

**FOI Request – FOI1718/02/08****Your Request**

Dear University of Sunderland,

Have any degrees been issued and then been found with mistakes i.e. classification if so what measures have been taken thereafter to remedy the situation

**University's Response**

Further to Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act") we confirm that the information requested is held by the University of Sunderland.

The University is withholding information by virtue of Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as data for these occurrences are not held in a standardised format, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 exempts information from disclosure where doing so would exceed the appropriate fees limit as outlined in the Fees Regulations. For Higher Education Providers the fees limit is £450.00 which equates to 18 hours at £25.00 per hour.

The University does not maintain a record of instances of degree classifications being awarded incorrectly. In the rare occasions when this happens, the correction is authorised by the Chair of the Programme Assessment Board and a record of this is retained with the Programme Assessment Board minutes. In order to determine in how many instances this has occurred, staff would have to manually review all Programme Assessment Board minutes. The University estimates that the time taken to collate the data from all Programme Assessment Board sets of papers across all of our Faculties for one Academic Year would be 24 hours of staff time.

**Advice and Assistance**

Further to Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 public authorities are required to provide advice and assistance where it is reasonably practicable to do so. With this in mind the University would like to advise you that as an institution we have many services that have both a central element with devolved authority given to the faculties which is why the requested information cannot be collated within the appropriate fees limit. We would like to advise you, that should you still require information regarding this we would invite you to make a further request for information requesting information at a higher level at which point your new request for information will be assessed.

Kind regards,  
David Balme  
Director of CICC