

UAT-UK Misconduct Policy

UAT-UK and Pearson have a responsibility to ensure the integrity of our tests, and that all candidates have the opportunity to sit their test in an appropriate test environment.

For these reasons, candidates are expected to follow test rules, before, during and after testing, and meet a minimum standard of acceptable behaviour, in any interaction with UAT-UK or Pearson. Where this is not the case, or there is any action which gives or aims to give unfair advantage to a candidate or causes disadvantage to other candidates, UAT-UK and Pearson have means of identifying, investigating, and dealing with any suspected misconduct, which are set out in this policy.

New from October 2027 onwards: Candidates may be subject to a security scan at check-in. Where requested, this is mandatory for entry to the test. If you cannot agree to this on religious or medical grounds, you should make UAT-UK aware of this as far in advance of your booking as possible.

Once in the test area, a zero-tolerance policy will be applied to the possession and/or use of unauthorised electronic devices.

1. Behaviour that would constitute misconduct

1.1 The list below is not intended to be exhaustive, but gives examples of behaviour or actions that may be deemed to be misconduct and would therefore be investigated and dealt with under this policy:

1.1.1 Testing, or attempting to test, more than once for any one UAT-UK test in one admission cycle, without UAT-UK's permission to schedule a re-test. Please note that both the October and the January sitting, in any given academic year, count as the same admission cycle. This may extend to creating duplicate UAT-UK accounts.

- 1.1.2 Obtaining, viewing, or sharing unauthorised test material, answers, workings or information about the test that is not published by UAT-UK, without permission.
- 1.1.3 Sitting the test with any affiliation to ESAT, TARA, or TMUA coaching businesses or tutoring services, or with the intention of using the information for those purposes in the future.
- 1.1.4 Any intentional breach of the **ID and Admission Policy**, or security arrangements, at the Test Centre or of the online proctoring system. This includes the impersonation of another individual.
- 1.1.5 Any intentional failure to follow the test rules at the Test Centre or the online proctoring system. This includes any attempt to use or take into the Test Centre any prohibited aids. Please refer to the list of **Pearson Permitted Comfort Aids**.
- 1.1.6 Failure to follow instructions given by an invigilator, online proctor, or any other Test Centre staff.
- 1.1.7 Any attempt to record test items, answers, or the order or format of the test. This includes any attempt to remove notes from the test room in any way.
- 1.1.8 Creating a disturbance during testing.
- 1.1.9 Any attempted copying or collusion during the test. This includes attempting to give any assistance to, or communicating with, others in the test room, verbally or otherwise.
- 1.1.10 Any other form of cheating or taking action to gain an unfair advantage.
- 1.1.11 Any inappropriate, aggressive, or rude behaviour towards another candidate, an invigilator or proctor, or any Test Centre staff, by the candidate or their representative.
- 1.1.12 Any inappropriate, aggressive, or rude behaviour towards the UAT-UK office and/or Pearson by the candidate or their representative.
- 1.1.13 Falsifying any documentation provided to the UAT-UK office or Pearson. This includes, but is not limited to, any documentation used to register, prove identity or qualify for a bursary or access arrangements.

- 1.1.14 Falsifying or altering any document, communication, or website owned or provided by UAT-UK or Pearson. This includes but is not limited to booking confirmation documents or any document, platform or screenshot containing test results.

Statement on the Use of 'Inspect Element' and the Editing of HTML

UAT-UK is aware that ahead of the release of results in November 2025, social media threads between candidates contained discussions about how to use web development tools to view and edit html code on our platforms, including the candidate dashboard and the Pearson system.

The only verified and valid scores are those provided to an institution directly from UAT-UK. All results have passed all quality assurance checks and there are no known issues with any marks. All scores have, and remain, consistently and accurately presented in candidate accounts. Screenshots or videos of the candidate portal will not be accepted as a valid report of test scores as they cannot be verified.

2. Dealing with suspected misconduct

- 2.1 UAT-UK works closely with Pearson to identify and investigate any cases of suspected misconduct.
- 2.2 Registration and test data is checked and analysed vigorously, and any anomalies may result in the initiation of an investigation.
- 2.3 Cases of suspected misconduct may also be reported to the UAT-UK office by:
- A Test Centre, invigilator, or proctor
 - Pearson customer services
 - Any university using the TMUA and/or the ESAT
 - Another candidate or third party
- 2.4 If an invigilator or proctor suspects any candidate of misconduct during a test sitting, they are authorised to terminate a test and will report this, along with any evidence pertaining to the investigation to Pearson and UAT-UK.

- 2.5 If any investigation is initiated, the candidate(s) implicated will be informed of the allegations against them and what the next steps and possible outcomes would be, should misconduct be established.
- 2.6 Any candidate(s) implicated will be given the opportunity to respond to the allegations in a written format.
- 2.7 The UAT-UK office will formulate a report which will be provided, alongside any supporting evidence and the candidate's response, to two members of the UAT-UK Board of Directors.
- 2.8 The two Directors will decide the outcome and any sanctions to be applied.
- 2.9 The UAT-UK office will inform the candidate of the outcome within **10 working days**.
- 2.10 Any decision made on behalf of the UAT-UK Board of Directors is final. There is no further right to appeal.

3. Sanctions

- 3.1 The UAT-UK office and the Board of Directors will ensure that sanctions are justifiable, reasonable and are applied consistently across cases.
- 3.2 Where misconduct is established, UAT-UK may opt to apply any of the sanctions listed below:
 - Cancellation of a test booking, without a refund.
 - Withholding test results from the institutions to which the candidate has applied.
 - Sharing the outcome of the investigation with the institutions to which the candidate has applied, or UCAS.
 - Disqualifying a candidate from sitting any UAT-UK test for a period of time.
- 3.3 Any sanctions will apply, as a minimum, to the entire application cycle. Candidates will not be permitted to retest within the application cycle. One application cycle includes both the October and January test sittings for entry the following academic year.

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