

Purpose

To provide for the establishment and exercise of delegations of authority in accordance with the [University of New South Wales Act 1989](#) (NSW) (UNSW Act).

Scope

This policy applies to members of Council and continuing and fixed-term employees of the University of New South Wales (the University).

This policy does not apply to the University's controlled entities or to their staff, as these entities have their own frameworks to authorise decisions and signatories of documents.

Nothing in this policy invalidates past acts performed by delegates in conformity with delegations in place at the time.

Overview

This policy provides:

- x principles for delegation of the University Council's (Council's) functions under the UNSW Act
- x principles for exercising an authorisation under other legislation (including where other legislation prescribes that certain functions must be performed by specific officers of the University (for example, the [Interpretation Act 1977](#) (NSW) permits the signing of deeds by the Vice-Chancellor or any other member of staff of the University authorised by the Vice-Chancellor to sign deeds without the use of the University seal)
- x procedures including requirements for establishing, changing and exercising these delegations and authorisations, and
- x schedules stating Council's delegations and other authorisations for areas of the University's activities.

This policy is consistent with section 16 of the UNSW Act, which authorises the Council to delegate any of its functions (except the power of delegation) to any of its members, or to any committee or officer of the University.

For the purposes of this policy and its schedules, a reference to 'delegation' covers delegations under the UNSW Act and any authorisations or delegations in accordance with other legislation. The schedules will specify the source of authority for a particular delegation if it is not a delegation of authority under the UNSW Act.

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