

## Maryvale Institute

### Plagiarism Reference Tariff

#### Introduction

The Institute has adopted the use of the “AMBeR Tariff”, a national tariff for the application of penalties for plagiarism. The tariff was developed in 2010 by the Academic Misconduct Benchmarking Research (AMBeR) project. It assigns points to history of offence, amount/extent of plagiarised work, level of study and the weighting or value of the piece of work and is applied as follows:

#### **History**

First time offence	100 points
First repeat	150 points
Second repeat	200 points

#### **Amount / extent**

Below 5% and less than two sentences.....	80 points
As above but with *critical aspects plagiarised ..... (*critical aspects are key ideas central to the assignment)	105 points
Between 5% and 20% or more than two sentences but not more than two paragraphs.	105 points
As above but with *critical aspects plagiarised .....	130 points
Between 20 and 50% or more than two paragraphs but not more than five paragraphs	130 points
As above but with *critical aspects plagiarised .....	160 points
Above 50% or more than five paragraphs .....	160 points
Work purchased from an essay mill or ghost writing service .....	225 points
This is considered serious misconduct	

#### **Level / stage**

National Qualification Framework (NQF) level 4 & 5 .....	70 points
(HE Certificate and HE Diploma)	
NQF Level 6 (Bachelors degrees) .....	115 points
NQF Level 7 & 8 (postgraduate study and research) .....	140 points

#### **Value of assignment**

Standard assignment .....	30 points
Large project (eg. final year dissertation).....	60 points

#### **Additional**

Evidence of a deliberate attempt to disguise plagiarism by changing words, sentences or references to avoid detection .....	40 points
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#### **Penalties based on the points**

##### **Summative work**

In all cases a formal warning is given and a record added to the student's file.

280 – 329	assignment awarded a mark of zero, resubmission required with penalty
330 – 379	assignment awarded a mark of zero, resubmission required with penalty assignment awarded a mark of zero, resubmission required and mark capped or reduced
380 – 479	assignment awarded a mark of zero, resubmission required and mark capped or reduced assignment awarded a mark of zero with no opportunity to resubmit
480 – 524	module awarded a mark of zero, resit of module required and mark capped or reduced

	module awarded a mark of zero with no opportunity to resit but credit still awarded
525 – 559	module awarded a mark of zero, resit of module required and mark capped or reduced
	module awarded a mark of zero with no opportunity to resit but credit still awarded
	module awarded a mark of zero with no opportunity to resit and credit lost
	award classification reduced (eg. Honours reduced to no Honours)
	expelled from Institute but credits retained
	expelled from Institute with credits withdrawn
560+	module awarded a mark of zero with no opportunity to resit and credit lost
	award classification reduced (eg. Honours reduced to no Honours)
	expelled from Institute but credits retained
	expelled from Institute with credits withdrawn

***Formative work***

280 – 379	informal warning
380+	formal warning with and a record added to the student's file.