

Frequently Asked Questions on Graduation/Convocation

Q1: I want to invite my family to attend my convocation. Will the Office of the Registrar provide me with a Letter of Invitation (LoI)?

To support your family's application, they will need the following documents:

- An Letter of Invitation
The Office of the Registrar does not provide this letter. You can write the letter on your own. Instructions can be found [on this webpage](#) for your reference.
- A copy of your study permit
- A copy of the ID page of your passport notarized by a lawyer
- **Verification of Graduation*** from AU

You can order this by visiting this [link](#) and click on “Verification of Graduation” (see the screenshot below).

VERIFICATION OF GRADUATION (VOG)

Current Students

Current students can apply for a VoG via Student Portal, under “Resources”, click on “Transcript and Form Requests”.

[STUDENT PORTAL](#) ▶

Alumni

If you are an alumnus and do not have access to Student Portal anymore, please make the request using the link below. At the step of “Select Form”, select Verification of Graduation.

[ALUMNI VOG REQUEST](#) ▶

If you are a current student or if you completed your study within the last 16 months, click on [STUDENT PORTAL](#).

If you have lost access to Student Portal, please click on [ALUMNI VOG REQUEST](#).

Please refer to the [IRCC website](#) to find out the Visa application process and processing time.

* If you want to invite your parents to visit you for other reasons than convocation, a Confirmation of Enrolment is needed instead of a VoG.

Q2: I can't attend the convocation. When and how will I get my degree or certificate?

If you have applied for the Convocation and if you meet the graduation requirement of your program, you will be included on the graduation list that will be conferred by the University Senate in the first week of the month of the convocation (e.g., for the June convocation, this will occur in early June).

Upon degree conferred, the Office of the Registrar will start mailing your degree and certificate to the address you've provided in the graduation application. For June convocation, this will occur by mid-June.

Q3: I missed the graduation application deadline. What should I do?

If you missed the graduation application deadline unfortunately, you will need to wait for the next graduation. There are two graduation applications per year - June and October.

For the June graduation, the application is normally closed in late January. The deadline for the October graduation is **August 26th**. The Office of the Registrar will send an email notification and reminder to students. It will also be posted on the Student Portal, website and social media. Make sure you don't miss it!

Please note that a graduation ceremony usually does not take place in the fall. However, Algoma University's Alumni Office hosts a homecoming celebration for the AU alumnus and you are more than welcome to join the celebration events! Stay tuned for more information from the Alumni office.

Q4: I missed the graduation application deadline. Will I still be able to receive a transcript showing I've completed my program?

If you have completed your program, however, you have not applied for the convocation, you are not considered graduated. Therefore, your official transcript will **not** and **cannot** state that you have graduated. Graduation must be conferred by the University Senate - this is an official step that must be completed before a degree or certificate is granted.

If you are applying for the Post Graduate Work Permit (PGWP) but have not received your a degree/graduate certificate, you can apply for a Verification of Graduation Letter. Please refer to Q1 above to learn how to apply for the VoG.