

## EMERGENCY STATUTE

<b>Section</b>	Council
<b>Contact</b>	Risk Management
<b>Last Review</b>	December 2014
<b>Next Review</b>	December 2017
<b>Approval</b>	C15/01 – March: 4.2.3
<b>Effective date</b>	December 2014

### Purpose:

To ensure that authority is in place for Council and the Vice-Chancellor to act urgently in emergency situations.

### Policy:

Where a pandemic, natural disaster, fire, or other emergency event occurs, the University Council, acting through the Chair of Council, and upon the advice of the Vice-Chancellor may, for such a period and on such terms as it thinks fit to accommodate the emergency, grant waivers to any student or group of students, or support the application of all or any part of any University Regulations or Statute, or close the University.

If the University Council cannot meet, the Vice-Chancellor is authorised to act independently and report his/her actions back to the Council as soon as practicable for review of the actions taken. Any decision made under this Statute shall be of immediate and continuing effect, but shall be subject to review of Council.

### Definitions:

Emergency event - event refers to any occurrence, whether natural, social or technological that impacts on one or more staff members, students or stakeholders of Massey University, but does not include occurrences that affect only information communications technology systems (as these are managed in accordance with the IT Disaster Recovery Plan).

NOTE: 1. The term “emergency event” covers Incidents (Level 1), Local Emergencies (Level 2) and University Emergencies (Level 3).

### Audience:

All staff, student and general public.

### Relevant legislation:

Education Act 1989

**Legal compliance:**

Under Section 194(1) the University is empowered to make Statutes and Regulations

**Related procedures / documents:**

[Emergency Management Policy](#)  
[Strategic Emergency Management Framework](#)  
[Crisis Management Plan](#)  
[Campus Emergency Management Plans\(s\)](#)

**Document Management Control:**

Prepared by: Risk Manager  
Authorised by: Vice-Chancellor  
Approved by: C15/01 – March: 4.2.3  
Date issued: December 2014  
Last review: December 2014  
Next review: December 2017