



**RHODES UNIVERSITY**

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# **Graduation Booklet 2019**

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## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

December 2018

Dear Graduand/Diplomand

Firstly, on behalf of the University, congratulations on your academic achievement. We wish you and your guests a happy and memorable Graduation weekend in April 2019. The highlights of this special period in the University calendar include the formal splendour of the Graduation ceremonies themselves and the equally colourful but more relaxed atmosphere of the Garden Party.

In the following pages you will find the necessary information about various practical aspects of the Graduation weekend (including booking tickets, appropriate attire and payments).

Details are also provided about membership of Convocation and the Old Rhodian Union, and about the NRF Register of Graduates - items which should be of interest to new graduates/diplomates.

If there are any aspects pertaining to graduation that are not adequately covered in this booklet, enquiries should be directed to the Student Bureau (Eden Grove) by telephone +27 (0)46 603 8276, by fax +27 (0)46 603 8300 or by e-mail [registrar@ru.ac.za](mailto:registrar@ru.ac.za).

Yours sincerely

Dr Adèle L Moodly  
Registrar

## **Graduation Ceremonies in 2019**

There will be *six* University Graduation Ceremonies in April 2019 to be held in the main auditorium of the 1820 Settlers' Monument:

### **Thursday, 11 April 2019 at 09h30**

Bachelor's: Bachelor of Journalism, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Education  
Postgrad Diplomas: Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism, Postgraduate Diploma in Media Management, Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Journalism, Postgraduate Diploma in International Studies, Postgraduate Certificate in Education, Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education  
Honours: Bachelor of Education Honours  
Master's: Master of Music, Master of Education  
Doctorate: PhD in Education

### **Thursday, 11 April 2019 at 14h30**

Bachelor's: Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Laws  
Honours: Bachelor of Commerce Honours, Bachelor of Economics Honours  
Postgrad Diplomas: Postgraduate Diploma in Accountancy, Postgraduate Diploma in Taxation  
Master's: Master of Science, Master of Science (Pharmacy), Master of Pharmacy, Master of Laws  
Doctorate: Doctor of Pharmacy, PhD in Pharmacy, PhD in Law

### **Friday, 12 April 2019 at 09h30**

Bachelor's: Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science (Information Systems), Bachelor of Science (Software Development)  
Honours: Bachelor of Science Honours  
Doctorate: PhD in Science

### **Friday, 12 April 2019 at 14h30**

Bachelor's: Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Business Science  
Postgrad Diplomas: Postgraduate Diploma in Enterprise Management  
Master's: Master of Business Administration, Master of Commerce, Master of Economics  
Doctorate: PhD in Commerce

### **Friday, 12 April 2019 at 18h30**

Bachelor's: Bachelor of Social Science  
Honours: Bachelor of Arts Honours  
Master's: Master of Arts  
Doctorate: PhD in Humanities following completion of Master of Arts

### **Saturday, 13 April 2019 at 09h30**

Bachelor's: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Art  
Honours: Bachelor of Social Science Honours  
Master's: Master of Fine Art, Master of Social Science  
Doctorate: PhD in Humanities following completion of Master of Social Science

If your degree or diploma does not appear in any of the ceremony lists, please contact the Academic Administration Office by email at [AcademicAdmin@ru.ac.za](mailto:AcademicAdmin@ru.ac.za) or by telephone on +27 (0)46 603 8213.

## Section 1: Confirming attendance/non-attendance at Graduation

### How do I inform the University if I will/will not attend graduation?

The preferred method to inform the University of your intention to attend/not attend the graduation ceremony is to complete our online graduation reply card at <https://ross.ru.ac.za>. Alternatively you may complete and return the small colour coded reply card enclosed with your graduation pack.

### When is the closing date for confirming attendance?

Graduands/Diplomands must respond to the University regarding their attendance at graduation by no later than **Friday, 22 March 2019**. *Graduands/Diplomands who fail to do so, are at risk of not being allocated any tickets for their guests for the Graduation Ceremony or Garden Party.* It is thus in your own interest to inform the University of your attendance as soon as possible.

