

Graduation Information



Ara holds four graduation ceremonies a year.

For the Southern Campuses the ceremony is held in mid February. As part of the graduation celebration there is a street parade for staff and graduands at 11.00am through the centre of Timaru followed by the graduation ceremony at the Southern Trust Events Centre at 2.00pm.

For the Christchurch campuses there are three ceremonies – two in March and one in September.

The two graduation ceremonies in March are for the following Departments:

A morning ceremony for Trades, Humanities, Science and Primary Industries, Engineering & Architectural Studies, Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Departments.

An afternoon ceremony for Computing, Creative Industries, Business and Hospitality and Service Industries Departments.

The September graduation is for all Departments.

As advised by Vbase, subject to completion of the Christchurch Town Hall, the auditorium will be the venue for our 2019 ceremonies. Also at this time, but yet to be confirmed, the ceremonies will probably be preceded by street parades.

Graduation guides

For full details of the ceremonies - what you need to do to apply to graduate at your ceremony, the cost of regalia hire, venue details, guest tickets etc will be posted in our graduation guides (separate guides for Timaru and Christchurch graduations) prior to you receiving an email notifying you that you are eligible to graduate.

Closer to the time of the next graduation ceremony a graduation guide will be posted with all the information you need to know about your ceremony. Check the link below for your graduation ceremony information.

Timaru Graduation guide: http://www.ara.ac.nz/timaru_graduation_guide

Christchurch graduation guide: http://www.ara.ac.nz/christchurch_graduation_guide

Dates of future ceremonies:

Christchurch Graduations

| Date | Year |
|--------------|------|
| March 29 | 2019 |
| September 20 | 2019 |
| March 27 | 2020 |
| September 18 | 2020 |
| March 26 | 2021 |
| September 17 | 2021 |
| March 25 | 2022 |
| September 16 | 2022 |
| March 31 | 2023 |

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| September 15 | 2023 |
| March 29 | 2024 |
| September 20 | 2024 |

Timaru Graduations

| Dates | Year |
|-------------|------|
| February 14 | 2019 |
| February 13 | 2020 |
| February 18 | 2021 |
| February 17 | 2022 |
| February 16 | 2023 |
| February 15 | 2024 |

Graduation regalia

As part of the formal graduation ceremony you are required to wear Ara regalia.

This can be hired, through Ara from the Federation of Graduate Women. The regalia items, the cost of hiring them, how to order them and where and when to collect them are all outlined in the graduation guide. A \$20 deposit is included in the price which is refunded on return of the regalia.

On line streaming

If your friends or family are unable to attend your graduation, our graduation ceremonies for Christchurch are all streamed live on the Ara website on the day.

Technical requirements for live streaming:

Windows requirements

Windows users can simply click on the link to view the live streaming. However, some Windows users may need to install Silverlight to enable streaming

iPad requirements

- iPad, iPad2, or iPad3
- iOS 4.3 or later
- Apple Mobile Safari™
- Wi-Fi or cellular data connection (3G or higher)

iPhone/iPod requirements

- iPhone 4.0 or later, iPod Touch 4th generation or later
- iOS 4.3 or later
- Apple Mobile Safari
- Mediasite iPhone/iPod app (free download available from the Apple app store)
- Wi-Fi connection

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Blackberry requirements (on-demand playback only)

- Blackberry devices running Blackberry OS 7.0 or later
- Playbooks devices running QNX
- Blackberry browser
- Wi-Fi or cellular data connection (3G or higher)

Android requirements (on-demand playback only, Mediasite 6.0.2 or later)

- Android™ 4.0 or later
- Android browser
- Wi-Fi or cellular data connection (3G or higher)