



Agensi Kelayakan Malaysia  
Malaysian Qualifications Agency

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### **Statement on Academic Integrity**

There is a growing worldwide alarm about rising incidences of plagiarism amongst university and college students. Assessments, certifications, credentials and awards may lose their value and recognition if higher education providers (HEP) do not institute active measures to curb this scourge.

In this regard, MQA calls on all HEPs to categorically commit to combating all forms of plagiarism in their institutions. HEPs need to have credible anti-plagiarism policies and to continually inform and educate their staff and students on ethical writing. HEPs must take firm and appropriate action against students and staff involved in plagiarism i.e. appropriating works of others, contract cheating, fabricating and doctoring data and getting undeserved credit. It is imperative that all HEPs create, nurture, support and enforce a highly ethical institutional environment by maintaining high standards of academic integrity amongst all – staff, students and administrators.

MQA through its accreditation activities will inquire into and make judgements about the HEP's commitment to and effectiveness of its academic integrity practices.

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