### More information about the online reply card

Completing the online reply card is the easiest and safest way in which to inform the University of your attendance/non-attendance. You are required to log onto your ROSS account to access it, which allows the system to identify the qualification awarded to you and to determine at which ceremony your qualification is being awarded/conferred.

If you indicate that you do not wish to attend the graduation ceremony, you will be directed to information regarding the various means by which you can receive your parchment after the ceremonies in 2019 – for further details see Section 2.

### More information about the hard copy reply card

The hard copy reply cards are divided into six colours, corresponding to the six graduation ceremonies. They are as follows:

1.	Thursday	11 April 2019	09h30	<b>Buff (light orange)</b>
2.	Thursday	11 April 2019	14h30	<b>Green</b>
3.	Friday	12 April 2019	09h30	<b>Lilac (light purple)</b>
4.	Friday	12 April 2019	14h30	<b>Pink</b>
5.	Friday	12 April 2019	18h30	<b>Yellow</b>
6.	Saturday	13 April 2019	09h30	<b>Blue</b>

Should you decide to return the colour coded hard copy reply card, please use the coding that appears in the University Calendar when confirming which qualification you have completed, e.g. BCom, MSS, PhD (Education), etc.

REPLY CARD COLOUR: BLUE - CEREMONY NUMBER: 1			
Rhodes University Graduation - 1946, 20 April 2017 at 1929 Soutter's Movement, Grahamstown			
ONLINE REPLY CARD available at: <a href="https://ross.ru.ac.za">https://ross.ru.ac.za</a>			
Closing Date for submission of reply card: 31 March 2017			
Returns to: Student Bureau, Box 94, Grahamstown, 6140 or Fax: +2746-6918300 or <a href="mailto:register@ru.ac.za">register@ru.ac.za</a>			
Student number:		Title:	
Surname:			
First name(s):			
Which degree diploma (e.g. BA)?		Will you be present?	
IF YES:	Yes/no	Number	IF NO:
Guest tickets required:	Auditorium		You are still required to return a reply card (details above) and see further referred to the form: "Returning Degree Diploma Parchment" if "Not Attending Graduation" to arrange receipt of your parchment. An online version is available at: <a href="https://ross.ru.ac.za">https://ross.ru.ac.za</a>
	TV Hall		
	Garden Party		
Please note the Graduand automatically has a seat			
Tel:	(xx)	(x)	(xxx)
Signed:		Email:	

### May children attend the ceremony?

Children **under the age of 15 years** will *not* be allowed entrance to the main auditorium. They are instead permitted to watch the ceremony on closed-circuit television in one of the TV Halls, but must be accompanied by an adult.

### **I would like to attend - how many tickets may I book?**

Graduands/Diplomands attending the ceremony are each **automatically allocated a seat**, thus they should not be included in the request for tickets.

Each graduand/diplomand is entitled to two guest tickets for the **auditorium**. Recipients of a Masters or an LLB degree are entitled to three auditorium tickets, while recipients of a Doctoral degree are entitled to four auditorium tickets.

There are also a limited number of **TV Hall tickets** available, which entitle holders to view proceedings in one of the TV Halls on closed-circuit television. Normally **no more than two** TV Hall tickets can be given to a Graduand/Diplomand and it is recommended that students check the allocation of the TV Hall tickets before booking flights, etc. for any additional guests.

**Garden Party tickets** are issued to Graduands/Diplomands and up to 6 guests.

### **How should I return the hard copy reply card?**

You may email or fax the reply card using the below contact details. Alternatively you may hand deliver it to our Student Bureau in the Eden Grove Building. Please bear in mind that dark coloured cards may need to be lightened when faxing or emailing, so as to ensure that the image is legible when received.

