

Use of a dictionary

General Regulation 22 (22.1), (22.2) and (22.3) regarding the use of a dictionary in examinations and course tests states that:

“22.1 If your first language is not English you may use a dictionary in any examination or course test unless it is expressly forbidden, such as where the purpose of the assessment is to test competence in a language.

22.2 Where the use of a dictionary is permitted, you are responsible for providing your own dictionary and that dictionary must:

22.2.1 - be paper-based, unless you have an approved assessment adjustment allowing a dictionary in an alternative format

22.2.2 - be of a type that is on the University’s list of approved dictionaries

22.2.3 - be English to a foreign language, foreign language to English and/or foreign language to foreign language

22.2.4 - not be a technical dictionary or a dictionary that contains content other than simple translations

22.2.5 – *not* contain any notes, tabs, or annotations other than your name. Any notes, tabs, or annotations discovered in a dictionary will be treated as evidence of an intention to cheat.

22.3 Use of a dictionary which is not authorised, is a breach of Regulation 20.10”

The following is a list of University-approved translation dictionaries:

Berlitz Compact
Berlitz Pocket
Collins Gem
Collins Pocket
Langenscheidt Universal
Oxford Pocket
Oxford Mini
Oxford Compact

A wide variety of languages is covered by the above list. However, any student who experiences a problem in obtaining one of the above dictionaries in their own language and who wishes to submit an alternative dictionary for approval should contact the Assessments and Quality Office for further guidance (exams@uea.ac.uk).

Students should note that dictionaries may be checked in each examination or course test and only those on the approved list will be permitted for use. Dictionaries that do not comply with the above requirements will be confiscated for the remainder of the exam or course test.

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