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NOTICE ABOUT 2021/2022 GRADUATION

1. Graduation sessions and deadlines

A small graduation session is held in summer (December) and UCT's main graduation session is held in autumn (March/April). There is a PhD-only graduation session in winter (July).

Once approved by Senate and Council, the schedule of graduation ceremonies will be published at: <http://www.students.uct.ac.za/students/current-students/graduation>.

Graduation information will be sent out only to qualifiers. It is thus important that you note and adhere to the closing dates, which will be enforced in all cases. This means that to be included in graduation, you must be a qualifier on the date the list closes. Check your qualifier status on Peoplesoft. Also check that your full name, programme, any distinctions and all other details are correct. Please refer any queries regarding the above to your faculty office.

Submission dates for master's and PhD students to submit their dissertations and theses are a *guide* only. However, the date by which you must be a qualifier on system is an **absolute deadline** and will be applied strictly.

1.1 December 2021 graduation

Research students June 2021	Submission of dissertation/thesis (to have been preceded by the intention to submit) is recommended 5 months before the deadline for qualification entry to allow for delays in examination. It is possible that submissions after this are examined in time for the 31 October deadline.
All students 31 October 2021	December graduation list closes. Final date for qualifier status to be on system.

1.2 March/April 2022 graduation

Research students September 2021	Submission of dissertation/thesis (to have been preceded by the intention to submit) is recommended 5 months before the deadline for qualification entry to allow for delays in examination. It is possible that submissions after this are examined in time for the 31 January deadline.
All students 31 January 2022	March/April graduation list closes. Final date for qualifier status to be on system.



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1.3. July 2022 PhD graduation

ONLY PhD students February 2022	Submission of thesis (to have been preceded by the intention to submit) is recommended 5 months before the deadline for qualification entry to allow for delays in examination. It is possible that submissions after this are examined in time for the 17 June deadline.
ONLY PhD students 17 June 2022	July graduation list closes. Final date for qualifier status to be on system.

2. Automatic letter of qualification

Students who qualify in December and January for the award of their qualifications in the autumn graduation session will be sent an automatic system-generated letter of qualification which may be used for job-seeking purposes etc. This letter will be sent to your UCT student email account in late January and late February.

The letter will indicate the **confer date** in the autumn graduation session, which should not be confused with the **graduation date**. UCT's student system records one confer date per session which means that we use one date for **all** students and **all** qualifications. The actual date on which a student graduates will differ.

3. Certificates

Please be aware that certificates are only issued at the time of graduation and graduands cannot receive them in advance. The automatic letter of qualification will suffice for use in cases in which third parties require proof that students have completed their studies. The global verification MIE database will be updated in January and February so graduands for the autumn graduation session will be able to have their qualifications verified by their (prospective) employers.

4. *In absentia* at graduation

For physical ceremonies, graduands unable to attend their graduation ceremony will graduate *in absentia*. They will be able to arrange for postage, collection or couriering of their degree certificates. *In absentia* graduates will **not** be allowed to attend a subsequent graduation ceremony.