

## GRADUATION CEREMONIES POLICY



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### Related Documents

*Academic Documents Policy*

*Graduation Eligibility Policy*

Regulation 1 Council

### Policy Statement

1. The University of Divinity must hold at least one conferring ceremony annually for the purpose of conferring degrees and awarding diplomas and certificates to eligible graduands certified by Academic Board.
2. The conferring ceremony is known as Graduation.
3. The time, date and venue of a Graduation must be authorised in advance by resolution of Council.
4. The names of all graduands to receive awards of the University at a Graduation must have been approved by Academic Board prior to the ceremony.
5. At a Graduation the Chair of Academic Board or the Chair's delegate (who must be a member of Academic Board) must certify to the presiding officer that all candidates to be presented in person or in absentia at that ceremony have fulfilled the requirements of the awards to which they will be admitted.
6. Candidates for admission to degrees, diplomas or certificates will be presented by their Colleges, with the exception of higher degree by research students who will be presented separately after all other awards have been conferred.
7. The order of proceedings for a Graduation must reflect the Vision and Mission of the University of Divinity and the Graduate Attributes. As such, it must include a reading from Christian scripture, prayer, song, and an address.
8. The Vice-Chancellor is authorised by Council to determine all other procedures or arrangements necessary in relation to Graduation.

### Date of Next Review

This policy must be reviewed no later than 31 December 2023.