Qualifications Statute
Academic Policy

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
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).


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*).

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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

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10 Statute Sponsor

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11 Contact Person

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