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- at the time of their assessment for an award and was in good financial standing with the University;
- 2.1.2 the award to be conferred is one approved by the Academic Board under its degree awarding and academic powers
 - 2.1.3 it has been confirmed that the individual as a student of the University has completed a course or programme of study approved by the Academic Board as leading to the award being recommended;
 - 2.1.4 the conferment of the award has been recommended by an Examination Board convened, constituted and acting under academic regulations approved by the Academic Board under its degree awarding and academic powers;
 - 2.1.5 the recommendation of the award has been signed by the Chair of the Examination Board and by the Chair of the Academic Board or his/her appointed representative, confirming that the assessments have been carried out in accordance with the University's requirements and that the recommendations have received the consent of the external examiners.
- 2.2 Once an academic outcome has been achieved, and an award conferred, that qualification cannot be withdrawn if you subsequently achieve a higher qualification.
- 2.3 If you do not complete your course through lack of academic progress, withdrawal or because your registration was cancelled, a University Examination Board will confer any lower-level qualification to recognise the level and extent of achievement provided the conditions indicated in 6.2.1 above are met.

3 Posthumous and Aegrotat awards

Posthumous Awards

A posthumous award may be considered where a student has died and has either completed the programme of study, including the required assessments, and has satisfied the requirements for the award, or has completed sufficient credit for an intermediate award.

- 3.1 An award may be conferred posthumously should the student meet conditions as set out in 2.1 or other appropriate individual.
- 3.2 The Examination Board recommendation will be considered by the Scheme Examination Board.
- 3.3 At the discretion of the Vice Chancellor, the financial good standing conditions may be waived in the case of a posthumous award.

Aegrotat Awards

An aegrotat award is an award, without classification, that may be made if a candidate is prevented from completing their studies and/or assessments by illness, death, or similar valid cause. Evidence is provided at the time of consideration by the Examination Board that the student had already completed a significant body of work. The University may award an aegrotat degree where the student is on the awarding level and where there is sufficient evidence that the student would have satisfied the standard required for the award, had they been able to continue their studies.

- 3.4 An award may be conferred as an aegrotat award should the student meet conditions as set out in 2.1 and the Examination Board has sufficient evidence to judge that the student would have reached the required threshold standard for the qualification.
- 3.5 The Examination Board recommendation will be considered by the Scheme Board who will request that the Academic Registrar, a delegate of Academic Board, approves aegrotat award recommendations.
- 3.6 Aegrotat awards for students who are not registered with a PSRB may not be permitted and are outlined in Section 7 . Variations to Academic regulations.

unless it is inaccurate. However, we will re-issue an award certificate in cases of gender reassignment subject to official documentary evidence.

5.4 The award certificate