

 Telford Rural Polytechnic <i>Te Whare Wanaka O Puerua</i>	Ref No.	10 - 01
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Title	REPORTING AND CERTIFICATION	
Responsibility	Academic Director	

1. PURPOSE

To ensure that student results are valid, approved and accurately reported.

To ensure that qualifications are appropriately awarded to students who have met all course/programme requirements.

2. APPLICATION

This Policy and Procedure applies to the results of all assessments administered by Telford.

3. DEFINITIONS

Testamur

Certificate/s or Diploma awarded to graduates on successful completion of their qualification or programme of study.

4. STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 192 of the Education Amendment Act 1990, the Telford Council through its Academic Board has the power to approve and award certificates to all students who have successfully completed the requirements of the qualifications. This Policy and Procedure complies with the relevant provisions of the Act.

5. POLICY

5.1 Tutors and/or Programme Coordinators are responsible for accurate recording and reporting assessment results for each of the courses/programmes of study that they administer.

5.2 Unit Standards registered on the NQF that have been achieved by the student with another provider will be recorded in Student Management System.

5.3 The titles of certificates are to show the registered title of the qualification being awarded and shall include, in brackets, the subject major or strand.

5.4 Telford graduates of diploma programmes are entitled to use the following academic appellation (s) after their name:

Diploma in Rural Business
Diploma in Arboriculture

DipRBus
Dip Arb

5.5 All blank certificates are to be held in a secure location.

5.6 Any request for replacement testamurs awarded under this Section will be approved by the Academic Board.

5.7 No student who owes money to Telford will be entitled to receive a testamur.

5.8 Results will be allocated in accordance with the following table.

Achievement-based Assessment (ABA) (Qualification)

Legend	Result
85% - 100%	Distinction
70 - 84%	Merit
50% - 69%	Pass
0-49%	F (Fail) No pass awarded as the required standard of achievement has not been demonstrated.
W	A student has officially withdrawn from a programme of study after the specified refund period (see Policy and Procedure 5-05 Withdrawals, Transfers and Refunds).
Recognition of Prior Learning	Pass awarded acknowledging a student's previous informal or formal learning.
Aegrotat	Pass awarded to a student whose absence or impaired performance has been the result of illness, injury, bereavement or other personal circumstances.

To achieve a topic:

- Achieve an aggregate of $\geq 50\%$ of available marks across assignments within the topic
- If aggregated marks within the topic are less than 50% then failed assignments within the topic must be re-sat to lift the aggregate mark to greater than or equal to 50% at which point the topic achieves an R-pass grade.

To achieve a course/paper: (Note – in some qualifications, 'courses' may be referred to as 'modules')

- Pass all topics within the course/paper. (Note: An R-pass is a Pass for determining this)
- Marks for each topic will be aggregated together based on the weighting that each topic contributes to the course/paper. (Note: A pass in each topic will also mean that each course/paper has been achieved)

To achieve the qualification:

- Pass all courses/papers within the qualification
- Students may achieve a Merit ($\geq 70\%$ and $< 85\%$) or a Distinction ($\geq 85\%$) if they achieve the appropriate marks averaged across each course/paper.

Legend	Results
$\geq 50\%$	Pass
$< 50\%$	Fail
$\geq 50\%$ on resit	R-Pass

Competency Based Assessment (CBA)

Result	Legend	Definition
C	Competent/complete	Student has demonstrated the required level of competency.
NC	Not yet competent/incomplete	Fail: Student has completed coursework/ assessments but has not yet demonstrated the required level of competency.
W	Withdrawn	A student has officially withdrawn from a programme of study after the specified refund period (see Policy and Procedure 5-05 Withdrawals, Transfers and Refunds).
AP	Another Provider	Student has achieved a grade with another provider.

