

Plagiarism in Examination [Taken from the SQA website]

Plagiarism - Don't risk it!

Spotting plagiarism and collusion isn't difficult

- Teachers and lecturers regularly read drafts and can spot changes in writing style and use of language.
- Markers know their subject inside out so they're familiar with lots of sources.
- SQA uses software that identifies plagiarism and collusion. This software matches copied phrases and text with the sources they've been taken from.



What if you break the rules?

Breaching SQA's rules can have serious consequences. If an investigation shows you've broken the rules, the level of the penalty will depend on the severity of the matter. SQA will decide which penalty is appropriate. The range of penalties includes:

- Your marks can be reduced — or you can be awarded zero marks.
- Your qualification for the subject concerned can be cancelled.
- All of your qualifications for the entire year can be cancelled.
- **Stick to the rules and do the right thing every step of the way.**

Declaration

Read it and understand it

- Your school or college will give you a declaration that you have to sign before they submit your Coursework. Find out more about signing your [declaration](#)

Declaration

Read it and sign

Your school or college will give you a declaration that you have to sign before they submit your coursework to SQA for marking. It's really important that you understand the wording of the declaration, so have a good read of it now:

I confirm that:

- I have read SQA's Your Coursework booklet and I understand its contents
- I understand that SQA may impose penalties on candidate awards where the rules in the Your Coursework booklet have not been followed
- the coursework submitted with this declaration is all my own work with all sources of information clearly identified and acknowledged
- I understand that this coursework will be submitted to SQA for marking

Remember:

- You need to sign the declaration before your work is submitted to SQA for marking.
- Be sure you understand the declaration before you sign it. Ask your teacher or lecturer for help if you're unsure about anything.

Remember that everyone wants to see you do well. Speaking to others about your work and sharing their experience can be really helpful when researching your topics — just make sure the work you submit for marking is your own. So, enjoy your Courses and if you have any questions please ask your teachers or lecturers for advice. They are there to help you.

