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# What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

**Artificial Intelligence (AI)** used in the context of assessment, refers to the use of AI tools and technologies to acquire information and content which might be used in work produced for assessments which lead towards a qualification. This may involve the application of AI- powered algorithms, machine learning models, and data-driven processes to gather, analyse, and generate relevant data, insights, or assessment content that can enhance the quality and effectiveness of work produced by learners. AI chatbots are AI tools which generate text in response to user prompts and questions.

Nine Dots hold high standards of academic and assessment integrity. We consider both the inappropriate use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) software for the completion of an assignment as collusion and a deliberate intention to pass off the work of others as the learners own.

Therefore, the misuse of AI tools in relation to qualification assessments at any time and is never acceptable and constitutes malpractice.

# What is AI misuse?

While AI composition software can be a useful tool for tasks such as grammar and spelling check or conducting research on assignment topics, it should not be used to generate original content. This includes assignments that require reflection, analysis, evaluation, work-based projects, and presentations. Including work produced for end point assessments.

This means ensuring that the final submitted assignment is in your own words and isn’t copied or paraphrased from another source such as an AI tool and that the content demonstrates your own knowledge, skills, and behaviors.

We encourage our Learners to develop their own thinking and demonstrate their knowledge and skills through their own work by evidencing their own experience and relating theory to practice when required. This is an important aspect of the learning process.

AI tools are only permitted to be used where the learner can demonstrate that the final assessment submission is the product of their own independent work and independent thinking.

**Examples of AI misuse include, but are not limited to the following:**

* Copying or paraphrasing sections of AI-generated content so that the work is no

longer the learner’s own.

* Copying or paraphrasing whole responses of AI-generated content and submitting them as their own work.
* Failing to acknowledge/reference the use of AI tools when they have been used as a source of information.
* Incomplete or poor acknowledgement/referencing of the use of AI tools.
* Submitting work with intentionally incomplete or misleading references or bibliographies.

You are responsible for the content of your assignments and how it is constructed, so it is

crucial that you can confidently answer ‘yes’ to authenticity questions.

If Nine Dots suspects malpractice, maladministration, or collusion either directly or via whistleblowing incident, this will be treated as suspected malpractice/collusion and the incident will be investigated.

Our published Malpractice and Maladministration Policy and Procedure which can be accessed via <https://ninedots.co.uk/>

# Acknowledging / Referencing AI use in Assignments

Learners should be aware that failure to reference sources properly can have serious consequences, including accusations of plagiarism. Therefore, it is essential that learners take the time to learn and apply appropriate referencing conventions, and that they seek help and guidance if they are unsure from Nine Dots staff.

When learners use AI tools as a source of information for an assessment, it is important that they acknowledge and reference the AI source appropriately.

The acknowledgement/referencing should clearly indicate the name of the AI source used and the date the content was generated.

For example, if a learner uses ChatGPT 4 to research content for an assessment, they should acknowledge and reference the source as follows: ChatGPT 4 (https://chat.openai.com/), accessed on 12/03/2024.

**Example:**

**Using ChatGPT**

Q. What is the difference between a leader and a manager?

If you have used the response for research, you would reference ChatGP3.5 (<https://chat.openai.com/>), 12/03/24

If you are using some of the response, paraphrasing or quoting within your written answer you would put a citation within the text, ChatGPT (12/03/24 ChatGP3.5).

Nine Dots encourages learners to seek guidance and support on appropriate referencing conventions, both when using AI tools and when conducting independent research. This can help them to develop their skills and knowledge in this area and enhance their assessment submission.

For example, it would be unacceptable to simply reference ‘AI’ or ‘ChatGPT ’without providing additional details. Similarly, when referencing web sources, learners should provide specific details of the website and webpages consulted, rather than simply stating 'Google'.

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