

# Richard Drabble KC Essay Prize for Human Rights Law Plagiarism policy

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#### **Definition**

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Examples of plagiarism include:

- 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 misleading information about the source of a quotation.
- Changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit.
- Copying so many words from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not.

## Citation/quotation

Quotations from recognised sources are usually acceptable, but must be clearly acknowledged and a reference given for the source (i.e. sources must be cited). The following situations almost always require citation:

- Whenever you use quotes.
- Whenever you paraphrase.
- Whenever you use an idea that someone else has already expressed.

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- Whenever you make specific reference to the work of another.
- Whenever someone else's work has been critical in developing your own ideas.

In the case of any doubt, citation is recommended.

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### **Penalty**

Any entry which is found not to be the sole creation and original work of the entrant ("plagiarism") will be disqualified from the Richard Drabble KC Essay Prize for Human Rights Law.

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