

Wits Business School Research

Legitimate Assistance



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All MBA students must submit a declaration in the final report stating that the research is his/her own work. Nonetheless there are forms of assistance that a student may legitimately use.

Legitimate assistance:

- Supervision by a WBS academic
- Assistance in obtaining relevant literature sources (once you have identified the sources)
- Assistance in gathering data
- Assistance in processing data
- Proof reading
- Language and grammar editing

Illegitimate assistance

- Direct or unacknowledged copying from any source
- Presenting written material containing unacknowledged information from any source, even when paraphrased
- Writing of any part of the report for you
- Interpreting your data for you
- Someone else doing your literature searches