



JOINT DETERMINATION – EXISTENCE OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

1 Definitions

- (1) Words and phrases used in these standards and not otherwise defined in this document have the meanings they have in the [University of Sydney \(Higher Degree by Research\) Rule 2011](#).
- (2) In this joint determination:

emergency conditions

means circumstances that adversely affect either or both of:

- the University's ability to provide examinations in the manner provided in this Rule and applicable Academic Board policy; or
- student's ability to complete their planned programs of research.

Such circumstances include, but are not limited to:

- natural disasters;
- humanitarian disasters;
- health emergencies;
- terror attacks;
- cyber attacks; and
- internal emergencies.

2 Emergency Conditions

As provided by clause 6A.1 of the [University of Sydney \(Higher Degree by Research\) Rule 2011](#), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and Chair of the Academic Board have jointly determined that emergency conditions exist.