OASES – Assignment Administrators Guide

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Setting up an Assignment

NOTE: Steps where action is required are indicated by red arrows.

STEPS:
1. Login to OASES and Add Assignment
2. Upload the Enrollment file (Assessor/Adjudicators/Learners) in Excel format (xls).

Post Assignment deadline:
3. (a) Enable access to Assessors
   (b) Enable access to Adjudicators
   (c) Enable access to Assessors to change rating and feedback
4. Enable link to Learnerchart

Step 1: Log into OASES
http://oases.med.utoronto.ca
You will be redirected to the login page
Enter your UTORid and password

Click on “Manage Assignments”
Then [Add]

The “Add Assignment” windows will open.
Course -> use the drop down menu and select
Academic Year -> use the drop down menu and select
Assignment Name -> type the name of your Assignment
Click [Save]

Click on your Assignment name to continue setup
Standard settings:

1. Active -> Yes

2. Assessment type ->
   - Pooled Assessment (assessors not assigned)
   - Direct Assessment (assessors assigned)

3. Set Due date

Anonymous Grading default setting is “Yes”

4. Use drop down boxes to set
   - Program Year

5. Assessment Count: recommended number of assessments (for pooled assessments).

6. Maximum Assessment Count: maximum number of assessments that can be completed.

7. MedSIS Report Label: Label for column in MedSIS to facilitate uploading results to MedSIS

8. Enter text into fields:
   - Student instructions
   - Assessor instructions

Click the [SAVE] button at the bottom.
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<td>1. Available for assessment</td>
<td>Checkboxes #1 and #2 are not used until after the assignment due date and, <strong>cannot be activated</strong> until that time.</td>
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<td>2. Feedback Available</td>
<td>Checkbox #3: [Include in Learner Chart] – check this box if the assignment is to be viewable in Learner Chart.</td>
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<td>3. Include in Learner Chart</td>
<td>Checkbox #4: [Learner indicates graded submission] allows the learner to submit multiple files and indicate the one to be graded for grading. (If checked, Learners must attach at least 2 files and select one for marking/assessment)</td>
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<td>4. Learner indicates grade submission</td>
<td>Checkbox #5: [Learner tags Canmeds role(s)] provides a mechanism for the Learner to self-identify. (If checked, Learners must check at least one of the roles)</td>
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<td>5. Learner tags Canmeds role(s)</td>
<td>Canmeds Roles include:</td>
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<td>Check boxes #3, 4, and 5.</td>
<td>- Medical Expert</td>
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<td>- Communicator</td>
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<td>appears.</td>
<td>- Collaborator</td>
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- Leader
- Health Advocate
- Scholar
- Professional

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Step 1: Setup the Enrollment File (Learners, Assessors, and Adjudicators)

The Enrollment file is a Microsoft Excel file that must be saved in version 1997-2003 with extension “.xls”. It will contain Learners, Assessors, and Adjudicators, and their Roles must be indicated with an “x” in the similarly named column G, H, or I.

For Direct Assessments: Specific Assessor assigned
Each Learner must be assigned an Assessor indicated by a UTORid in the “Direct Assessor” column L.

For Pooled Assessments: Specific Assessor NOT assigned
Each Assessor must be assigned to a Group, indicated by a value in “Assessor Group” column K.

Example: Assessor Group “X” for one group; Assessor Group “Y” for the second group.

Every Scholar can be assigned to only one group. Assignments can be assessed by one or two assessors.

To identify Learners and Scholars that are in the same group enter them in the “Peer Group” column with the same identifier. Scholars cannot draw pooled assignments in the same group. (Eg. Scholar One’s Peer Group = a1; and can draw Learner One, or Learner Two; but cannot draw Learner Three.)

Upload the Enrollment File

Click on the [Upload Enrollments] button to upload an enrollment file (Microsoft Excel format 1997-2003 with “.xls” extension).

