

Extended Essay Regulations

For a diploma to be awarded, all these regulations must be complied with.

Regulation 1 – The Requirement

Every IB diploma candidate must submit an extended essay. Extended essays may only be submitted by candidates in the diploma and retake categories. Retake candidates may submit either a new extended essay for assessment, registered in the same or a different subject, or a revised extended essay.

Regulation 2 – Supervision

It is the school's responsibility to ensure that each candidate submitting an extended essay is supervised by a teacher at the school with appropriate qualifications and/or experience in the subject chosen by the candidate. The teacher providing this supervision is referred to as the candidate's extended essay supervisor and must not be related to the candidate.

Regulation 3 – Language of the Essay

Extended essays submitted in a group 1 or group 2 language must be written in that language.
Extended essays in all other subjects must be written in English, French or Spanish.

Regulation 4 – Malpractice

The IBO defines malpractice as the attempt by a candidate to gain an unfair advantage in any assessment component. Collusion is when a candidate knowingly allows his or her work to be submitted for assessment by another candidate. Plagiarism is defined by the IBO as the submission for assessment of the unacknowledged work, thoughts or ideas of another person as the candidate's own.

In order to avoid charges of plagiarism, candidates must always ensure that they acknowledge fully and in detail the words and/or ideas of another person. The same piece of work, or two versions of the same work, cannot be submitted to meet the requirements of both the extended essay and another assessment component of a subject contributing to the diploma.

Regulation 5 – Choice of Subject

The list of available subjects and languages for extended essays is given in the *Vade Mecum*.

If a candidate wishes to submit an extended essay for group 1 in any language not on this list, the school must obtain permission from IBCA by the date given in the *Vade Mecum*. Refer to the subject guidelines for group 1 and group 2 for an explanation of the nature of an extended essay in each of these subject areas.

The IB subject chosen for the extended essay does not have to be one of the subjects being studied by the candidate for the diploma.

Extended essays cannot be submitted in a school-based syllabus, Theory of Knowledge or a pilot programme, except for those cases given in the list in the *Vade Mecum*.

A language A1 SL self-taught candidate normally may not offer an extended essay in his/her language A1.

Candidates are not allowed to submit a group 2 extended essay in a language which they are offering as a language A1 in their diploma.

Extended essays submitted for assessment in a subject for which they are not registered may not be assessed.