

## Information for graduates on RSU summer graduation ceremonies

From 29 June to 2 July, RSU summer graduations will take place in the Great Hall's backyard, next to the RSU Inspiration Park (Iedvesmas parks). Graduations will take place in person, observing the epidemiological safety measures set by the state – students with an interoperable certificate on COVID-19 vaccination, testing and recovery (Covid-19 certificate) (<https://covid19sertifikats.lv/>) will be able to participate in the graduation ceremonies. Graduates will wear graduation gowns.

### 1. Arrival at the graduation ceremony and entry / exit to the graduation area

According to the regulations in force in the country, only persons with an interoperable certificate on COVID-19 vaccination, testing and recovery (Covid-19 certificate) will be able to participate at the RSU graduation ceremony in person. **The certificate will have to be presented at the entrance to the RSU main building from Dzirciema iela.** Information about the certificate and its conditions is available here: <https://covid19sertifikats.lv/>

- **Students must also bring an identity document upon arrival at the graduation. It will have to be presented with the Covid-19 certificate.**
- Exit from the graduation area will take place through the Great Hall's servant's entrance to Konsula iela.
- The flow of people at the area will be regulated by special instructions.
- Following information in the annex: scheme of the territory for safe movement during the graduation (graduates will not be allowed to leave the confined event area; persons who do not have the above-mentioned certificate and who do not participate in the event or its provision will not be allowed to enter).

### 2. Graduation ceremony procedure

The graduation will consist of two parts:

- ✓ **Part 1:** a festive ceremony that will include graduation addresses, graduates' solemn oath and the traditional hat toss. The ceremony will take place in the RSU backyard in a special tent.
- ✓ **Part 2:** the official handing out of diplomas in the Great Hall. It will follow after the festive ceremony. After receiving Diploma, graduates go outside the RSU graduation area – through the parking lot exit (Konsula iela).

During the graduation, graduates will have to sit in fixed, personalised seats (in alphabetical order according to their first and last name), maintaining a safe 2m distance between one another.

The graduation ceremonies will be streamed online on the RSU website. During the ceremony, graduates will be invited to stand up and greet the audience by waving to the broadcast camera. During the live broadcast, the graduate will be shown in a solemnly designed screen image.

At the graduation area graduates must comply with all applicable national epidemiological safety measures: **Masks covering face and mouth must be used in the RSU territory, as well as during the graduation ceremony!**

In case of student's absence, a graduate's name and awarded degree will be announced from the stage. In such case, diplomas will be available at the particular faculty. The student must contact the contact person of his / her faculty to arrange a specific time for receiving the diploma.

### 3. Receiving the diploma

Diplomas will be handed out in the Great Hall. During the on-site ceremony, graduates will have to sign once to certify receiving their diploma. The Hippocratic Oath and the Register of Medical Practitioners (form for Health Inspectorate) will be signed remotely – Dean's office has already sent you to fill out Oath and Registration Register of Medical Practitioners.

### 4. Graduation gowns

**The gowns will be handed out 1 hour before graduation in the RSU canteen**, which is currently adapted to the epidemiologically safe flow of people. The gowns will be handed out to each group of students separately at specified times. Application times will be arranged with student group leaders. **Handover of the gowns will take place in a specially organised tent in the RSU backyard.**

Graduates are kindly requested to pay the 12 EUR fee for hiring their graduation gown and disinfection costs in a timely manner via bank transfer by specifying their name and surname, as well as indicating "Graduation gown maintenance costs" in the payment order. Graduates will have to present their payment order upon picking up their gowns. RSU details are available at: <https://www.rsu.lv/rekviziti>

Information on graduation gowns is available by contacting Evita Duņēna, [evita.dunena@rsu.lv](mailto:evita.dunena@rsu.lv); +371 29160024.

### 5. Graduation ceremony livestream and photography

To ensure safe conditions, only graduates themselves will be able to attend the ceremony, without their family and friends, in order to maintain the status of a semi-safe event in accordance with the requirements of the regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers. For this reason, the graduation ceremonies will be broadcast live on the RSU website. A video recording will be available on the RSU website after the event. Family and friends are requested to observe the restrictions on gathering size and congratulate graduates outside RSU territory.

During the ceremony, graduates will not be invited to come up to the stage. Instead, graduates' names and the degree they have obtained will be announced. Graduates will be invited to stand up and greet the audience by waving thereby ensuring a special moment for each graduate that will be captured on video and broadcast live.

Each graduate will be photographed during the graduation ceremony. Graduates will also have the opportunity to take photos of themselves both before and after the graduation ceremony at

a special photo wall. One of them will be located in the event area, while the other will be outside the graduation area – Inspiration Park.

Graduation photos will be available on the RSU website in the coming days after graduation.

### **ATTENTION!**

Globally, the coronavirus pandemic is not over, therefore, we still have to adhere to strict safety measures. Rīga Stradiņš University calls on everyone to take care of our safety and of each other!

In order to observe the safety measures, please arrive to the graduation ceremony on time. Please prepare interoperable certificates and identity documents as you approach the entrance door to prevent gathering at the entrance and other inconveniences!

## **6. Information on the processing of personal data**

1. The processing of personal data – photographs, name, surname and degree obtained by graduates is carried out on the basis of Article 6 (1) (a) of the General Data Protection Regulation – the graduate has given consent to the processing of his / her personal data for one or more specific purposes: paragraph (b) which stipulates that the processing is necessary for the performance of a contract (study contract) to which the data subject (graduate) is a contracting party; paragraph (c) which provides for the processing of data in order to fulfil a legal obligation applicable to RSU (regulatory enactments stipulate to terminate the study process in person, but not to suspend it completely); paragraph (f), RSU's legitimate interest in reflecting organised events or events in which it participates, in the media and social networks, thus ensuring recognition.
2. Personal data – The processing of the video recording of the graduation ceremony is carried out on the basis of Article 6 (1) (a) of the General Data Protection Regulation – the graduate has given consent to the processing of his / her personal data for one or more specific purposes and paragraph (f), i. e. RSU's legitimate interest in reflecting organised events or events in which it participates, in the media and social networks, thus ensuring recognition – can be used to ensure the legitimate interests of RSU, i. e. reflecting the graduation ceremony for marketing and communication activities (including the preparation and posting of material on social networks) to ensure RSU's recognition, as well as for archiving purposes.
3. RSU plans to keep the information and data obtained during the graduation ceremony, and the information for graduation ceremony's organisation and administration permanently. Depending on the purpose of the specific data processing, part of the obtained materials may be publicly available on RSU social networks and / or website, thus becoming available to any third party.

You can find additional information about the processing of personal data by RSU and your rights in the [RSU Privacy Policy](#) or in paper at the RSU Information Center.

**See you at the Rīga Stradiņš University summer graduations!**