kopo
- Thank you – Ke a leboga

We hope you enjoy your stay during your short visit to Potchefstroom!