6. PROCEDURE

- 6.1 Programme Coordinators are responsible for submitting a set of verified and signed student academic records to the Academic Director, that testify to a student's successful completion of all required components of a programme, and consequently, to his or her eligibility to graduate.
- 6.2 The Awards Review Committee will check the student academic records, and recommend the submission of all results and schedule of eligible graduands to the Academic Board for approval.
- 6.3 Upon Academic Board approval the Academic Director will authorise designated Telford staff to prepare the certificates for eligible graduands, and will confirm that all details entered on the certificate are correct and complete prior to signing by designated Telford personnel.
- 6.4 The Academic Director is responsible for arranging award of certificates at graduation, or mailing of the certificates to recipients who will not be graduating in person.
- 6.5 For **all Certificate and Diploma programmes** (A Certificate is greater than or equal to 40 Credits) the following procedures must be followed:
- All Certificates/Diplomas awarded by the Telford Council must bear the crest and seal of Telford (affixed in the presence of two Telford Council members, excluding the Chief Executive Officer), and state when the qualification was awarded.
 - All Certificates/Diplomas will bear the following statement: *"[Student's name] having satisfied the requirements of the Academic Board of the Telford Rural Polytechnic Council as prescribed in Section 192 of the Education Amendment Act 1990, has been awarded the [name of qualification]"*.
 - All named Diploma qualifications are to be signed by the Chief Executive Officer and Council Chair.
 - Telford qualifications (i.e. not National qualifications) of greater than 40 credits (i.e. meeting the criteria to be called a Certificate) – receive the A4 testamur, with common seal, signed by CEO and Programme Coordinator.
 - In addition to the testamur, each graduating student will receive a record of achievement for his/her particular course or programme of study.
- 6.6 For all **other qualifications** (less than 40 credits), the following procedures must be followed:
- All certificates awarded under this Section must bear the crest of Telford, and state when the qualification was awarded.
 - All certificates will bear the following statement: *"This is to certify that [Student's name] has successfully completed the requirements of the [name of qualification]"*.
 - Telford qualifications (i.e. not National qualifications) of less than 40 credits (i.e. not meeting the criteria to be called a Certificate) – receive an A5 certificate, without the common seal, signed by the Academic Director.
- 6.7 A Telford **Statement of Achievement** may be awarded in the following circumstances:
- To a student who has been enrolled in a programme qualification/programme of study listed in the Telford Profile but has not met Academic Board requirements for award of the full qualification; *or*
- To a secondary school student who has completed a STAR programme, in recognition of the Unit Standards that have been successfully completed.
- The Statement of Achievement will list the Unit Standards, modules or subjects for which the student has demonstrated competency.
 - The Statement of Achievement will bear the crest of Telford Rural Polytechnic.

- The Statement of Achievement will bear the following statement: *“After studying at Telford Rural Polytechnic [Student’s name] has shown competency in the following:”*
- All Statements of Achievement will be signed by the relevant Programme Coordinator.
- The Statement of Achievement will state the date when the Statement was awarded.
- Any student who has received a Statement of Achievement for any Unit Standards, modules or subjects may have these qualifications credited towards a mainstream Telford qualification at a later date.

6.8 Dates on testamurs are as follows:

- For on-campus qualifications, the date on the testamur will be the date the Academic Board approved the award of the qualification.
- For correspondence students, the date on the testamur will be the date on which the Academic Board approved the qualification as successfully completed.
- For a replacement testamur, the date is as per the original.

6.9 Names on certificates are as follows:

- The testamur (the official certificate of the qualification) must have the graduate’s legal name. This is as required by NZQA and as verified by NSI.
- The legal name must be at least the first name, initial/s of middle names, and surname. Where a graduate is known by their middle name, first and middle and last names may be written. No abbreviations or variations of the legal name are permitted.
- The official transcript of results must also have the legal name.
- The graduation programme document may have the graduate’s preferred name.

7. RECORD MANAGEMENT

Record	Responsibility	Filed	Retention Time
Results	Programme Co-ordinator/ Senior Administration Manager	Take 2	Indefinitely
Academic Board Minutes	Academic Board Secretary	Academic Director	Indefinitely
Council Minutes	Council Secretary	Council Secretary’s Office	Indefinitely
Result Transcript	Academic Director	Academic Director’s Office	Indefinitely

8. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Nil.

REVISION HISTORY			
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