#### Our contact details are:

Fax number: +27 (0)46 603 8300

Telephone: +27 (0)46 603 8276

E-mail address: registrar@ru.ac.za

If you fax or email the hard copy reply card, the onus is on you to confirm that we have received it, but kindly only do so **after Friday, 22 February 2019**, once we have added the details to our database. Should you submit your reply card after that date, allow a 24 hour period before confirming receipt. Due to the large volume of queries, we would prefer that you e-mail your request for confirmation to [registrar@ru.ac.za](mailto:registrar@ru.ac.za).

### **When and where do I collect my tickets?**

*NB: Seating tickets and Garden Party tickets will NOT be emailed/posted to Graduands/Diplomands.*

All tickets must be collected in person, either at the Student Bureau (Eden Grove Building) or an hour before each ceremony at the Monument Box Office. Tickets will be available for collection at the Student Bureau during office hours (09h00 – 16h00) from Tuesday, 9 April 2019 or at the Monument Box Office an hour before each ceremony. Please produce suitable ID (student card, identity document or passport) when collecting your tickets.

## **Section 2: Information for Students Not Attending Graduation**

### **I am not able to attend graduation – what do I do?**

Graduands/Diplomands who will not be attending the ceremony **must** inform the University of their non-attendance by completing the online reply card or by returning the hard copy reply card.

### **What arrangements are needed to receive my parchment?**

Students who graduate in absentia (i.e. do not attend the ceremony) **may collect** their degree/diploma parchments at the Academic Administration Office (lower ground floor of the Eden Grove Building) starting from the Tuesday of the week **AFTER** the graduation weekend, i.e. from Tuesday, 16 April 2019.

Alternatively, students may submit written permission allowing a **friend/family member to collect** the parchments on their behalf from 16 April 2019 onwards. The written permission must be submitted to the Academic Administration Office either by email to [AcademicAdmin@ru.ac.za](mailto:AcademicAdmin@ru.ac.za) or by fax to +27 (0)46 603 8104. Please include the details of the relevant student as well as the full name and ID/Passport number of the friend/family member who in turn must produce suitable ID (identity document or passport) when collecting the parchment.

Students who are not able to collect their degree/diploma parchments may request that their parchment **be sent** to them or to their parents/guardians by completing the form titled “Receiving Degree/Diploma Parchment if Not Attending Graduation”. Those students who complete the online reply card will be directed to an online version of this form at which point they will also have the option to pay the relevant courier fee via Mygate.

**NO** degree parchments will be sent without written instruction from the student and payment of the courier fee.

### **How will my parchment be sent to me?**

Kindly note that for security reasons parchments will **only be couriered** and will not be mailed via registered or secure mail, thus please do not submit a Private Bag, PO Box, etc. address. You are required to provide the following information regarding the person receiving the parchment:

Name and surname  
Physical/street address  
Postal code  
Contact telephone number  
Email address

*If you do not provide all the details needed, it will prevent the University from being able to send your parchment.*

### **What is the cost and how do I make payment?**

The various courier fees are included further on and payment thereof is required before parchments will be sent to their recipients. Students who complete the online version of the “Receiving Degree/Diploma Parchment if Not Attending Graduation” form and pay via Mygate will *not* be required to provide proof of payment.

However, students who complete the online form and do *not* pay via Mygate, will be required to provide proof of payment. Similarly, students who complete and return the

hard copy version of the above form are required to submit proof of payment along with the form either by email to [AcademicAdmin@ru.ac.za](mailto:AcademicAdmin@ru.ac.za) or by fax to +27 (0)46 603 8104.

Courier fees:	R165-00	National (within South Africa)
	R255-00	Neighbouring southern African countries (i.e. Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe)
	R355-00	All other countries
Banking details:	Bank	First National Bank
	Account Name	Rhodes University
	Account Number	621 455 03 076
	Branch Number	21 07 17
	Use Reference	05350 484 125 and student number

### **When can I expect delivery of my degree/diploma parchment?**

We are only permitted to release the degree/diploma parchments to their recipients **after** the graduation ceremonies have taken place. Further, due to the volume of parchments to be dispatched, kindly allow a **minimum of 6 weeks** for delivery after the graduation weekend or 6 weeks after receipt of your courier details and proof of payment.

