

Notice

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To: General Authorities; General Officers; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents
From: Seminaries and Institutes of Religion
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Subject: Updated Guide to Seminary and Institute Graduation Exercises



Adjustments have been made to [A Guide to Seminary and Institute Graduation Exercises](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/go/4PK) ([churchofjesuschrist.org/go/4PK](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/go/4PK)).

- A Seminary Certificate of Recognition is now available.
- Ecclesiastical endorsement roles and responsibilities have been updated.

The updated guide can also be found in the Gospel Library app, and is referenced in the *General Handbook: Serving in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* [2020], section [15.1.5](#).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, if the final class of the year is completed, graduation diplomas and recognition certificates will be processed as usual and sent to priesthood leaders.

As priesthood leaders consider how to distribute diplomas and certificates, they should follow local guidelines regarding gatherings to determine if, when, and how they will recognize diploma or certificate recipients. A gathering is not required to distribute the diplomas and certificates.

Please see the S&I COVID-19 [frequently asked questions page](#) for additional information. ([ChurchofJesusChrist.org/go/4PY](https://www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org/go/4PY))