BMCC Diploma FAQ

All emails mentioned in this document refer to your **<u>Preferred Email Address</u>** in CUNYFirst. To update your contact information in CUNYFirst, <u>follow these directions</u>.

After Degrees are Awarded

Degrees will be awarded in CUNYFirst within 1 month of the end of the semester, at which point graduates will be sent an congratulatory email to let them know their degree has been awarded and any transcripts they request going forward will verify their degree information. This email will also contain a link to a survey.

This survey will ask students for two items:

- <u>Diploma Name</u>: Students provide their full name as they would like it to appear on their diploma. This can include middle name, middle initial, etc. <u>Please be advised that the First and Last Name must be the same as the Primary Name listed in CUNYFirst</u>. Students who wish to change their first or last name must submit a <u>Change of Personal Information Form</u> and have it completed prior to the diploma distribution date.
- 2) <u>Diploma Distribution</u>: All graduates will be issued a digital copy of their diploma within 8-12 weeks of their degree being awarded in CUNYFirst, which will be accessible through the Parchment website. The second section of the survey asks if students would like to receive a paper version of their diploma in addition to the digital diploma, as well as where they would like the diploma sent.

7-10 weeks after degrees are awarded, graduates will receive an email notification with instructions for electronically claiming their diploma through the Parchment website (Parchment.com).

Please be advised that any holds that would prevent the issuance of a transcripts will also prevent the diploma from being sent out (Bursar, Collections, Financial Aid Exit Interview, etc.). If such a hold exists on your CUNYFirst account, the BMCC Graduation Team will contact you directly before diplomas are distributed.

Graduates who are not initially sent their diploma due to a hold can contact <u>Graduation@bmcc.cuny.edu</u> once the hold is lifted, and the team will be able to send the diploma to you via Parchment within 1-2 business days. To claim your Parchment account please follow these 3 simple steps:

1) Check your email for the award notification from Parchment.



2) Follow the link to set up your Parchment digital credentials account.



Sign In

Please choose whether you are a Learner or Administrator



3) Share your digital diploma on Facebook and LinkedIn or download a secure .pdf version.

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Benefits of a Digital Diploma

Your digital diploma will <u>always</u> be accessible through your Parchment account. You can login and download or share it again and again -- at no cost to you.

Once you claim your account and log in, you can share your achievements!

- Easily share your digital diploma with employers with a secure and verified link
- Share with family and friends on social media like Facebook and LinkedIn
- View your digital diploma online at any time with permanent access through Parchment.com
- Download your digital diploma and save it as a PDF

Digital Diplomas can Serve as an Alternative to the Apostille

• Many countries recognize digital diplomas. Parchment Award diplomas are supporting the needs of international

credentials.

Paper Diplomas

Once you are able to access and view your digital diploma on the Parchment website, your paper diploma (if you requested one in the survey mentioned above) will not be far behind. Diplomas will be shipped vis the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), and you can check the status of your order through the Parchment website.

1) Once you log in to your Parchment Account, click on Orders at the top of the page



2) On the next page you will be able to see the status of any diplomas you have requested, and their status. Digital diplomas will show Delivery Type: Electronic, while paper diplomas will show the Delivery Type: Mail.

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If you originally requested just the digital diploma and now need the paper copy, or need an additional copy of your paper diploma, please reach out to the graduation team for assistance.

If you have difficulty accessing your Parchment account or issues with your login, you can contact Parchment directly for assistance <u>on their website</u>.

Any questions regarding your diploma can be directed to <u>Graduation@bmcc.cuny.edu</u>.