



24 May 2021

By email to: [request-754500-8f8041e2@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-754500-8f8041e2@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Kamran Ali,

I refer to your Freedom of Information request received on 11 May 2021 about Graduation plans for 2020 and 2021 students.

Details of any exemptions applied are below. Where any information is “not held”, this is explained below. Those parts of the University’s response (together with the details of how to ask the University to review the management of your request, or thereafter to seek a review by the Scottish Information Commissioner, should you wish to do so – please see below) constitutes the notice in writing that the information specified is not held by the University which is required under section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“FOISA”).

Your enquiry and the University’s response.

- 1) For your students who graduated in 2020, have they had an in-person graduation yet?

Due to the pandemic and Scottish Government guidelines, it has not been possible to have an in-person graduation ceremony for our 2020 graduates.

- 2) If no to question 1., are there plans to have an in-person graduation, when restrictions have been lifted? If so, will they be the same as previous cohorts (2019, 2018, etc.) and when are they currently planned for?

We are planning to have in-person graduation ceremonies for our 2020 graduates, giving them the opportunity to cross the stage at the Caird Hall. We are hoping to be able to hold these during July 2022.

- 3) For your students who are due to graduate in 2021, will they have an in-person graduation? If no, what are your plans for these students?

Due to Scottish Government guidelines, it won’t be possible to hold an in-person ceremony for our Summer graduands in July. We will have an online celebration. We hope to hold an in-person graduation for our Winter ceremony in November but are awaiting confirmation on the Scottish Government guidelines to see if this will be possible.

This concludes the University’s response.

Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with our response or our reasoning set out above, you have 40 working days in which to require a review of our decision. Any such request should be put in writing and should be sent to the University Secretary, Abertay University, at the address provided below. The request should:

- (a) detail your request for a review of our decision to be undertaken
- (b) describe the nature of your original request
- (c) explain the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response

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Abertay University  
Bell Street  
Dundee  
DD1 1HD  
Tel (01382) 308016

E-mail: [S.Stewart@abertay.ac.uk](mailto:S.Stewart@abertay.ac.uk)

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with, you also have the right, in terms of section 47 of FOISA, and within 6 months, to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether we have handled your request properly.

Information relating to your right to seek review is available from the Scottish Information Commissioner's website:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info>

or by contacting the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Scottish Information Commissioner,  
Kinburn Castle,  
Doubledykes Road, St Andrews,  
Fife KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

E-mail: <mailto:enquiries@spso.gov.scot>

Website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info>

Or via the SIC's online appeals service:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>

If you are unhappy with the Commissioner's decision, you also have the right to appeal further to the Court of Session, on a point of law only, under section 56 of FOISA. Please refer to the Commissioner's website (details above) for further information about your right of appeal to the Court of Session.

Yours sincerely,

*FOI Processing*

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