

**UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON**

**ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT DECISION – APPEAL FORM**

This form is to be completed for appeals to be dealt with under the Academic Misconduct procedure.

You must submit notification of your intention to appeal within 14 calendar days of the formal notification of the decision you are appealing against.

Before completing this form, please refer to the University’s Academic Misconduct Regulations and Procedures:<https://www.bolton.ac.uk/student-policy-zone/student-policies-2024-25/academic-misconduct-regulations-and-procedures-2024-25>

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| DETAILS OF APPEAL – TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT | |
| Name: | Student Number: |
| Programme: | Level of study (3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8): |
| School/Partner Institution: | Year of Study: |
| Date of Panel/Hearing: | |
| Date of Outcome Letter: | |
| Information for correspondence in connection with your appeal:  University email:  Personal email: | |

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| Please confirm what it is that you are appealing:   * the decision (that misconduct occurred) * one or more of the penalties applied * the decision and one or more penalties |
| If you are appealing against one or more penalty please indicate which penalty you are appealing against? (For example these penalties may be expulsion, suspension, capping of module mark or other.) |

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| **An appeal can only be submitted on one or more of the following grounds. Please indicate the ground(s) for your appeal by ticking the appropriate box.** | |
| 1. The penalty is inconsistent with the type and degree of misconduct found |  |
| 1. Further information is now available that the student was unable, for valid reasons, to provide earlier in the process and which may have resulted in a different outcome |  |
| 1. That there was a material administrative error or procedural irregularity in the conduct of the Hearing of such a nature as to cause significant doubt whether the decision might have been different if the error or irregularity had not occurred |  |
| **In relation to the ground(s) you have indicated above (1, 2 or 3), please explain for each relevant ground why you are dissatisfied with the decision or penalty at the previous stage of the Procedure.** | |
| **If appealing under Ground 1 – Inconsistent Penalty.** Please explain clearly in the box below why you believe the outcome reached at an earlier stage was not consistent with the type and degree of academic misconduct and the evidence you wish to use to support this (include relevant documents with your submitted appeal, or indicate ‘to follow’ with timescale for their availability). | |
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| **If appealing under Ground 2 – New information.** Please explain clearly in the box below why this was not available at an earlier stage of the process and the relevance of the evidence to your appeal - include relevant documents with your submitted appeal, or indicate to follow with timescale for their availability. | |
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| **If appealing under Ground 3 – Procedural irregularity or administrative error.** Please explain clearly in the box below why you believe that there was an irregularity in the academic misconduct process or an administrative error and how you believe this has affected the outcome of the hearing -include relevant documents with your submitted appeal, or indicate ‘to follow’ with timescale for their availability. | |
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| Request for extension to acquire further information: Should you require further time to acquire additional documentary evidence you can make a request here. To do this you must state:   * the precise nature of the documentation to follow, * the grounds for appeal it relates to, * the reason that it is not currently available, * the date by which you will be able to submit the document. |
| Please provide details below: |

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| Declaration (you must complete this section) I declare that the information given in this form is accurate, the supporting evidence is genuine, and that I have read and understood the relevant Procedures. | |
| Name: | Date: |

The completed form should be submitted via e-mail to: [SEO@Bolton.ac.uk](mailto:SEO@Bolton.ac.uk)

An officer of the University will review your appeal to confirm you have submitted your appeal in time, and have established allowable grounds with appropriate and relevant evidence.