

POLICY A6.5

ASSESSMENT AND EXAMINATION (including Reassessment)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Context

The Australasian College of Health and Wellness (ACHW) is a nationally accredited institute of higher education offering qualifications ranging from Undergraduate Certificates to Bachelor degrees. ACHW recognises that assessment is a core academic activity and an essential component of the learning process. Assessment includes:

- design and specification of activities or tasks that students undertake to support their learning.
- provision of feedback as guidance for students' learning.
- award of marks or grades; and
- determination and award of final result grades.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to set out the principles which underpin ACHW's approach to assessment.

1.3 Scope

This policy applies to all Academic Staff and students delivering or enrolled in any courses delivered by ACHW.

1.4 Scope Exceptions

None.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

All academic and non-academic team members referred to in this policy are responsible for complying with this policy and procedure. For more details, refer to the Procedure.

3.0 POLICY

3.1 Principles

1. ACHW will provide learning and assessment arrangements to enable students to demonstrate their achievement of the learning outcomes of the units in which they are enrolled.

2. Assessment tasks and their associated weighting and timing must follow that prescribed in the accredited Unit Guide.
3. Students must attempt all assessment tasks to be deemed to have met all unit requirements and achieved an overall pass of 50% to have successfully completed the unit
4. An assessment task counts as attempted as long as an assignment submission was received in the LMS that shows a genuine engagement with the assessment task.
5. Changes of assessment as prescribed in the accredited Unit Guide must be approved by ACHW Academic Board via a recommendation from Teaching and Learning Committee as outlined in the Course and Unit Lifecycle Procedure.
6. Assessments must be designed to assess learning outcomes to a standard appropriate for the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level of the course and any relevant professional standards.
7. Assessment must encourage and reinforce learning.
8. Assessments must be fair and equitable (providing reasonable opportunities for all students to demonstrate their learning), based on informative and transparent criteria, validity and measuring achievement against learning outcomes with requirements clearly communicated in the unit outline and any accompanying materials.
9. Assessment must include authentic assessments and allow students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills on meaningful, practice-oriented tasks.
10. Students must be provided with opportunities for feedback on their assessed work in a timely manner to facilitate understanding and improvement. Feedback must be consistent with the learning outcomes.
11. Assessments must promote academic integrity and discourage plagiarism and dishonesty.
12. Unit assessment patterns must involve reasonable workloads for both students and staff, consistent with the:
 - a. credit points allocated to the unit.
 - b. relative weightings of tasks reflective of the expected workloads; and
 - c. number, type and timing of assessment tasks designed to allow reasonable time for task completion, marking and feedback.
13. Assessment process and tasks must be kept private and confidential. Staff must not divulge any information related to an individual student's assessment to unauthorised persons nor upload assessments in their entirety to public platforms (e.g AI detection platforms).

4.0 DEFINITIONS

- **Academic Staff** - in this policy, this term refers to anyone involved in the teaching and/or facilitating a course or unit.
- **Assessment** - Assessment is the process of evaluating students' performance to ascertain the extent to which they have met the prescribed learning outcomes of the task (and thus contribute to the achievement of the learning outcomes of the unit and the course). Assessment enables students to monitor their progress and determines the academic results in a unit of study.
- **Authentic assessments** - focus on students developing and applying knowledge and skills through meaningful, practice-oriented assessment tasks. Authentic assessment supports students to apply theory to practice and engage with problems similar to those they will encounter in the workplace. Authenticity levels are judged on the extent to which the attributes students use, their activities and the context reflect work and/or life practices outside the course.
- **Course** - a program of study consisting of units.
- **Grade** - The final result for a unit of study is composed of all assessment results for a study period. Students will be awarded the Grade equivalent on their Academic Transcript.
- **Learning outcomes** - The learning outcomes (course learning outcomes and unit learning outcomes) are provided in writing to students in the unit outline prior to the commencement of each unit. Learning outcomes serve as a reference point for the pre-assessment moderation of assessment tasks and final achievement of grades.
- **Marking rubric** - The criteria and associated grade available (e.g., HD to F) for the relevant assessment item.
- **Re-Marker** - A subject matter expert who is asked to re-mark an assessment.
- **Unit** - a discrete component of a course.
- **Unit Outline** - This document sets out the overview of the Unit Guide (academic content). It is a document that lists the learning outcomes and objectives of the unit of study.
- **Unit Guide** - The document contains all unit content including the assessments and the assessment weightings. It sets out the details of a unit of study. Typically, a Unit Guide consists of essential academic and administrative information required for the successful completion of a unit of study.

5.0 REFERENCES AND ASSOCIATED INFORMATION

- Academic Integrity and Honesty Policy
- Assessment and Examination (including Reassessment) Procedure
- ACHW Guidelines on the use of generative AI
- Assessment Moderation Policy
- Course and Unit Lifecycle Policy
- Managing Inappropriate Student Behaviour Procedure
- Managing Student Academic Misconduct Procedure
- Privacy of Student Information and Records Policy
- Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention and Response (Students and Staff) Policy
- Student Code of Conduct
- Student Diversity and Equity Policy
- Student Complaints and Appeals Policy
- Student Progression and Support Policy

6.0 POLICY OWNERSHIP

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7.0 AMENDMENTS

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A6.2	14/09/2021	ACHW Academic Board	Procedure separated from Policy. New template. Responsibilities and Principles defined. Definitions, References and Policy ownership updated.
A6.3	18/9/2024	ACHW Academic Board	References to generative AI
A6.4	13 January 2025	Executive Director	Changes to staffing
A6.5	11 September 2025	Senior Compliance Manager Higher Education	Addition of new grade; Incomplete fail (IF) Minor administrative changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of new grade; Incomplete Fail (IF) • Update to staff titles • Template slightly revised following benchmarking