



Purpose:

This document defines plagiarism and dishonest behaviour or cheating. It also indicates forms of preventative and corrective action used by the Uniting RTO.

Scope:

This applies to all students enrolled with Uniting RTO.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a form of dishonest behaviour or cheating. It is taking and using someone else's thoughts, writings or inventions and representing them as your own. Plagiarism is a serious act and may result in a participants' exclusion from a module or a course. When you have any doubts about including the work of other authors in your assessments, please consult with your facilitator.

The following list outlines some of the activities for which a participant can be accused of plagiarism:

- Presenting any work by another individual as one's own unintentionally
- Handing in assessments markedly similar to or copied from another student.
- Presenting the work of another individual or group as their own work.
- Handing up assessments without the adequate acknowledgement of sources used, including assessments taken totally or in part from the internet.

Copyright

You must be careful when copying the work of others. The owner of the material may take legal action against you if the owner's copyright has been infringed. You are allowed to do a certain amount of copying for research or study purposes. Generally, 10% or one chapter of a book is acceptable, where the participant is studying with, or employed by, an educational institution.

Penalties

Students found to have plagiarised work or breached copyright requirements in completing an assessment requirement will have the assessment involved scored as "not competent". Plagiarism or breach of copyright by a student may also result in the college discipline procedure being invoked and could lead to cancellation of enrolment.