

Register of Clinical Technologists (RCT) Policy on the use of AI

Purpose

This policy sets out the acceptable and unacceptable use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools by applicants preparing their portfolios when applying for RCT registration. This policy applies to anyone who submits an application to join the RCT via the equivalence route. This policy has been created with the aim to protect the public.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure a fair application process for all applicants
- Ensure submissions accurately reflect the applicant's own knowledge, skills and experience
- Provide clarity on what the RCT deems an acceptable and unacceptable use of AI

We recognise that the generation of evidence of activity and the reflection upon that activity, stimulate learning. Most trainees are required to work this way as part of work-based assessment. If you use AI to generate evidence of activity or reflections upon your activity, you are effectively avoiding learning, which may impact on your ability to work safely as a healthcare scientist. However, we do recognise that AI can be helpful to refine work which has already been created and be a useful tool to assist with reviewing and correcting existing work.

Acceptable use

- To improve grammar, spelling and punctuation
- Assist candidates who require speech to text functionality
- Assist candidates with additional needs to organise thoughts logically

Unacceptable use

- To create content that is dishonest and factually incorrect, such as evidence and reflections exaggerate responsibilities
- Assessors may check portfolios for plagiarism using Turnitin and may request a Professional Interview. This includes if an assessor suspects AI has been used.

Disclosure of AI use

Applicants should be transparent about their use of AI tools. Where AI has been used the applicant should provide a brief statement outlining:

- The type of AI tool used; e.g. spell checker, generative AI for content creation, etc.
- The purpose for which it was used
- Confirmation that the content of the portfolio is honest, factually accurate and based on the applicants own personal experience

Breaches of this policy

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Failure to comply with the policy may result in:

- Rejection of the application
- Request for amendments to the application and/or sections of the application removed as part of the formal assessment.

Appeals

Appeals against decision made regarding breaches to this policy can be made using the [RCT Appeals Policy](#)