

Dear <<First Name>>,

Following the [email from the Vice Chancellor](#) yesterday regarding the postponement of the July 2020 Degree Congregation, we are writing to you as a student who has previously selected to defer your ceremony to July 2020 as we understand that you may have further questions about the situation.

For clarity, the current intention (including students who previously selected to defer attendance to the July ceremonies) is for all students who are eligible for July graduation to graduate in absentia at that time so that certificates can be issued as soon as possible instead of waiting for a future Degree Congregation. Our intention is to ask students to complete a registration process in the coming months, which will include providing the address for your certificate to be sent to. You do NOT need to provide us with an address separately at this time, but should let us know if you change your email address. Postponed ceremonies will take place at a later date in the 2020/21 academic year for any students who were due to be invited to July 2020 who wish to attend. At this stage, the new dates and schedule are not known, but we will update you and our website once details are confirmed.

Our hope at this time is that we will be in a position to be able to post out certificates for all students due to graduate in July through the Summer Vacation period, although inevitably this will depend on how the situation develops over the coming months, and the relevant Government advice at the time. The Awards and Ceremonies team, along with the majority of the University, are currently working from home where the printing and posting of certificates is not possible, and so the timeframe for when you will receive your certificate remains uncertain as this will be dependent on when we are able to return to the office. We appreciate your understanding and patience at this time.

If, in the meantime, you need evidence to confirm your award, the Student Services team are able to issue an electronic Confirmation of Award Letter. For more information, including how to request a letter if required, please see our [Status Letter webpage](#).

You can keep up to date with news related to the postponed July 2020 ceremonies on the [Coronavirus Updates](#) section of the Awards & Ceremonies website, but if you have any further questions, please [contact us](#) and we will advise as best we can.

Yours sincerely

Awards and Ceremonies Team

All data provided to the University during this process will be treated in accordance with the University's data protection policy and your specified data protection preferences.