## **Section 3: What to Wear**

### **What do I wear to the Graduation Ceremony and Garden Party?**

Academic dress must be worn at the Graduation Ceremonies and at the Garden Party.

Graduands must wear graduate gowns and carry the hood appropriate to the degree they are to receive. They must not appear on the stage wearing hoods from other Universities or for first Rhodes degrees.

Diplomands who are already graduates wear a graduate gown and the hood of their degree. All other Diplomands must wear an undergraduate gown. The proper length of the graduate and undergraduate gown is 15 - 20 centimetres below the knee, and a gown shorter than this should never be worn.

In the case of women Graduands and Diplomands, the length of the gown is never to be related to the length of the wearer's dress and a gown should never be shortened so that the sleeves are longer than the gown. The collar of the dress should never appear over the gown.

The University is aware of the many cultures and traditions inherent in its student body and Graduands/Diplomands are welcome to wear garments which reflect those cultures and traditions. By custom, Graduands and Diplomands at Rhodes University **do not wear mortar boards** at the Graduation ceremony. Please know that unreasonably high heels can be a risk when participating in the ceremony. The ceremonies are dignified events and students are encouraged to dress accordingly.

### **What should my guests wear?**

Guests are welcome, and even encouraged, to wear academic dress. The dress for the evening is usually more formal than that worn at the morning ceremonies. Guests are also welcome to wear traditional garments or dress.

### **Where do I purchase/hire academic dress? (Form included separately)**

Messrs T. Birch & Co. (Pty) Ltd (Birch's) - PO Box 66, Grahamstown, 6140, is the preferred service provider for Rhodes academic dress. They maintain a rental and purchase stock of Graduate gowns and hoods. Please use the Birch's order form included in your graduation pack for your convenience and deal directly with the shop. Queries can be directed to [rhodes@birchs.co.za](mailto:rhodes@birchs.co.za) or telephone: +27 (0)46 622 7010 or fax: +27 (0)46 622 5091 / +27 (0)46 622 2643. The University is not involved in these transactions and accepts no responsibility for any mishaps.

## **Section 4: Seating for Ceremonies**

### **When should my guests be seated?**

The ceremonies are held in the main auditorium at the 1820 Settlers Monument. Doors will be opened at 09h00 and 14h00 on the Thursday; 09h00, 14h00 and 18h00 on the Friday and 09h00 on the Saturday.

Please move into the auditorium early **and be reminded that guests are not permitted to leave the auditorium until the ceremony has concluded.** Please note, *seats that are vacant 15 minutes before the ceremony commences will be allocated to guests holding TV Hall Tickets.* Latecomers or those with ticket problems should report to the box office at the main entrance.

Guests are reminded that **children under the age of 15 years** will *not* be allowed entrance to the auditorium. They can watch the ceremony on closed-circuit television in one of the TV Halls, but must be accompanied by an adult.

### **When should the Graduands and Diplomands be seated?**

Graduands and Diplomands should be seated 20 minutes before the commencement of the ceremony. Seating plans for the Graduands and Diplomands will be on display outside the auditorium. Detailed instructions for the guidance of Graduands and Diplomands in receiving degrees/diplomas will be found on the seats reserved for them on stage.

### **Are cameras allowed into the auditorium?**

Guests are NOT ALLOWED to use video, digital or still cameras in the auditorium. Professional photographers will be present at and after each ceremony (please see section 6 for details).

### **Parking**

Parking facilities for Graduands, Diplomands and their guests are on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that access to the reserved parking area is restricted to "Reserved Parking" ticket holders only.

## **Section 5: Garden Party**

### **Garden Party**

The Garden Party will be held on the Drostdy Lawns at 15h15 on Saturday, 13 April 2019. If the weather is not suitable for the Garden Party, it will be cancelled and an announcement to this effect will be made after the Saturday morning ceremony. (There is no indoor venue in Grahamstown large enough to accommodate the crowd.)

