

AEGROTAT AWARDS

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UTS has recently undertaken a review of the Student Rules. One of the outcomes of this review has been the elimination of “aegrotat terminology” through the introduction of specific conditions as to when awards may be conferred on students who have suffered death or permanent incapacity.

Specifically, the Rules cover the possibility of an award being made under these conditions where it is an “exit” award rather than for the award of the course enrolled in. For example, it is possible for a student enrolled in a Master of Business Administration to be conferred a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration if available. The new Student Rules make it explicit that this type of award is not available to research courses. The relevant Rules are extracted below.

Rule 13.2 Completion of requirements

13.2.1 Coursework

(3) Where, as a result of death or permanent incapacity, a student fails to complete the assessment requirements for subjects in which the student was enrolled and which if successfully completed, would have satisfied requirements for an award, the relevant Faculty Board may recommend to Academic Board that the student be deemed to have completed requirements of a course. Such a recommendation would normally be made within two (2) years of the student’s last enrolled teaching period and must be supported by relevant documentary evidence.

13.4 Conferral of award

13.4.3 An award of the University may be conferred posthumously.

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10.2 Completion of an Award

(a) A student shall be deemed to have completed an award course at the time that the Academic Board recommends to Council that the student is eligible for an award.

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(c) A student who fails to complete units in the final study period of an award course as a result of death or permanent incapacity shall be eligible to be considered for an aegrotat award. An application for an aegrotat award shall be made in writing by the student or by a deceased student's legal representative to the Director of Student Services, for approval by the relevant Executive Dean, by the prescribed date and must be accompanied by relevant documentary evidence.

(d) An award of the University may be granted posthumously. An application for a posthumous award shall be made in writing by the deceased's legal representative to the Director of Student Services, for approval by the relevant Executive Dean, by the prescribed date and must be accompanied by relevant documentary evidence.

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5.8 *Aegrotat* and posthumous awards

In exceptional circumstances involving serious illness or death, award of *aegrotat* and posthumous degrees and diplomas may be made. In this circumstance, the Dean, acting on behalf of the Faculty, would then authorise the Registrar to certify that the conditions for the award of the degree or diploma had been met.