

Five Reasons Why Invigilated Assessment Is Important in Higher Education

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Invigilated assessments, also known as supervised or proctored exams, are a cornerstone of higher education. These assessments are conducted under strict supervision to ensure fairness, integrity, and validity in the evaluation process. Here are five key reasons why invigilated assessment plays a crucial role in universities and other tertiary institutions across Australia.

Academic Integrity

Invigilated assessments help prevent cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty. The presence of an invigilator (either in person or online) ensures that students are following the rules and using only permitted resources, thereby maintaining the credibility and reputation of the institution.

Ensuring Fairness

Supervised exams create a level playing field where all students are subject to the same conditions. This removes advantages that some students might gain from unsupervised or online assessments, making the results more equitable and trustworthy.

Authentic Assessment of Knowledge

Invigilated assessments allow educators to accurately gauge a student's understanding of the material without external assistance. This means that the results reflect the individual student's knowledge and skills, rather than their ability to access resources or collaborate with others.

Compliance with Accreditation Standards

Many accreditation bodies require evidence of invigilated assessment as part of their standards for course approval and renewal – and understandably so. Higher Education providers must demonstrate that their assessment practices meet these requirements to maintain their accreditation status and continue offering recognised qualifications.

Preparation for Professional Practice

In many professions, individuals are required to complete supervised examinations as part of their certification or licensing process. Invigilated assessments in higher education help students develop the skills and resilience needed to perform under pressure and adhere to strict examination protocols in their future careers.

*Invigilated assessments remain an essential component of higher education in Australia. They protect the **integrity** of academic qualifications, foster **fairness**, and **prepare** students for the demands of professional life. Universities and Institutes of Higher Education continue to rely on these assessments to ensure that graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills required to succeed in a competitive world.*

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Invigilated exams – ensuring integrity and equity in assessment - [Invigilated exams - ensuring integrity and equity in assessment — invigilatorPlus Blog](#)

Online invigilation – key considerations - <https://blog.invigilatorplus.com.au/ip-proctoring/online-invigilation-key-considerations>

Ensuring academic integrity and compliance in the online proctoring environment - [Ensuring academic integrity and compliance in the online proctoring environment — invigilatorPlus Blog](#)

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