

---

## Plagiarism Statement

RSPH Awarding Organisation defines plagiarism as: ‘the failure to acknowledge sources properly and/or the submission of another person’s work as if it were the candidate’s own’ (RSPH Guidelines and Procedures for Dealing with Suspected Malpractice in Relation to RSPH Qualifications)

The following are examples of plagiarism:

- submitting someone else’s work as your own
- copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
- failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
- giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
- changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit
- copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not .

Taken from ‘What is plagiarism’ by C. Weinberger ([www.jiscpas.ac.uk](http://www.jiscpas.ac.uk)).

Plagiarism includes copying work from other candidates, or copying work previously submitted by other candidates.

If examiners detect plagiarism in a candidate’s work, the candidate may be required to resubmit the work or the candidate may be failed for the unit or qualification that the submitted work relates to. Examiners are extremely likely to detect plagiarism because they will be familiar with the published work in their field, or they might notice a sudden increase in the standard of writing for a particular section of the work submitted.

Candidates can avoid charges of plagiarism by identifying the sources of their information, i.e by citing and referencing material accurately. During your course your tutors will instruct you in how to reference your work appropriately, so that you can acknowledge your sources properly. It is not wrong to use other people’s work, but it is wrong not to state that you have done so and provide the means for others to find the original article, book etc from which your material was taken.

Further information relating to plagiarism can be obtained from the Plagiarism Advisory Service at [www.jiscpas.ac.uk](http://www.jiscpas.ac.uk).