*Please note that academic dress must be worn by graduands/diplomands.*

## **Section 6: Practical Aspects/Services available**

### **Accommodation (Form included separately)**

The University provides bed and breakfast accommodation in certain student residences for Graduands/Diplomands and their guests for the nights of Wednesday 10 April 2019, Thursday 11 April 2019, Friday 12 April 2019 and Saturday 13 April 2019. The rates/cost of this accommodation, per night, is included on both the online and hard copy booking form.

The preferred means of booking this accommodation is via the online booking form, found when you log onto your ROSS account: <https://ross.ru.ac.za>. Payment can be made via Mygate when using the online booking system. We also have credit card facilities available, should you wish to make a credit card payment instead. Alternatively, a hard copy booking form is enclosed with your graduation pack – please complete and submit the form with proof of full payment to:

The Conference Manager  
Rhodes University  
PO Box 94

Grahamstown, 6140  
Fax: +27 (0)46 603 8962  
Email: [conference@ru.ac.za](mailto:conference@ru.ac.za)

### Banking details

Bank Name:	First National Bank
Account Name:	Rhodes University Conference
Branch Name:	Grahamstown
Branch Code:	210717
Account Number:	621 455 07490
Swift Address:	FIRNZAJJ
Payment Reference:	Surname or booking reference number CONF.

Visit the website: [www.ru.ac.za/conferences](http://www.ru.ac.za/conferences) for further information. Alternatively, contact the Conference Office on telephone +27 (0)46 603 8772//8901/8138/8607.

### **Connecting transport**

Listed below are the contact details of privately run businesses that may be able to assist you with the arrangement of transport, shuttle service and/or accommodation for your stay in Grahamstown. Please contact them directly to make enquiries or bookings. The University is not involved in these transactions and accepts no responsibility for any mishaps.

*Go Travel (assistance with air tickets, bus tickets, car hire and accommodation bookings)*

Their offices are located at Peppergrove Shopping Mall, Grahamstown. Contact them for bus timetables and bookings for Greyhound, Intercap and Cityliner. They can also assist with booking of flights, accommodation, shuttle service & AVIS Car Rental.

Telephone: +27 (0) 46-622 2235

Fax: +27 (0) 46-622 3982

E-mail: [meena@gotravel.co.za](mailto:meena@gotravel.co.za) or [patricia@gotravel.co.za](mailto:patricia@gotravel.co.za)

*Translux and City to City (bus service)*

Bus tickets may be purchased from Makana Tourism at 63 High Street, Church Square, Grahamstown.

Telephone: +27 (0) 46-622 3241

Fax: +27 (0) 46-622 3266

E-mail: [info@grahamstown.co.za](mailto:info@grahamstown.co.za)

Web: [www.grahamstown.co.za](http://www.grahamstown.co.za)

FB: MakanaTourismGrahamstown

### **Degree framing**

At the annual Graduation Ceremonies, a professional degree framer is available to frame your degree/diploma parchment. It is advisable to do this, to prevent possible damage to the parchment. The University is not involved in this transaction and accepts no responsibility for any mishaps.

### **Lamination of parchments**

In recent years Graduands/Diplomands have opted to have their parchments laminated. It is important to realise that the parchments currently issued lend themselves to **COLD LAMINATING ONLY**. Hot laminating will damage the parchment irreparably.

### **Photographs**

At the annual Graduation Ceremonies, it has been customary for selected professional studios to take individual photographs of graduands/diplomands being capped by the Chancellor and hooded by the Registrar in the auditorium. These photographs are then available from the studios concerned. The University is not involved in the transaction and accepts no responsibility for any mishaps.

*Guests are reminded that no flash photography is allowed within the main auditorium during the graduation ceremonies.*

### **Studio photographs**

Photographic studio services will be available. These studios will operate from the foyer of the Monument. The University is not involved in this transaction and accepts no responsibility for any mishaps.

