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Graduation Booklet

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CONGRATULATIONS!

December 2023

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 celebration in April 2024. 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 week (including booking tickets, appropriate attire and payments).

Details are also provided about membership of Convocation, the Association of Old Rhodians and 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 or by e-mail to registrar@ru.ac.za.

Yours sincerely

Professor A Moodly
Registrar

Graduation Ceremonies in 2024

There will be *six* University Graduation Ceremonies in April 2024.

Wednesday, 3 April 2024 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

Wednesday, 3 April 2024 at 14h30

Bachelor's: Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Economics, Bachelor of Business Science, Bachelor of Journalism, Bachelor of Music
Postgrad Diplomas: Advanced Diploma in Business Analysis, Postgraduate Diploma in Accountancy, Postgraduate Diploma in Business Analysis, Postgraduate Diploma in Enterprise Management, Postgraduate Diploma in Taxation, Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Journalism, Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism, Postgraduate Diploma in Media Management, Postgraduate Diploma in International Studies, Postgraduate Diploma in Heritage Management
Master's: Master of Business Administration, Master of Commerce, Master of Economics, Master of Music
Doctorate: PhD in Commerce

Thursday, 4 April 2024 at 09h30

Bachelor's: Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Pharmacy
Honours: Bachelor of Commerce Honours, Bachelor of Economics Honours
Master's: Master of Laws, Master of Pharmacy, Master of Science (Pharmacy), Master of Science
Doctorate: PhD in Law, PhD in Pharmacy

Thursday, 4 April 2024 at 14h30

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

Friday, 5 April 2024 at 09h30

Certificates: Advanced Certificate in Education (FP)
Bachelor's: Bachelor of Education
Postgrad Diplomas: Postgraduate Certificate in Education, Postgraduate Diploma in Higher Education
Honours: Bachelor of Education Honours
Master's: Master of Education
Doctorate: PhD in Education

Friday, 5 April 2024 at 14h30

Bachelor's: Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science (Information Systems)
Honours: Bachelor of Science Honours
Doctorate: PhD in 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 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>. Students who no longer have access to ROSS can return a paper copy reply card which can be downloaded from the Rhodes University website at: <https://www.ru.ac.za/graduationgateway/>

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, 15 March 2024**. *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 April 2024 – for further details see Section 2.

More information about the paper copy reply card

The six graduation ceremonies are colour coded as follows:

1.	Wednesday	3 April 2024	09h30	Blue
2.	Wednesday	3 April 2024	14h30	Pink
3.	Thursday	4 April 2024	09h30	Green
4.	Thursday	4 April 2024	14h30	Yellow
5.	Friday	5 April 2024	09h30	Buff (light orange)
6.	Friday	5 April 2024	14h30	Lilac (light purple)

Should you decide to return the paper copy reply card, please indicate the **ceremony colour** and use the **degree/diploma/certificate coding** that appears in the University Calendar when confirming which qualification you have completed, e.g. BCom, MSS, PhD (Education), etc.

REPLY CARD COLOUR: _____		CEREMONY NUMBER NO: _____	
Rhodes University Graduation – April 2024 at 1820 Settler's Monument, Grahamstown			
ONLINE REPLY CARD available at: https://ross.ru.ac.za			
Closing Date for submission of reply card: 15 March 2024			
Return to: Student Bureau, Box 94, Makhanda , 6140 or Fax: +2746-6038300 or registrar@ru.ac.za			
Student number:		Title:	
Surname:			
First name(s):			
Which degree/diploma (e.g. BA)?		Will you be present?	
If YES	Venue	Number	If NO: You are still required to return a reply card (details above) and are further referred to the form: "Receiving Degree/Diploma Parchments If Not Attending Graduation" to arrange receipt of your parchment. An online version is available at: https://ru.ac.za/graduationgateway
Guest tickets required	Auditorium		
	TV Hall		
	Garden Party		
<i>Please note the Graduand automatically has a seat</i>			
Tel:	(w)	(h)	(cell)
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.

Who is permitted on stage?

The graduation ceremony is held to celebrate the achievements of our graduands, thus only the graduands and members of the academic procession are permitted on stage.

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

Graduands/Diplomands attending the ceremony are each **automatically allocated a seat in the Auditorium**, 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 paper copy reply card?

You may email the reply card using the below email address. Alternatively, you may hand deliver it to our Student Bureau in the Eden Grove Building.

Student Bureau: registrar@ru.ac.za

If you email the paper copy reply card, the onus is on you to confirm that we have received it, but kindly only do so **after Friday, 1 March 2024** or allow 2 working days if submitted after this date. Due to the large volume of queries, we would prefer that you e-mail your request for confirmation to registrar@ru.ac.za.

When and where do I collect my tickets?

NB: Seating tickets and Garden Party tickets will NOT be emailed or 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, 2 April 2024 or at the Monument Box Office an hour before each ceremony. Please produce suitable ID (student card, identity document or passport) when collecting 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 paper 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 following the week of graduation, i.e. from **Tuesday, 9 April 2024**.

