



LANGUAGECERT Policy on Fraudulent Alteration of Certificates and Tampering with Results

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1 Purpose

This Policy sets out LANGUAGECERT®'s position and procedures regarding any attempt to fraudulently alter LANGUAGECERT® certificates or tamper with examination results after they have been issued.

2 Scope

This Policy applies to:

- All candidates who take LANGUAGECERT® examinations.
- Any third parties acting on behalf of candidates.
- Internal and external stakeholders involved in certificate verification.

3 Review Arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if required by regulatory change, detection of new risks, or on advice from Ofqual or law enforcement.

4 Policy Statement

LANGUAGECERT® certificates are proprietary intellectual property and represent high-stakes qualifications. Any attempt to alter, forge, or tamper with official documents or results is strictly prohibited and constitutes a serious breach of trust and regulatory compliance.

5 Definitions

- **Fraudulent Alteration:** Any unauthorised modification of a LANGUAGECERT® certificate or its content.
- **Tampering with Results:** Any attempt to alter, manipulate, misrepresent or interfere with an official LANGUAGECERT® result, result record, verification record or associated data.
- **Fabricated certificates:** Any attempt by a candidate to misrepresent a certificate as genuine, when in fact that candidate has not taken a LANGUAGECERT® examination.

6 Prohibited Conduct

The following actions are expressly prohibited:

- Altering or forging LANGUAGECERT® certificates in any form.
- Manipulating examination results post-issuance.
- Using fraudulent certificates for immigration, academic, or employment purposes.
- Knowingly presenting, using, selling, purchasing, distributing or facilitating the use of an altered, forged or fabricated LANGUAGECERT® certificate or result.

7 Preventative Controls

LANGUAGECERT® uses secure certificate production processes (unique identifiers, anti-forgery features). It provides secure digital verification for third parties, includes clear terms in agreements prohibiting falsification or misuse, and monitors online platforms for unauthorised sale or distribution of falsified certificates.

8 Detection and Investigation

LANGUAGECERT® employs robust internal controls and monitoring systems to detect malpractice. Suspected cases will be investigated promptly and thoroughly in accordance with LANGUAGECERT®'s Malpractice and Maladministration Policy and procedures. Any decision or sanction will be based on the available evidence and will be proportionate to the nature, seriousness and impact of the conduct identified.

9 Consequences and Enforcement

LANGUAGECERT® reserves the right to take proportionate and lawful action, including but not limited to:

- **Invalidation of any fraudulently altered, forged or fabricated certificate.** Where the evidence also calls into question the validity or integrity of the underlying examination result, LANGUAGECERT® may withhold, amend or invalidate that result in accordance with its Malpractice and Maladministration Policy and Sanctions Policy.
- **Legal proceedings** against individuals or entities involved in fraudulent activity.
- **Banning individuals** from registering for and/or taking further LANGUAGECERT® examinations.
- **Notification to relevant authorities**, including:
 - Visa and immigration authorities.
 - Universities and academic institutions.
 - Employers and professional bodies.
 - Law enforcement.
 - Reporting to regulatory bodies (e.g., Ofqual) as required under applicable compliance obligations.

10 Appeals

Candidates have the right to appeal decisions in accordance with LANGUAGECERT®'s Appeals Policy.

11 Legal Disclaimer

Fraudulent alteration or tampering with LANGUAGECERT® certificates constitutes malpractice under LANGUAGECERT®'s governance framework. Such conduct may constitute a criminal offence under applicable law, including, where relevant, the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981.

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