

AI POLICY ASSESSMENT APPLICATIONS

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Introduction

Engineering New Zealand recognises the potential benefits of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in enhancing the quality and efficiency of the assessment application process. This policy is designed to acknowledge and regulate the use of AI in the preparation of assessment applications. While we recognise the responsible use of AI to improve language and grammar in application write-ups, we also prioritise transparency and ethical considerations.

Purpose

This policy outlines the guidelines regarding the use of AI in the completion of assessment documentation for assessments offered by Engineering New Zealand, including competence assessments and knowledge assessments. The aim is to ensure the integrity, transparency, and authenticity of the assessment process.

Scope

This policy applies to all individuals applying for a knowledge assessment, competence assessment, or reassessment with Engineering New Zealand.

Use of AI in Assessment Applications

Use of AI for Application Enhancement

Engineering New Zealand permits the use of AI tools and technologies to enhance the language and grammar of application write-ups. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of AI-powered proofreading and editing tools to improve the overall quality of the written content in applications.

Disclosure of AI Usage

Applicants are required to disclose their use of AI in the preparation of their assessment application. This disclosure must be clear and transparent, outlining how AI has been employed in the application process. Applicants should provide details regarding the specific AI tools or services used and the extent to which AI has contributed to the application.

Ethical Considerations

Engineering New Zealand emphasises the importance of ethical AI usage in the application process. Applicants who choose to make use of AI tools are expected to do so in a responsible and fair manner, ensuring that AI assistance does not compromise the integrity of their application. Any unethical use of AI, such as plagiarising content or misrepresenting AI-generated contributions as their own, will result in disqualification from the assessment process.

Validation through Interactive Interview

While AI can aid in the preparation of application write-ups, it is important to note that the assessment process will include an interactive interview. This interview serves as a validation mechanism to assess an engineer's knowledge, skills, and competencies directly. The use of AI for application enhancement does not replace the need for a comprehensive assessment of an engineer's abilities during the interview. The interview is designed to verify the accuracy and authenticity of the information provided in the assessment

documentation. During the interview, applicants will be asked to elaborate on their submitted documentation, explain their projects, and answer questions related to their professional experience.

During the interactive interview, assessors may inquire about the use of AI or any technological assistance in preparing the documentation. Applicants are required to truthfully disclose any use of AI tools or technologies in their preparation. Failure to disclose the use of AI, when it has been employed, will be considered a breach of this policy.

Data Privacy and Security

Engineering New Zealand places a high priority on the privacy and security of applicant data. Any AI tools or platforms used by applicants must adhere to strict data privacy regulations, and applicants are responsible for ensuring that their use of AI tools complies with data protection laws.

Continuous Monitoring and Review

This AI policy will be subject to regular review and updates as AI technologies evolve and new ethical considerations emerge. Engineering New Zealand will stay informed about AI trends and best practices to ensure that the policy remains current and effective.

Reporting Violations

If any applicant, Engineering New Zealand staff member, assessor, or member of the Competence Assessment Board suspects a violation of this AI policy, they should report it to the Registrar immediately. Reports will be thoroughly investigated, and appropriate actions will be taken in accordance with the severity of the violation.

If a violation is reported after an assessment has been completed and a person has been successfully registered, an early reassessment may be triggered and a notice of this will be added to the public register.

Conclusion

Engineering New Zealand acknowledges the potential advantages of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in elevating the quality and efficiency of the assessment application process. Applicants who choose to make use of AI tools are expected to do so responsibly, and in accordance with Engineering New Zealand's AI policy. This policy is designed to ensure transparency, ethics, and the continued integrity of the assessment process. Applicants who use AI tools are expected to uphold required standards of professionalism and ethics. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disciplinary investigation and action, and a pause on any current assessment in progress.

This AI policy will take effect immediately and will be communicated to all applicants and assessors involved in Engineering New Zealand's assessment processes.