## **Section 7: Convocation and Old Rhodian Union**

### **Convocation**

Convocation is you. After you have been capped, you are officially a Rhodes University ambassador. Your Light will reflect on this beloved Institution. The calibre of Rhodes University graduates is a big part of what makes Convocation a functional body, because it retains the intellectual component, and attracts meaningful partnerships among convocants.

One of my fondest memories as a scholar and author was witnessing the reception received by one of Rhodes' PhD graduates, Dr Hleze Kunju last year. This young man wrote the first PhD paper in isiXhosa on the Xhosa people of Zimbabwe. Hailing from rural Mqanduli in the Eastern Cape, he took advantage of the new Language Policy at Rhodes, excelled and showed the world the power of actively working on transformation. Months after he graduated, the world is still celebrating with him and Rhodes University for proving that a university space can be an academic institution that represents all members of our society.

Convocation is thus important because in people like Kunju, we have a strong language ambassador, whose contribution will ensure that the language debate stays alive and systems progress to accommodate other young people like him. It is easy to lose the momentum of any long-term project if concerned members move away and focus on their respective lives. There is no reason, especially during these challenging transitory times, for you to be part of arguably the most interesting period of Rhodes, only to take your hand off the pulse. Stay with us. Work with us. Learn with us and let us collectively ensure that gains are turned into meaningful and wide-spreading change in the Higher Education sector. As you navigate your respective careers globally, take cognisance of the fact that without you the work that has begun is at risk of losing momentum.

Professor Peter Mtuze  
President of Convocation

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All persons who are graduates of Rhodes University become, in terms of the University Statute, members of the Convocation of the University. Graduands are requested to notify the Secretary (who is the Registrar) of any change of address. Kindly forward any change in your address to the Alumni Office at [alumni@ru.ac.za](mailto:alumni@ru.ac.za). The Annual General Meeting of Convocation is held at Rhodes each year. In 2019 the AGM meeting will be held on Saturday, 31 August 2019.

Dr Adèle L Moodly  
Secretary of Convocation

## **Old Rhodian Union (ORU)**

The year 2018 has been a year of consolidation at Rhodes University following the 2015/2016 season of national student activism. It is incredible, to note that despite challenging times, our graduation statistics have once again improved, with the best undergraduate rate pass and increased numbers of postgraduate and women graduates.

Rhodes University spent the last year deep in reflection about transformation and the way forward for our institution. This re-imagining of our University is anchored on four pillars viz., sustainability, simultaneous local responsiveness and global engagement, advancing social justice and advancing the public good purpose of higher education. These are enshrined in our recently launched Institutional Development Plan (IDP) that covers the 2017-2022 period.

Building from the IDP and the Transformation Summit, the Old Rhodian Union has wasted no time in discussing and implementing some of the recommendations that affect our ongoing involvement with alumni and support of students. In doing so we have discontinued the use of the bronze statuette of Physical Energy as an award given to recipients of the Distinguished Old Rhodian Awards. In its place the ORU Award Committee is looking for input from the University Community and will seek to replace the award with a meaningful symbol that is inclusive and reflective of our re-imagined future. Consequently the 2018 winners were given a framed picture of Rhodes University as an award. Furthermore we have changed the name of the ORU awards from “Distinguished Old Rhodian Awards” to “Distinguished Alumni Awards”.

The Old Rhodian Union (ORU) through your membership is becoming richer in terms of diversity and quality of contributions made by our alumni. These qualities assist the Union to raise funds to provide financial support to the children of Old Rhodians, and in doing so, lessen the burden of need on other fundraising initiatives and financial support programmes.

The calibre of graduates and leaders that graduated in 2018 and who will graduate over the graduation weekend in 2019, will no doubt improve the potential for the success of our funding initiatives. The leaders, all of you are, are acutely aware of the value of investing in the future and of course the next generation of students that enrol at Rhodes University.

As a small University campus with about 8 100 students, I am certain that no one leaves Rhodes without forming a strong bond with the people of Grahamstown and the spirit of collective engagement that the University sees as part of its responsible approach to delivering Higher Education.

