

STUDENT CREDENTIALS ORDER

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Orders of the Minister of Education and Child Care

Interpretation

1 In this Order,

"adult student" means a person who is at least 18 years of age and enrolled in the Adult Graduation Diploma program;

"board" includes a francophone education authority;

"course" means

- (a) in relation to students to whom Ministerial Order 302/04, the Graduation Program Order, applies an organized set of learning activities in a subject area that meet the learning outcomes set in the applicable educational program guide listed in Ministerial Order 333/99, the Educational Program Guide Order, and includes a Ministry Authorized Course, an external credential and independent directed studies as defined in Ministerial Order 302/04, the Graduation Program Order, and a Board Authorized Course as defined in Ministerial Order 285/04, the Board Authorized Course Order,
- (b) in relation to adult students, course as defined in Ministerial Order 320/04, the British Columbia Adult Graduation Requirements Order.

"credit" means

- (a) in relation to students to whom Ministerial Order 302/04, the Graduation Program Order, applies credit as defined in that Ministerial Order, and
- (b) in relation to adult students, credit as defined in Ministerial Order 320/04, the British Columbia Adult Graduation Requirements Order;

"graduation requirements" means the requirements set out in

- (a) Ministerial Order 302/04, the Graduation Program Order, and
- (b) Ministerial Order 320/04, the British Columbia Adult Graduation Requirements Order;

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"IEP" means an IEP as defined in Ministerial Order 628/95, the *Individual Education Plan Order*."

"student with disabilities or diverse abilities" means a student with disabilities or diverse abilities, as defined in Ministerial Order 150/89, the *Students with Disabilities or Diverse Abilities Order*.

[am. M280/98; am. M19/00; am. M403/00; am. M215/01; am. M324/04; am. M188/06; am. 235/07; am. 198/11; am. M210/12; am. M360/17; am. M230/19; am. M221/24]

British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma)

2 (1) A student who meets the applicable graduation requirements is entitled to receive a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation from the Minister in accordance with sub-section (2).

(2) The Minister may issue a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation:

- (a) in all circumstances, other than those described in paragraphs (b) to (d), in the form set out in Schedule A;
- (b) where a student meets the requirements of the French Immersion Program, in the forms set out in Schedule A and Schedule B;
- (c) where a student meets the requirements of Programme francophone, in the form set out in Schedule F,
- (d) where a student to whom Ministerial Order 302/04, the Graduation Program Order, applies meets the requirements of Programme francophone, and successfully completes an English Language Arts 10 course, an English Language Arts 11 course, and English First Peoples 12 or English Studies 12, in the forms set out in Schedules A and F.

[am. M235/98; am. M324/04; am. M188/06; am. M198/11; am. M011/17; am. M230/19]

British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood)

2.1 An adult student who meets the graduation requirements set out in Ministerial Order 289/00, the *British Columbia Adult Graduation Requirements Order*, is entitled to receive a British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma from the Minister in the form set out in Schedule E.

[am. M403/00, am. M188/06]

British Columbia School Completion Certificate (Evergreen Certificate)

3 (1) *REPEALED, M037/16, effective January 26, 2016*

[am. M037/16]

(2) A board must recommend to the Minister that a student be awarded a School Completion Certificate if that student is a student with disabilities or diverse abilities who has an IEP and who is enrolled in an educational program that is not designed to meet the graduation requirements set out in Ministerial Order 302/04, the Graduation Program Order, and

- (a) in the case where all the learning outcomes of that student's educational program are contained in that IEP, the student meets the learning outcomes contained in that student's IEP, or

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- (b) in the case where not all the learning outcomes of that student's educational program are contained in the IEP, the student has successfully completed that student's educational program.

(3) The Minister may issue a School Completion Certificate:

- (a) in the form set out in Schedule C, or
- (b) where the student requests a British Columbia School Completion Certificate in French, in the form set out in schedule D.

