

Newcastle University

National Professional Qualifications

Academic Integrity Policy

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Academic Integrity Policy

Academic integrity is an underlying principle of research and academic practice. Through your work and approach to learning you are expected to **demonstrate your development as an independent learner and critical thinker**, including maintaining good academic practice. This involves completing your studies honestly and ethically, having respect for the work of others and recognising **your responsibility to ensure fair assessment**.

Poor academic practice or misconduct such as plagiarism, collusion, fabrication, or falsification, undermine the advancement of knowledge and innovation that are at the core of the University's vision.

The overarching purpose of assessment is to **demonstrate your understanding and ability to analyse and apply knowledge** gained through your programme to your assessors. Passing off someone or something's work as your own, whether this is copying, getting someone else to write an assignment on your behalf or claiming authorship of machine generated (AI) content (including text, code and creative works) means that you are not demonstrating your own skills and learning. As well as limiting your opportunities to develop as a learner, it is highly unethical.

1. All NPQ assessments must be completed in compliance with our [Assessment Policy](#)
2. Candidates are required to confirm that the submission is entirely their own work. Should this not be possible at the time of submission, Newcastle University staff will work with the participant to ensure it is secured. Results released before this has been achieved will be clearly marked conditional.
3. Newcastle University will use Turnitin software in order to identify **plagiarism** (see definition below). NPQ assignments will risk failing if plagiarism is detected in the assignment. A discussion with the participant will occur initially, if unoriginal content is found. This could lead to a failure or a pass depending on the specific case. Wording that forms part of the proforma (and not a participant's answer), quoted text, and NPQ framework statements will not be counted as plagiarism.
4. In cases of academic misconduct, the [policy of Newcastle University](#) will be implemented
5. Any concerns or issues regarding the Assessment, should be addressed to Newcastle University via npqassessment@newcastle.ac.uk

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is defined as the use of the work of others without acknowledgement. This covers not just using words, but also, for example, concepts, ideas, data, designs, images, computer programmes, music. Note in particular that it refers to ideas, not just to words, so even if you express someone else's ideas in your own words, the source of the idea must still be acknowledged.