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<p>1. Policy Statement</p> <p>Learning Works upholds high academic integrity and will adopt a zero tolerance policy towards plagiarism and cheating during examinations and tests as defined in the following sections. All students will be informed of this policy and are expected to comply. This policy is an integral part of student information provided before entrance to a specific programme/qualification from MQF Level 4 to MQF Level 6.</p> <p>2. Plagiarism</p> <p>Learning Work believes that “Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty that is considered a serious offense and carries severe penalties ranging from a verbal warning, failing an assignment to suspension from programme/qualification. Students are guilty of plagiarism any time they attempt to obtain academic credit by presenting someone else’s ideas as their own without appropriately documenting the original source.”</p> <p>Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copying any portion from books, journals, and electronic sources without acknowledgment. • Paraphrasing material from another source without proper acknowledgment or citation. • Using any part of a previously marked work in a new assignment. • Obtaining an assignment from an internet research service and hand it in as your own. 	

3. Cheating during Examination and Tests

LW believes that "it is imperative to conduct fair and transparent examinations and tests and that it does not tolerate cheating during examinations and tests".

Cheating in examinations and tests includes but is not limited to:

- Having unauthorized material in your possession including notes or any other documents or information
- Communication with others during the examination or test.

4. Process

Learning Works places the responsibility of avoiding plagiarism on the students. Work produced by students need to be authentic and is checked by respective tutor. In addition, this is also checked by respective internal verifier. In order to assist in this process, LW has introduced anti-plagiarism software Turnitin to ensure a high quality standard for student work is achieved. As a guideline the similarity percentage should not exceed 21%.

5. Consequences

If it is believed that a student has been guilty of plagiarism or examination/test cheating the student will be subject to following consequences, according to gravity of the case,

- A verbal warning
- A 'Fail' grade for the students' work
- Suspension from course, temporary or permanent
- Cancellation of examination/test

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