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## Qualifications Statute

### Academic Policy

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#### 1 Purpose

This statute provides for the granting of awards by the Council of the Victoria University of Wellington ('the University') in accordance with Section 193(2)(a) of the Education Act 1989.

This statute also lists the awards that may be granted by the University Council. The awards are granted for the completion, under the applicable qualification statute, of courses of study that have been accredited and approved by the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee (also known as Universities New Zealand – *Te Pōkai Tara*) in accordance with Section 260 of the [Education Act 1989](#).

#### 2 Organisational Scope

This is a University-wide statute.

#### 3 Definitions

For purposes of this statute, unless otherwise stated, the following definitions shall apply:

- Award (verb): Generic term meaning 'grant' when referring to degrees, diplomas and certificates.
- Confer: Specific term meaning 'grant' when referring exclusively to degrees (including honorary degrees).
- Qualification: Generic term meaning 'degree, diploma or certificate'.

#### 4 Statute Content and Guidelines

##### 4.1 Conferment of Degrees

The Council confers the following degrees:

Master of Applied Finance

Bachelor of Architectural Studies

Bachelor and Master of Architecture

Master of Architecture (Professional)

Bachelor and Master of Arts

Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Master of Arts (Applied)

Bachelor and Master of Biomedical Science

Bachelor of Biomedical Science with Honours  
Bachelor and Master of Building Science  
Bachelor of Building Science with Honours  
Master of Business Administration  
International Master of Business Administration  
Bachelor of Business Information Systems  
Master of Clinical Research  
Doctor of Commerce  
Bachelor and Master of Commerce and Administration  
Bachelor of Commerce and Administration with Honours  
Bachelor of Commerce and Administration/Bachelor of Science conjoint  
Master of Computer Science  
Master of Conservation Biology  
Bachelor and Master of Design  
Bachelor of Design with Honours  
Bachelor and Master of Design Innovation  
Master of Development Studies  
Bachelor and Master of Education  
Master of Educational Psychology  
Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood  
Bachelor of Education (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)  
Bachelor of Education (Whakaako) Early Childhood Education Whariki Papatipu  
Bachelor and Master of Engineering  
Master of Environmental Studies  
Master of Financial Mathematics  
Doctor of Government  
Master of Health Care  
Bachelor of Information Technology  
Master of Information Management  
Master of Information Studies  
Bachelor of Information Technology  
Master of Interior Architecture  
Master of International Relations  
Master of Landscape Architecture  
Bachelor, Master and Doctor of Laws

Bachelor of Laws with Honours  
Master of Library and Information Studies  
Doctor of Literature  
Master of Management  
Master of Management Studies  
Master of Marine Conservation  
Master of Midwifery  
Master of Museum & Heritage Studies  
Bachelor, Master and Doctor of Music  
Master and Doctor of Musical Arts  
Bachelor of Music with Honours  
Master of Music Therapy  
Master of New Zealand Studies  
Master of Nursing  
Master of Nursing (Clinical)  
Master of Nursing Science  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Master of Professional Accounting  
Master of Public Administration (Executive)  
Master of Public Management  
Master of Public Policy  
Bachelor, Master and Doctor of Science  
Bachelor of Science with Honours  
Bachelor of Science and Technology  
Master of Strategic Studies  
Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts conjoint  
Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Commerce and Administration conjoint  
Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Science conjoint  
Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood)/Bachelor of Arts conjoint  
Master of Theatre Arts  
Bachelor and Master of Tourism Management  
Bachelor of Tourism Management with Honours

#### **4.2 Awarding of Diplomas and Certificates**

The Council awards postgraduate diplomas, graduate diplomas, diplomas, postgraduate certificates, graduate certificates or certificates in:

Advanced Nursing

Architecture  
Architecture History and Theory  
Archives and Records Management  
Artist Diploma  
Arts  
Arts (Applied)  
Biomedical Science  
Building Management  
Building Science  
Business Administration  
Clinical Nursing  
Clinical Psychology  
Clinical Research  
Commerce  
Computer Science  
Contemporary Policing  
Deaf Studies (Teaching New Zealand Sign Language)  
Design  
Designed Environments  
Design Innovation  
Development Studies  
Education and Professional Development  
Educational Psychology Practice  
English Proficiency  
Environmental Studies  
Financial Analysis  
Financial Markets Analysis  
Financial Mathematics  
Foundation Studies  
Health  
Health Care  
Health (Teaching for Health Practitioners)  
Higher Education Teaching and Learning  
Human Resource Management  
Information Management

Information Studies  
Interior Architecture  
International Relations  
Jazz  
Landscape Architecture  
Law  
Library and Information Studies  
Management Studies  
Māori Business  
Māoritanga  
Marine Conservation  
Marketing  
Meteorology  
Midwifery  
Museum and Heritage Studies  
Music  
Music Teaching  
New Zealand Conservation  
New Zealand Studies  
Nursing  
Nursing Science  
Professional Accounting  
Proficiency in English  
Public Management  
Public Policy  
Science  
Special Needs Resource Teaching  
Strategic Studies  
Teaching  
Teaching (Adult Literacy and Numeracy)  
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages  
Teaching (Early Childhood Education)  
Teaching (Early Childhood Education) Whariki Papatipu  
Teaching Māori Language  
Teaching (Primary)

Teaching (Secondary)  
Treasury Management  
Theatre Arts  
University Preparation

#### **4.3 Awarding of discontinued qualifications**

The Council may award a qualification that is no longer recorded in this Statute provided that the student has completed the qualification in accordance with the relevant qualification statute(s).

### **5 Legislative Compliance**

The University is required to manage its policy documentation within a legislative framework. The legislation directing this Statute is the:

Education Act 1989, Sections 258, 259 and 260 (in respect of accreditation and approval of qualifications by the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee).

Education Act 1989, Sections 159, 192(8), 193(2)(a), 194(1)(g) (in respect of the power of Council to grant awards).

Victoria University of Wellington Act 1961, Section 20 (in respect of the award of certificates), retrievable at [www.legislation.govt.nz](http://www.legislation.govt.nz)

### **6 References**

Graduation Statute

Academic Transcripts and Certificates Policy

The above are available at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy).

*Functions and Procedures*, a handbook of the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) – a committee of the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee (also known as Universities New Zealand – *Te Pōkai Tara*), available at [www.universitiesnz.ac.nz](http://www.universitiesnz.ac.nz).

Previous Version ("Degrees Statute"): [Degrees Statute 2009](#)

### **7 Appendices**

None

### **8 Approval Agencies**

University Council (approval of this Statute).

New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee (also known as Universities New Zealand – *Te Pōkai Tara*) (approval of the qualifications recorded in this Statute).

### **9 Approval Dates**

This statute was originally approved, as the 'Degrees Statute' in: 1962

This version, renamed the *Qualifications Statute*, takes effect from: 29 August 2011

This statute will be reviewed by: 29 August 2014

## **10 Statute Sponsor**

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