
Posthumous Awarding of Credentials Policy

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Purpose

This policy sets out the terms and conditions for awarding a credential posthumously at Athabasca University (AU).

Definitions

Credentials	Degrees, diplomas, or certificates awarded on successful completion of a program. Credential regulations specify the requirements that you must meet in order to be awarded a credential, such as the total credits required, the minimum credits that must be completed at the senior level, and the minimum credits that must be completed at AU (residency requirements).
Next of kin	a person's closest living relative or relatives.
Posthumous	Occurring after one's death.

Policy Statements



1. AU will posthumously award a degree, university certificate, diploma, or other academic credential to a student who has fulfilled all of the published requirements of his/her credential.
2. AU may consider students who have not completed all of the published requirements of their credential if they have completed at least a minimum of three-quarters with approval as outlined in the procedures.

The posthumous awarding of credentials will only be undertaken with the consent of the next of kin.

Applicable Legislation and Regulations

[Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#)

Related References, Policies, Procedures and Forms

[Posthumous Awarding of Credentials Procedures \(103a\)](#)

[Application for Graduation Process for Graduate and Undergraduate Credentials Policy \(041\)](#)

History

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