

Sign up



# Password Regulations

Establishing standards and guidelines for the creation of strong passwords, the protection of those passwords and the frequency of change.

## Password requirements



### Length

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Must be at least 14 characters long  
Use a passphrase like a sentence  
for example Coffee1\_first!



### Complexity

Use alphanumeric characters for  
example: C0ff33\_f1rst!  
At least one uppercase letter (A-Z)  
At least one lowercase letter (a-z)  
At least one number (0-9)  
At least one special character (~!@  
#\$\$%^&\*()\_+";?> (leaving a space is  
also a character but not at the end of  
the passphrase)



### History

The passwords are stored in a  
history list keeping a record of the  
last 10 passwords



### Banning

A deny list will prevent users from  
using password from dictionaries,  
repetitive or sequential characters



## User responsibility

- 1** Stellenbosch University (SU) passwords must meet the requirements outlined in the requirements section.
- 2** SU passwords must be unique and different from other personal services.
- 3** SU passwords must be changed and the request to change will be by the system.
- 4** SU passwords may not be shared.
- 5** SU passwords must never be written down.



## Reset options

- [Self-service Password Reset](#)
- [Log a request on the ICT Partner Portal](#)

PLEASE NOTE: A user's identification must be verified  
either in person or video conference.