

# Plagiarism Reference Tariff

*This tariff is based on a national research consultation exercise conducted on behalf of plagiarism**advice**.org by Peter Tennant and Gill Rowell.*

*The full report will be available for download from plagiarism**advice**.org from August 2010.*



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# 1

## Assign points based on the following criteria

### HISTORY

1st Time	<b>100 points</b>
2nd Time	<b>150 points</b>
3rd/+ Time	<b>200 points</b>

### AMOUNT / EXTENT

Below 5% <b>AND</b> less than two sentences	<b>80 points</b>
As above but with <b>critical aspects*</b> plagiarised	<b>105 points</b>
Between 5% and 20% <b>OR</b> more than two sentences but not more than two paragraphs	<b>105 points</b>
As above but with <b>critical aspects*</b> plagiarised	<b>130 points</b>
Between 20% and 50% <b>OR</b> more than two paragraphs but not more than five paragraphs	<b>130 points</b>
As above but with <b>critical aspects*</b> plagiarised	<b>160 points</b>
Above 50% <b>OR</b> more than five paragraphs	<b>160 points</b>
Submission purchased from essay mill or ghostwriting service †	<b>225 points</b>

\* *Critical aspects are key ideas central to the assignment*

† *Some institutions may consider this to be a separate form of academic malpractice*

### LEVEL / STAGE

Level 1	<b>70 points</b>
Level 2	<b>115 points</b>
Level 3/Postgraduate	<b>140 points</b>

### VALUE OF ASSIGNMENT

Standard weighting	<b>30 points</b>
Large project (e.g. final year dissertation)	<b>60 points</b>

### ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Evidence of deliberate attempt to disguise plagiarism by changing words, sentences or references to avoid detection **40 points**

# 2

## Award penalties based on the points

### PENALTIES (Summative Work)

In all cases a formal warning is given and a record made contributing to the student's previous history

Points	Available Penalties (select one)
280 - 329	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further action beyond formal warning</li> <li>Assignment awarded 0% - resubmission required, with no penalty on mark</li> </ul>
330 - 379	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further action beyond formal warning</li> <li>Assignment awarded 0% - resubmission required, with no penalty on mark</li> <li>Assignment awarded 0% - resubmission required but mark capped or reduced</li> </ul>
380 - 479	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assignment awarded 0% - resubmission required but mark capped or reduced</li> <li>Assignment awarded 0% - no opportunity to resubmit</li> </ul>
480 - 524	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assignment awarded 0% - no opportunity to resubmit</li> <li>Module awarded 0% - re-sit required, but mark capped or reduced</li> <li>Module awarded 0% - no opportunity to re-sit, but credit still awarded</li> </ul>
525 - 559	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Module awarded 0% - re-sit required, but mark capped or reduced</li> <li>Module awarded 0% - no opportunity to re-sit, but credit still awarded</li> <li>Module awarded 0% - no opportunity to re-sit, and credit lost</li> <li>Award classification reduced</li> <li>Qualification reduced (e.g. Honours -&gt; no Honours)</li> <li>Expelled from institution but credits retained</li> <li>Expelled from institution with credits withdrawn</li> </ul>
560+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Module awarded 0% - no opportunity to resit, and credit lost</li> <li>Award classification reduced</li> <li>Qualification reduced (e.g. Honours -&gt; no Honours)</li> <li>Expelled from institution but credits retained</li> <li>Expelled from institution with credits withdrawn</li> </ul>

### PENALTIES (Formative Work)

280 - 379	Informal warning
380+	Formal warning, with record made contributing to the student's previous history



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