

Emergency Statute

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Introduction:

The Emergency Statute has been developed in consultation with the University lawyer to ensure that authority is in place for Council and the Vice-Chancellor to act urgently in emergency situations.

Definitions:

Emergency: As defined in the [Emergency Management Policy](#), an emergency is otherwise known as a **critical incident** and relates to any unplanned or unforeseen event that disrupts normal business and may be a threat to life or property, e.g. severe weather, bomb threat, fire, flood, earthquake, tsunami.

Statute:

Where an epidemic, flood, fire, or other emergency occurs, the Executive Committee of the Council, acting on the advice of the Vice-Chancellor may, for such period and on such terms as it thinks fit to accommodate the emergency, grant waivers to any student or group of students, or suspend the application, of all or any part of, any University Regulation or Statute, or close the University. If the Executive Committee cannot meet, the Vice-Chancellor is authorised to act independently and report his actions back to the Executive Committee as soon as practicable for review of the actions taken. Any decision under this regulation shall be of immediate and continuing effect but shall be subject to review by the Council.

Related Policies, Procedures and Forms:

- [Emergency Management Policy](#)

- [Emergency Management website](#)
- [Emergency Response Plan](#)

Notes:

1. The Emergency Statute was adopted by the Executive Committee of the University Council on 21 June 2009 and ratified by the full University Council at its meeting on 24 June 2009.

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