

**Translation of Official Document from Ministry of Education (R.O.C.)
Regarding Academic Fraudulence and Plagiarism (May 13th, 2019)**

Subject: In order to fully comply with Degree Conferral Act, Article 17 on curbing plagiarism, all academic institutions are required to adhere and comply with the following provisions:

Details:

- 1) According to Degree Conferral Act, Article 17, a **degree conferred by any academic institutions shall be revoked and announced in public** if there are any cases of dishonesty and fraud in admission eligibility and fabrication, alteration, plagiarism, written by someone else, or constitutes some other form of fraud in thesis or dissertation, work(s), proof of achievement, written report, technical report, or professional practice report. Subsequent rule and acts will also be applied to those who violate the ordinance/regulations.
- 2) As prescribed in the above paragraph, if the Ministry of Education or academic institutions receives reports or proofs of academic thesis or dissertation, work(s), academic achievement, written reports, technical reports, or professional practice report which constitute elements of fabrication, alteration, plagiarism, written by someone else, or constitutes other form of frauds, the academic institution shall deal with the matter according to relevant provisions of Degree Conferral Act and Case Handling Principles and Regulations for Academic Research Ethics.
- 3) In addition, there are common advertisements in websites, e-mails or pamphlets near academic institutions on substitute writers for thesis or dissertations. In order to curb such inappropriate actions, to ensure the fairness in conferral of degree, and to ensure the quality of higher education institutions, all relevant departments should assist in the execution of the following items:
 - i) **Strengthen the concept of academic ethics for students:** Promote the correct concept of academic ethics to all students through various media, and to educate the legal liabilities which will occur for substitute writing of thesis or dissertation.
 - ii) **Self-monitoring of lecturers or thesis and dissertation advisors:** When students violate the Academic Research Ethics, the advisor bears the responsibility of inadequate supervision. Please remind all lecturers to monitor the study conditions and thesis/dissertation quality of graduate students to fulfil self-restraint in academic principles.

Full excerpt of Degree Conferral Act, Article 17 (Available from MOE):

A degree conferred by a university or junior college shall be revoked under any of the following circumstances, and the university or junior college shall issue a public notice that the degree diploma that was awarded has been invalidated. If some other ordinance has been violated, the matter shall also be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the applicable laws and regulations:

1) The student's admission eligibility or course of studies involved dishonesty or fraud.

2) The thesis or dissertation, work(s), proof of achievement, written report, technical report, or professional practice report contains fabricated, altered, or plagiarized material, was written by someone else, or constitutes some other form of fraud.

If the competent authority (Ministry of Education) of the university or junior college discovers that the handling of any matter referred to in the preceding paragraph by the university or junior college could possibly have been illegal or inappropriate, the competent authority shall notify the university to rectify the matter within a prescribed time period; if the university does not rectify the matter within the prescribed time period, the competent authority may issue an official reprimand.

If a university or junior college that has been issued an official reprimand by the competent authority does not then handle the illegal or improper matters referred to in Paragraph 1 adequately, the competent authority may invite scholars and experts, and representatives of the university or junior college to form a review committee to identify and advise on specific disciplinary action to be taken to address any violation that has occurred and the university shall handle the matter in accordance with the advice given. If the university or junior college fails to do so within a prescribed time period, the competent authority may issue an official reprimand and reduce the subsidies to the university or junior college and its enrollment quotas.

A university or junior college that revokes a degree in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 1 shall then notify the person involved to return the degree diploma and it shall inform other junior colleges, universities, and relevant institutions (agencies) of the circumstances of the revocation and invalidation.

(Source: <http://edu.law.moe.gov.tw/EngLawContent.aspx?lan=E&id=323>)

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主旨：為落實學位授予法第17條遏止學位授予舞弊情事規定，請各校確依說明辦理，請查照。

說明：

- 一、依學位授予法第17條規定略以，學校授予之學位，有入學資格或修業情形不實或舞弊情事或論文、作品、成就證明、書面報告、技術報告或專業實務報告有造假、變造、抄襲、由他人代寫或其他舞弊情事，應予撤銷，並公告註銷其已頒給之學位證書；有違反其他法令規定者，並依相關法令規定處理。
- 二、承上，本部或學校接獲學生學位論文、作品、成就證明、書面報告、技術報告或專業實務報告疑涉造假、變造、抄襲、由他人代寫（包含師生為代寫行為）或其他舞弊情事時，應由學校儘速依學位授予法及專科以上學校學術倫理案件處理原則規定訂定（或增定）相關規定妥處。
- 三、邇來，各網站網頁、電子郵件及校院附近刊登代寫學位論文廣告屢見不鮮，為遏止類此舞弊行為風氣，確保學位授予之公正性及維持我國高等教育品質，請配合辦理事項如

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- (一)加強學生學術倫理觀念：透過各種管道向學生宣導正確學術倫理觀念，並告知論文代寫可能衍生的法律責任。
- (二)教師課責機制：學生學位論文違反學術倫理時，指導教授應負監督不週之責任，爰請提醒教師正視研究生的學習狀況及論文品質，落實學術自律。

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