Alternatively, students may submit written permission allowing a **friend/family member to collect** the parchments on their behalf from **9 April 2024** onwards. The written permission must be submitted to the Academic Administration Office by email to parchments@ru.ac.za. 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 (identify document or passport) when collecting the parchment. An appointment will be scheduled and a confirmation of appointment e-mail will be sent out.

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.

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 attached proof of payment of relevant courier fee will be assisted with sending the parchment via DHL Couriers.

However, students who complete the online form and do *not* submit proof of payment, 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 by email to parchments@ru.ac.za.

Courier fees:	R300-00	National (within South Africa)
	R350-00	Neighbouring southern African countries (i.e. Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe)
	R450-00	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	601-75000-5482 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.

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 graduand/diplomand 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. Guests are also welcome to wear traditional garments or dress.

Where do I purchase/hire academic dress? (separate form available online)

Messrs T. Birch & Co. (Pty) Ltd (Birch's) - PO Box 66, Makhanda, 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 available at <https://www.ru.ac.za/graduationgateway/> for your convenience and deal directly with the shop. Queries can be directed to rhodes@birchs.co.za or telephone: +27 (0)46 622 7010 or +27 (0)46 620 2509 or fax: +27 (0)46 622 5091. 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 each of the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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 30 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 their 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 in the Great Hall 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: Other Graduation Events

Garden Party

There will be three Garden Parties held during the graduation week – one on each of the graduation days of Wednesday, 3 April 2024, Thursday, 4 April 2024 and Friday, 5 April 2024. Each of the Garden Parties will be held at 17:30 on the Drostdy Lawns. *Please note that academic dress must be worn by graduands/diplomands.*

Graduation Grand Ball

“Reconnect - Renew - Rebuild”

The academic year 2024 is a special one on the University calendar as we will be celebrating the 120 years of scholarly excellence. This is a milestone that is worth celebrating. A graduation grand ball is one such celebratory event and the primary purpose of it is to reconnect with each other and continue our treasured tradition of celebrating institutional and individual achievements. The grand ball is the highlight of our graduation week and a great platform to welcome our recent graduates to the Old Rhodian family. We are looking forward to celebrating your academic success with you at this special occasion. The graduation grand ball will be held on Friday, 05 April 2024 at 19:30. For further details please email alumni@ru.ac.za.

Section 6: Practical Aspects/Services available

Accommodation (separate form available online)

The University provides bed and breakfast accommodation in certain student residences for graduands/diplomands and their guests for the nights of Tuesday 2 April 2024, Wednesday 3 April 2024, Thursday 4 April 2024, Friday 5 April 2024 and Saturday 6 April 2024. The rates/cost of this accommodation per night, are included on the 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 paper copy booking form can be downloaded from our website at: <https://www.ru.ac.za/graduationgateway/>. Please complete and submit the form with proof of full payment to:

The Conference Manager
Rhodes University
PO Box 94
Makhanda, 6140

Fax: +27 (0)46 603 8962
Email: conference@ru.ac.za

Banking details

Bank Name:	First National Bank
Account Name:	Rhodes University Conference
Branch Name:	Makhanda
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 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 a privately run business that may be able to assist you with the arrangement of transport, shuttle service and/or accommodation for your stay in Makhanda. 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 (assist with air tickets)

Consultants work from home and can be reached as follows:

Telephone: +27 (0) 46-307 0035

E-mail: gotravel@travel.co.za

Rennies BCD Travel (assist with air tickets and other travel services/packages)

Telephone: +27 (0) 87 110 1846

e-mail: leisure@renniesbcdtravel.com

URL: www.renniestravelexperience.com / www.bcdtravel.com

WingsNaledi Travel Management (assists with air tickets, bus tickets, car hire, shuttle and transfer services)

Telephone: 010 500 3100

E-mail: rhodes@wings.travel

URL: www.wings.travel

Lamination of parchments – NOT advised

In recent years Graduands/Diplomands have opted to have their parchments laminated. It is important to realise that the parchments currently issued contain a number of safety features that would be compromised should the parchment be laminated. Graduands/diplomands are thus strongly advised **NOT TO LAMINATE** their parchments as these will compromise security features. Replacement parchments will be at a cost as per the University fees booklet.

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 Association of Old Rhodians

Convocation

Congratulations to our 2024 graduates. You have reached a milestone in your life that is worthy of celebration. Well done to your family for supporting you through your Rhodes journey.

As you start the next episode, think of your networks, both current and future. As human beings, we are social creatures who flourish when we are in communities where we are nurtured to grow and learn about ourselves and the people around us. Your journey started with your family and the encouragement they gave you to accomplish your dreams for a career. This encouragement, in many instances, probably made you the first in your family to attend university and to obtain a degree. That support led you to develop your own ambition and drive to succeed. Only you spent those long hours in the lab or studying. The discipline to succeed was also because of friends, the subjects you chose, the lecturers and tutors you had, and your innate need to be someone better, after your studies.

Now that you have the degree, what does it mean to you? How will you use it to access opportunities, escape from the mundane and resolve generational poverty. Make careful choices that will lead you to continually succeed and achieve for you, your family and your community.

Finally, you'll have to determine how you use your degree to serve others. How can you pay your blessings through this journey forward to others who might not have the same opportunity. Enjoy your graduation day and also plan for a future where you open doors for yourself and others.

Congratulations again and good luck with the next episode in your life's story.

Dr Michèle Ruiters
President of Convocation

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 alumni office of any change of address at alumni@ru.ac.za. The Annual General Meeting of Convocation is held at Rhodes each year. In 2024 the AGM meeting will be held on Saturday, 7 September 2024.

Professor A Moodly
Registrar and Secretary of Convocation

Association of Old Rhodians (formerly the Old Rhodian Union (ORU))

The Old Rhodian Union (ORU) was established in 1911 by Professor Cullen Bowles and Sir George Cory, to form a link between past and present students and staff of the University and holds its Annual General Meeting at the same time as Convocation. At the 2023 Annual meeting a decision was taken by the members present that the constitution be revised and that the name of the ORU be changed to the Association of Old Rhodians. At the same time a decision was taken to formally change the structure and allow for the formation of regional chapters of the Association that will create opportunities for more regular contact between alumni that the usual once a year reunions, held in the different regions. It is fitting that this change is implemented as we celebrate the 120th year of Rhodes University.

Last year in which Rhodes University commenced implementation of the new Institutional Development Plan, founded on the principles of sustainability, simultaneous local responsiveness and global engagement, advancing social justice and advancing the public good purpose of higher education. What is important is the desire to attract more postgraduates to our university and this graduation ceremony is a celebration of this desire as we celebrate the *successful* culmination of your Bachelors, Master or Doctoral degrees. Despite the challenges posed by our location in the City of Makhanda, our graduation statistics are remarkable with good undergraduate pass rates and increased numbers of postgraduate and women graduates. Congratulations to you all.

The Association of Old Rhodians through your membership is becoming richer in terms of diversity and the quality of contributions made by our alumni to the institution and society. These qualities assist the Association 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, within the University. Some of you who are graduating at the April ceremonies may have benefitted from such funding and we are pleased to report that in 2023 we disbursed support to 33 students.

It is pleasing that we continue to experience graduation in person, which allows us to re-establish bonds with classmates, teammates, academic and support staff who all celebrate your outstanding achievement of obtaining a Rhodes University degree. The calibre of graduates and leaders who will graduate over these graduation ceremonies 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. Of particular importance is the fact that you are graduating in the 120th celebratory year of the university, which is somewhat of a unique opportunity for you all.

As a small University campus, I am certain that no one leaves Rhodes without forming a strong bond with the people of Makhanda 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 Association 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 an outstanding internationally and locally relevant university on the African continent.

The Association 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 Association 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
President: Association of Old Rhodians

April 2024

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 Association of Old Rhodians. Pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate studies is difficult under normal circumstances and yet you, despite the challenges posed by the global pandemic, have prevailed and completed your degrees. We salute your achievements as you become a member of Convocation which will entitle you, 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).

Membership of the Association entitles you to attend all association functions, including periodic reunions, either in Makhanda or in other centres around the globe. You can also choose to be part of the local chapter of the Association in your region, whilst these are yet to be established the intention is that during this celebratory year these will commence operation. Be on the lookout for information in this regard. 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 Association 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.

Congratulations and well done. We celebrate your achievements and look forward to celebrating your future success as you fly the Rhodes University flag high.

With very best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely
President: The Association of Old Rhodians

Section 8: The Alumni Relations and Stakeholder Engagement Office

The Alumni Relations and Stakeholder Engagement Office

Welcome to the Rhodes University Alumni community. As the Rhodes University Alumni team, we wish to extend our sincerest congratulations on your graduation. You have joined a distinguished and select group of very proud Old Rhodians. Our purpose is to connect past, present and future Old Rhodians to build a strong and united global alumni community.

- We do this by arranging affinity events, both nationally and internationally, to give you the opportunity to reconnect, network, create regional chapters, make new contacts, and explore the establishment of social alumni groups in your area.
- We also help you connect with old friends, classmates, and contacts across the globe.
- We keep you up-to-date with what is happening at Rhodes University.
- Lastly, please stay in touch with us and inform us of your change of address and contacts so that we can update our database accordingly.

You can stay connected with other Old Rhodians and the university by joining our robust alumni interactive platform; RUAlumniconnect which you can join in a few minutes via <https://rualumniconnect.ru.ac.za/> by using your LinkedIn, Gmail or Facebook profile.

If you wish to know more about our offerings, please contact us at alumni@ru.ac.za or call in and see us at the Alumni House, Lucas Avenue.

Rhodes Alumni team

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 8 April 2024, I will assume that you have no objection to my providing the information requested.

Professor A Moodly
Registrar

NRF Declaration

The Registrar, Rhodes University, Makhanda, 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: _____

PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS

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