

REC PROFESSIONALS ACCREDITED CENTRE

Policy Document:

Plagiarism and Collusion Policy

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The REC Professionals Accredited Centre (known as REC Professionals Centre) role is to successfully deliver qualifications certificated by REC's Awarding Organisation (RECAO).

As part of our commitment to quality standards and therefore protecting our learners, RECAO ensures that any regulatory requirements imposed upon us are met. REC Professionals' policies are integral to our approach and articulate in a consistent way how we meet our regulatory requirements. These are reviewed annually to ensure they remain fit for purpose.

Plagiarism & Collusion Policy

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is used as a general term to describe taking and using another's thoughts and writings as one's own. Plagiarism can occur not only in examinations but in written coursework and all other forms of study where you are expected to work independently and produce original material.

Collusion

Collusion is the active cooperation of two or more students to deceive examiners. You will be guilty of collusion if you knowingly allow any of your work to be acquired by another person for presentation as if it were that person's own work. If you offer to provide work to another student to be passed off as their own you are guilty of collusion.

Any action knowingly taken by a student which involves misrepresentation of the truth may be considered academic dishonesty and as such is an offence which the REC Professionals Centre believes should merit the application of very severe penalties.

Dealing with suspected and confirmed cases of plagiarism and/or collusion

Plagiarism and Collusion are serious offences and any learner found to be copying someone else's coursework or using work from another source without recognising and disclosing that source will be penalised. Students found cheating will be removed from the course, their results will be declared null and void if the plagiarism is detected after the examination date and they may be permanently barred from completing REC Professionals Qualifications and/or obtaining REC Professionals membership.

The REC Professionals Centre will follow the procedures defined in the RECAO policies governing student discipline when investigating and considering allegations of plagiarism and/or collusion in the examination. The investigation will be carried out by the RECAO. The penalties that the RECAO are authorised to impose upon a student if he/she is found to have committed plagiarism/collusion are also defined in the policies.

The RECAO policy can be found at: <https://www.rec.uk.com/about-the-rec/awarding-organisation/information-centres>