



Posthumous Awards Policy

Section 1 - Principles for the Posthumous Award of Degrees or Diplomas

(1) Any case should be considered on an individual basis following submission of a formal request. The University can only respond to the requests which are drawn to its attention and there may be other occasions when a student does not re-enrol because he or she has died.

(2) The College offering the program for which the student was enrolled must be able to confirm that the student was completing the final semester or component of the program and be satisfied beyond doubt, on the basis of work already performed during the year, that had the student been able to complete the program, he or she would have satisfactorily completed the requirements for the degree or diploma.

(3) Academic Senate after considering the recommendation of the College Board may resolve to relax the Rules Governing Undergraduate Academic Awards or the Rules Governing Postgraduate Coursework Awards to allow the award to be made posthumously.

Status and Details

Status	Current
Effective Date	16th December 2009
Review Date	31st December 2019
Approval Authority	Vice-Chancellor
Approval Date	6th February 2018
Expiry Date	Not Applicable
Enquiries Contact	Cathie Shanahan Senior Manager, Academic Governance & Compliance <hr/> Student Central

Glossary Terms and Definitions

"Academic Senate" - The Academic Senate of the University as described in the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

"University" - The University of Newcastle, a body corporate established under sections 4 and 5 of the University of Newcastle Act 1989.

"Award" - When referring to a University qualification, this term means an academic qualification approved by Academic Senate that is conferred when a student has met the relevant program requirements. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

"Student" - A person formally enrolled in a course or active in a program offered by the University or affiliated entity.

"Program" - When referring to learning, a program is a sequence of approved learning, usually leading to an Award. For all other uses of this term, the generic definition applies.

"College" - An organisational unit established within the University by the Council.

"College Board" - The principal governance committee for the College or Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre.