

**AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY**  
**Guidelines, Policies and Procedures**

<b>Policy Name</b>	Names on Degrees, Diploma and Certificates Policy
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## **1.0 GENERAL**

- 1.1 The Office of the Registrar maintains the record of the ‘official name’ for all students.
- 1.2 The name that appears on the degree, diploma or certificate will normally be in the same format as it is stored in the Registrar’s Office records (generally, first name, middle name, last name or according to regulatory body requirements in the country where a graduate requests for a degree, diploma or certificate.
- 1.3 Honorifics, e.g., Father, Brother, Sister, Doctor, Major, General, etc., nicknames or other designations are not permitted on a degree, diploma or certificate parchment.
- 1.4 Students are responsible for verifying that their name is correct on Registrar’s Office records and, where applicable, to provide proof of any required changes, including hyphens, spaces, lower/upper case letters, accents, etc.
- 1.5 Unless a degree, diploma or certificate is lost or damaged, or a change in name is warranted to meet regulatory body requirements, it is the University policy to produce only one degree, diploma or certificate parchment. (See Policy #020 <https://www.aku.edu/admissions/Documents/policy-replacement-parchment-020.pdf>)

## **2.0 PAKISTAN**

- 2.1 The Higher Education Commission, Pakistan (HEC) attests the academic degrees awarded by recognised universities in Pakistan.
- 2.2 In order for a degree to be attested by HEC, universities are required to produce degrees, diplomas and certificates in a standard manner.
- 2.3 The Office of the Registrar will produce the degrees, diplomas and certificates of programmes offered by AKU’s Pakistan-based academic entities in the following manner:
  - 2.3.1 The name must meet the criteria set by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC). For details, please see HEC website:

<https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/services/students/DAS/Pages/Documents-Required.aspx>.

- 2.3.2 For students with single names, the degree, diploma and certificate will list the student's name and the applicable notation "s/o" (son of) or "d/o" (daughter of) and the student's father's name.