My message to you, as you extend your experiences beyond Rhodes, is to remember that the Union is a platform for re-establishing connections, making intellectual and financial inputs into the future of the institution and more specifically that of future Rhodians, including your own children. In this way we can also ensure the sustainability of our fine institution as it negotiates its journey as a University on the African continent.

The Union seeks to be a true and representative voice of the Alumni. I therefore urge you to contribute as and when the opportunity arises whether it be in cash or kind. Now more than ever, the ORU needs your support and contributions to assist the University to achieve its objectives as an Institution that is proud to state “this is where leaders learn”.

Professor Rod Walker  
Old Rhodian Union President

December 2018

Dear Rhodian,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the achievement of graduate status and to welcome you to membership of Convocation and of the Old Rhodian Union. Membership of ORU (but not of Convocation) is also open to non-graduate past students. As a member of Convocation you will be entitled, after Graduation, to attend the Annual General Meetings of this statutory body and to participate in the performance of its functions. In order to exercise these rights, please ensure that the University has your current contact details, including e-mail and postal addresses. (Email [alumni@ru.ac.za](mailto:alumni@ru.ac.za)).

Membership of the Old Rhodian Union entitles you to attend all ORU functions, including periodic reunions, either in Grahamstown or in other centres. Regular editions of the electronic Newsletter will be sent to you, provided that your correct address details are up to date. In welcoming you to the ranks of Rhodes University alumni, we urge you to take an active interest, throughout your life, in the affairs of Convocation, the Old Rhodian Union and the University as such. Please help us to maintain contact with you and we appeal to you to let us have news of yourself and other Old Rhodians from time to time.

With very best wishes for the future,

Yours sincerely  
The ORU Secretary

## **Section 8: The Alumni Relations Office**

A lifelong association – once a Rhodian, always a Rhodian!

The Rhodes Alumni team extends our heartiest congratulations to you on your graduation. You have joined a distinguished and select group of individuals who have a Rhodes degree. Our job is to help you maintain contact with the University, as well as with the friends you have made in your time here.

We do this by: arranging reunions; providing a “Find-a-Friend” service; keeping you up-to-date with happenings at Rhodes through our electronic newsletters and maintaining the Rhodes Alumni webpage at: <http://www.ru.ac.za/alumni> where you can update your contact details, send in personal news and get information on forthcoming activities. In addition you may like to join our FaceBook page “Rhodes Oldies”

If you wish to know more, please contact us at [alumni@ru.ac.za](mailto:alumni@ru.ac.za) or call in and see us at Alumni House (between Eden Grove and the Block House) in Lucas Avenue.

Wishing you all the best for the future and don’t forget to look out for our table at graduation to receive your graduation gift and to update your contact details.

Rhodes Alumni Office

## **Section 9: The National Research Foundation**

### **National Research Foundation Register of Graduates**

The NRF (formerly called the HSRC) has asked the University to provide information annually about new graduates and I am writing to you because the University has undertaken not to disclose information to third parties without the approval of the student.

Since the 1960s the NRF has maintained and extended a register of graduates of RSA universities. The available information has been and will be used, *inter alia*, for demand and supply studies in various occupations and fields of study, projects on the manpower situation of specific groups (for example new graduates), studies on occupations and fields of study, salary research and statistics on education. The data will be used only for research purposes and names and addresses will not be divulged without the specific approval of those concerned.

In addition to the information already available in the graduation programme, namely, surname, other names, qualification obtained, field of study and/or specialization and major subjects, the NRF wishes to have the following: gender of graduate; population group; date of birth; postal address/residential address/permanent address.

If you do not wish to permit the additional information not in the Graduation Programme to be disclosed, please complete the form at the end of this document and return it to me via the Student Bureau. If I do not hear from you by 19 April 2019, I will assume that you have no objection to my providing the information requested.

Dr Adèle L Moodly  
Registrar

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### **NRF Declaration**

The Registrar, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, 6140

I am **not prepared** to authorize the disclosure to the NRF of any information about me which is not already publicly available.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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