[am. M324/04, am. M188/06, am. 198/11; am. M037/16; am. M221/24]

Transcripts

4 (1) A student, or adult student, as the case may be, who has met the applicable graduation requirements is entitled to receive a transcript of grades indicating the following:

- (a) all of the courses numbered 10, 11 or 12 that the student, or adult student, as the case may be, has successfully completed;
- (b) where the graduation requirements set out in Ministerial Order 302/04, the Graduation Program Order, apply to a student, or adult student, as the case may be, the number of credits earned for each course successfully completed;
- (c) the final letter grade and, the percentage as required under Ministerial Order 192/94, the Provincial Letter Grades Order, the percentage earned by the student, or adult student, as the case may be, for each course numbered 10, 11 or 12 that the student has successfully completed;
- (d) whether the graduation requirements as set out in:
 - (i) Ministerial Order 302/04, the Graduation Program Order; or
 - (ii) Ministerial Order 320/04, the British Columbia Adult Graduation Requirements Order

have been met by the student, or adult students, as the case may be, and

(e) the results of

- (i) the Grade 10 numeracy assessment or the Évaluation de numératie de la 10^e année referred to in section 4 (1) (b) (i),
- (ii) the Grade 10 literacy assessment referred to in sections 4 (1) (b) (ii) and (4),
- (iii) the Évaluation de littératie de la 10^e année – Français langue première referred to in section 4 (4),
- (iv) the Grade 12 literacy assessment referred to in section 4 (1)(b)(iii),
- (v) the Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue première referred to in section 4(4.1), and
- (vi) the Évaluation de littératie de la 12^e année – Français langue seconde-immersion referred to in section 4 (7)(a)(iv)

of the Graduation Program Order, M302/04.

(2) *REPEALED, M324/04 effective September 8, 2004*

[am. M403/00; am. M324/04; am.198/11; am. M360/17; am. M230/19; am. M304/20; am. M230/21]

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Honours Standing

5 A student or adult student is entitled to receive a transcript of grades marked with the phrase "Achievement with Honours" where that student or adult student has

- (a) successfully completed the graduation requirements, and
- (b) obtained a greater than 3.0 Grade Point Average as determined in accordance with the directions issued by the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

[am. M403/00; am. M298/22]

Handbook of Procedures

6 Where a board issues a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation, a British Columbia School Completion Certificate or a transcript of grades to a student, the board must issue this document in accordance with the Ministry of Education and Child Care *"Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program"* and the B.C. Graduation Program Policy Guide that are in effect at the time the student is entitled to receive that document.

[am. M235/98; am. M324/04; am. M382/04, am 235/07; am. M304/20; am. M298/22]

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Schedule A

The British Columbia Certificate of Graduation shall read and be printed in the following form:

**Province of British Columbia
Ministry of Education and Child Care**

This is to certify that

**has satisfied the Graduation requirements of
the British Columbia School System.**

**Accordingly, this British Columbia Certificate of Graduation
is issued under the authority of
the Minister of Education and Child Care.**

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Schedule B

The British Columbia Certificate of Graduation shall read and be printed in the following form:

**Province of British Columbia
Ministry of Education and Child Care**

Nous, soussignés, attestons que

**a satisfait aux exigences
du système scolaire de la Colombie-Britannique.**

**En foi de quoi, nous lui décernons ce diplôme
de fin d'études secondaires en Colombie-Britannique
en vertu des pouvoirs détenus par le ministre de l'Éducation et des Services à la petite
enfance.**

[am. M298/22]

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Schedule C

The British Columbia School Completion Certificate shall read and be printed in the following form:

**Province of British Columbia
School Completion Certificate**

This is to certify that (student name), upon recommendation of the Board of Education, is hereby issued this British Columbia School Completion Certificate under the authority of the Minister of Education and Child Care.

[am. M298/22]

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Schedule D

The British Columbia School Completion Certificate shall read and be printed in the following form:

**Province of British Columbia
Certificat de fin de scolarité**

**Nous, soussignés, attestons que (nom de l'élève) a satisfait aux exigences du conseil scolaire.
En foi de quoi, nous lui décernons ce certificat de fin de scolarité en Colombie-Britannique,
en vertu des pouvoirs détenus par le ministre de l'Éducation et des Services à la petite
enfance.**

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Schedule E

The British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma shall read and be printed in the following form:

Province of British Columbia

BRITISH COLUMBIA ADULT GRADUATION DIPLOMA

This is to Certify That

**has satisfied the
British Columbia Adult Secondary Graduation Requirements**

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Schedule F

The British Columbia francophone Certificate of Graduation shall read and be printed in the following form:

**Province de la Colombie-Britannique
Ministère de l'Éducation et des Services à la petite enfance**

**Nous soussignés attestons que a satisfait aux exigences du système scolaire de la
Colombie-Britannique
dans le cadre du programme francophone.**

**En foi de quoi, nous lui décernons ce diplôme
de fin d'études secondaires de la Colombie-Britannique
en vertu des pouvoirs détenus par le ministre de l'Éducation et des Services à la petite
enfance.**

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