

## What does academic misconduct look like?

Academic misconduct refers to the broad range of behaviours used to inappropriately and falsely demonstrate learning. Some forms of misconduct, and possible repercussions, are listed below.

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## Forms of misconduct

### Cheating while under supervised conditions

Breaking assessment rules to seek an unfair advantage.

### Collusion

Working with other students to complete assessment that is supposed to be completed individually. This applies even if you show your work to others, as it compromises the task of assessing a student.

### Contract cheating

Selling, trading or buying a response to an assessment.

### Copying work

Deliberately making it possible for another student to copy responses, or seeking to do so yourself.

### Disclosing or receiving information about an assessment

Giving, receiving or accessing unauthorised information that compromises assessment, such as stimulus or suggested answers/responses.

### Fabricating

Inventing or exaggerating data or listing incorrect or made-up references including false or misleading information from generative AI tools.

### Impersonation

Arranging for someone else to complete your response in your place. This includes the use of generative AI to alter images or recordings.

### Misconduct during a supervised assessment

Distracting or disrupting others in an assessment room.

### Plagiarism or lack of referencing

Using the work of others including generative AI in assessment without acknowledgment.

### Self-plagiarism

Reusing or duplicating work already submitted previously as a response to an assessment instrument.

### Significant contribution of help

Arranging or allowing a tutor or other supporting person to complete or contribute significantly to an assessment response.

## Consequences of misconduct

When you do the wrong thing this often damages your reputation among your peers and with your teachers. They will remember your actions the next time they need to trust you with something.

If you engage in academic misconduct you falsely represent your learning — you may not be able to do the things you claim to be able to do.

Results can only be awarded on work that your teacher or school can authenticate as your own work. If there is limited work that can be authenticated as your own you may receive a very low score, or even zero.

Your school will investigate potential academic misconduct and consequences will occur based on your school's assessment policy.

Attempts to gain an unfair advantage over your classmates may affect their opinion of you.



### More info

To learn more about academic integrity and doing your best work, visit the QCAA website and search for 'Academic integrity'.



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