



## Student Records Office

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### NOTICE ABOUT 2023 GRADUATION

#### 1. Graduation sessions and deadlines

Graduation sessions will be held in autumn (March 2023) and summer (December 2023). There is a PhD-only graduation session in winter (July 2023).

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. March 2023 graduation

<b>Research students</b> September 2022	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.
<b>All students</b> 31 January 2023	March graduation list closes. Final date for qualifier status to be on system.

##### 1.2. July 2023 PhD graduation

<b>ONLY PhD students</b> February 2023	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 15 June deadline.
<b>ONLY PhD students</b> 15 June 2023	July graduation list closes. Final date for qualifier status to be on system.



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### 1.3. December 2023 graduation

<b>Research students</b> June 2023	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.
<b>All students</b> 31 October 2023	December 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

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