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Academic Misconduct Policy

Misconduct consists of those acts which undermine the integrity and validity of assessment, the certification of qualifications. Plagiarism, cheating, collusion and attempting to obtain an unfair academic advantage are forms of academic misconduct.

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's work as one's own without acknowledgement of the source or without permission.

Examples of other forms of academic misconduct would include:

- Copying the work of others (with or without permission)
- Fabrication of results
- Getting someone else to produce part or all of the work submitted
- Using forbidden notes in tests

Learners will be made aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and the penalties for it. The extent to which learners may collaborate legitimately in coursework will be made clear. Learners will be asked to declare that the work is their own when submitting assessments.

The assessment strategy will be such that misconduct is more easily detectable e.g.

- Some assessed work may be supervised.
- Assignments may be more tailored to individuals.
- Assessment tasks may be changed on a regular basis

Minor breaches of policy e.g. unintentional plagiarism through not referencing work properly will be discussed with the learner in a private tutorial. The learner may be required to resubmit part or all of the work for reassessment.

Serious misconduct will be reported to the Programme Manager who will investigate the allegation. If the learner admits to misconduct or it is otherwise proven this may result in no mark for the work or removal from the course. OCNWMR will be informed of the misconduct and the action taken.

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