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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 s193(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 s260 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

Master of Applied Statistics

Bachelor of Architectural Studies

Master of Architecture

Master of Architecture (Professional)

Bachelor and Master of Arts

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Teaching (Conjoint)

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  
Master of Business Administration  
International Master of Business Administration  
Master of Clinical Immunology  
Master of Clinical Research  
Doctor of Commerce  
Bachelor and Master of Commerce  
Bachelor of Commerce with Honours  
Master of Computer Science  
Master of Conservation Biology  
Master of Design  
Bachelor and Master of Design Innovation  
Master of Design Technology  
Master of Development Studies  
Master of Drug Discovery and Development  
Master of e-Government  
Bachelor, Master and Doctor 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 Whāriki Papatipu  
Bachelor of Education with Honours  
Bachelor and Master of Engineering  
Bachelor of Engineering with Honours  
Master of Engineering Practice  
Master of Environmental Studies  
Master of Fine Arts (Creative Practice)  
Master of Geographic Information Science  
Master of Global Management  
Master of Global Marketing  
Doctor of Government  
Master of Health Care

Master of Health Research  
Master of Information Management  
Master of Information Studies  
Master of Innovation and Commercialisation  
Master of Interior Architecture  
Master of International Relations  
Master of International Trade  
Master of Landscape Architecture  
Bachelor, Master and Doctor of Laws  
Bachelor of Laws with Honours  
Doctor of Literature  
Master of Māori and Indigenous Business  
Master of Marine Conservation  
Master of Meteorology

Master of Migration Studies  
Master of Museum and Heritage Practice  
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 Science  
Doctor of Philosophy  
Master of Political Science  
Master of Professional Accounting  
Master of Professional Business Analysis  
Master of Professional Economics  
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 Bachelor of Teaching (Conjoint)  
Master of Secondary School Leadership

Master of Science in Society  
Master of Software Development  
Master of Strategic Studies  
Bachelor of Teaching\*  
Master of Teaching and Learning (Primary)  
Master of Teaching and Learning (Secondary)  
Master of Theatre Arts  
Bachelor and Master of Tourism Management  
Bachelor of Tourism Management with Honours  
Master of User Experience Design

*\* The Bachelor of Teaching is not offered separately; it is offered as a conjoint degree with either the Bachelor of Arts or the Bachelor of Science.*

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

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

Architecture  
Architecture History and Theory  
Artist Diploma  
Arts  
Arts (Applied)  
Biomedical Science  
Building Science  
Business Administration  
Clinical Psychology  
Clinical Research  
Commerce  
Computer Science  
Deaf Studies (Teaching New Zealand Sign Language)  
Designed Environments  
Design Innovation  
Development Studies  
Drug Discovery and Development  
Education  
Education and Professional Development  
Educational Psychology Practice  
Engineering Practice

English Proficiency  
Environmental Studies  
Financial Analysis  
Financial Markets Analysis  
Foundation Studies  
Geographic Information Science  
Global Business  
Health Care  
Higher Education Learning and Teaching  
Human Resource Management  
Information Management  
Information Studies  
Interior Architecture  
International Relations  
International Trade  
*Jazz*  
Landscape Architecture  
Law  
Management Studies  
Māori Business  
Māoritanga  
Marine Conservation  
Marketing  
Meteorology  
Midwifery  
Migration Studies  
Museum and Heritage Practice  
Music  
New Zealand Studies  
Nursing Science  
Political Science  
Professional Accounting  
Professional Economics  
Public Management  
Public Policy

Restorative Justice Practice  
Science  
Secondary School Leadership  
Software Development  
Strategic Studies  
Teaching (Adult Literacy and Numeracy)  
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages  
Teaching (Early Childhood Education)  
Teaching (Primary)  
Teaching (Secondary)  
Theatre Arts  
Treasury Management  
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, ss258, 259 and 260 (in respect of accreditation and approval of qualifications by the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee).

Education Act 1989, ss159, 192(8), 193(2)(a), 194(1)(g) (in respect of the power of Council to grant awards).

Victoria University of Wellington Act 1961, s20 (in respect of the award of certificates).

The above are available 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/about/governance/strategy/policies](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy/policies).

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

Previous Version: [Qualifications Statute](#)

## **7 Appendices**

Appendix A – [Subject Codes](#)

## 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 statute was renamed the *Qualifications Statute* and was approved on: 29 August 2011

This statute was updated on: 2 March 2017

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## 10 Statute Sponsor

Provost

## 11 Contact Person

The following person may be approached in relation to this statute:

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