

STATUTE 5.8 – REVOCATION OF AWARDS

1. In this Statute unless the contrary intention appears-

“antecedent institution” means Ballarat University College, The School of Mines and Industries Ballarat Limited or the Wimmera Institute of Technical and Further Education,

“fraud” includes but is not limited to-

- (a) the use of material in any thesis or work which was knowingly false or fabricated;
- (b) appropriating the ideas or work of another person and passing them off as one’s own;
- (c) transgression of ethical research practice.

Circumstances for revocation

2. (1) If the Council is satisfied that a degree, diploma, certificate or other award conferred or granted by the University or an antecedent institution has been obtained by a person as a result of fraud or improper means, it may revoke the degree, diploma, certificate or other award.
- (2) If the Council is satisfied that a degree, diploma, certificate or other award was conferred or granted by the University to a person who had not fulfilled the conditions prescribed for admission to the award, it may revoke the degree, diploma, certificate or other award.

Manner of revocation

3. (1) Where the Vice-Chancellor determines that a prima facie case exists for revoking a person’s degree, advanced diploma, diploma, certificate or other award, the Vice-Chancellor must refer the matter to Academic Board to investigate the facts.
 - (2) Academic Board must give the person against whom the prima facie case exists an opportunity to respond.
 - (3) Academic Board must report its finding to the Council together with a recommendation for the consideration of the Council.
4. This Statute applies to degrees, advanced diplomas, diplomas, certificates or other awards conferred or granted whether before or after its date of commencement.