

Policy Owner:	Director, Products and Planning	Date Approved:	February 2006
Category:	Academic	Date Last Revised:	March 2014
Authorised by	Academic Approvals Committee	Next Review Date:	November 2020

Note: The review of this policy has been rolled over for 12 months from November 2019, when it will be reviewed in 2020, pending the outcome of the Reform of Vocational Education (RoVE).

Graduations and Academic Regalia

1. Purpose and Scope

1.1. Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec) is committed to providing a graduation occasion to give ceremonial recognition to the achievements of its students for the formal conferment of a degree or award of a qualification, and offers high public visibility to the “town-gown” relationship. Graduation provides an occasion for family and whanau to celebrate the achievements of the graduands.

1.2. This policy applies to all students graduating from Wintec.

2. Policy Statement

2.1. Through this policy Wintec will:

- Stipulate arrangements for graduation ceremonies
- Specify which categories of awards will be presented during graduation
- Prescribe the academic costume to be worn by graduands.

2.2 Wintec adheres to protocol based on the need to provide a level of ceremonial formality befitting recognition of the achievements of Wintec students, to rationalise the potential multiplicity of ceremonies and their current differing levels, and to maintain a balanced cost structure for the operations.

2.3 With the advent of degree programmes the Academic Board has resolved that Wintec should have a unique academic costume reflecting the academic tradition but bearing an element reflecting local tradition. This is seen as necessary to ensure that degrees of Wintec are seen to recognised as having the same status as degrees conferred by universities. In making this move it was also resolved that academic costume should also be available to students receiving diplomas.

Related legislation and policies (for Policy Web)

- Awarding Results policy AC-98/02
- Academic Transcripts AC-96/06