Click on [Browse...] and select file.
Click on [Upload]

“Upload Result: Success”
This is what you want to see! :D

Rows Read From File and Failed Rows will also display.

Failed Rows should = 0; if there are failed rows, then check the excel file for errors.

Possible errors:
- Incomplete information.
- Role column is not indicated.
- Learners are not assigned a Direct Assessor.

For any Failed upload, no data will be transmitted. Errors must be corrected and the file re-uploaded.

NOTE:
If any changes are required (ie. Changes to Assessor, Adjudicators, Learners), use the [Download template] function to retrieve a copy of the existing Enrollment file and make changes. Then re-upload using the [Upload Enrollments] button.
Post Assignment deadline:

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<td>ONLY after the Assignment Deadline, will checkboxes be available for activation.</td>
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<td>Enable Checkbox #1 – to allow Assessors to grade the assignments.</td>
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Scroll to bottom and click [Save]

Click on the [Confirm] button

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Enable Available for Assessments

Turning on Available for Assessments will allow assessors to evaluate student submissions for this assignment.

**Warning** If this assignment has the Assessment Type of Direct Assessment then the OASES system will create draft assessment records on behalf of the assessors.

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Confirm  Cancel
## (b) Enable access to Adjudicators

Before the Assignment Administrator allows Learners to see their results, assignments may need rating change or adjudication.

### Select Assignment Name...

- Click on the "Manage Assignments" tab.

### Click on the "Assignment Status" tab.

- Select Assignment Name:
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- Click on the "Assignment Status" tab.
Note any marked “Flagged”...

These will require adjudication.

Click on the **Setting button** to turn Adjudication [On] to allow Adjudicator to assess.

Download a spreadsheet of the Assignment status info.

Click the [Off] button to turn it On.

Click [Confirm]

Adjudication is now “On”

Adjudicators will be able to access the Assignment and provide their pooled assessment.

**NOTE:** An Adjudicator’s assessment is the final grade.
When Adjudicator completes their assessment, it will be displayed (for example).

(c) Enable access to Assessors to change rating and feedback

Assignment Administrator needs to “Unlock” the Learner’s assignment.

Click on “Management Assignments”

Click on “Assignment Status”
Find Learner in list, then click on the Settings button.

Click on the [Locked] button to unlock the Assessment.
Click the [Confirm] button

Notice the Direct Assessor: scholar one shading has changed...

After the Assessor changes their rating, the Assignment Administrator will be able to see the changes in the Assignment Status tab, for example...
(d) To Unlock an assignment submission to enable a Learner to submit file(s)

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Submission is now “Unlocked”.

The Learner will now be able to upload file(s).
(e) To Unlock an assignment that has been already been assessed.

1. Click on the **Settings** button for the Learner.
2. Click on the **[Locked]** button to unlock the Assessor.
3. Click the **[Confirm]** button.
4. Assessor is now “unlocked”.
5. Click on the Submission **[Locked]** button.
6. Click the **[Confirm]** button.
7. Submission is now “Unlocked”.
8. The Learner will now be able to upload file(s).
Step 4: Enable access to Learners

After Assignments have been assessed.

Check box #2. This will enable Learners to view their assignment assessments in LearnerChart.

Click the "Feedback Available" checkbox… then click on [Confirm]

Click the “Include in Learner Chart” checkbox… then click on [Confirm]

Checkboxes are now enabled…
Best Practices for Managing Student Information

1. Centralize student files where possible; this ensures that all substantive records relating to a student's academic history are located in one easily accessible location, and will mean that personal information about a student can more easily be protected as well as retrieved in the case of an information access request, dispute, or some other emergency.

2. When working away from campus, access student information through OASES or using remote desktop, rather than by removing files.

3. Do not use public computers to access or download students’ submissions

4. Make arrangements for departing assessors to leave their course records (class grades, examinations and assignments, etc.) with the academic department or school.

5. File information about multiple students separately rather than in individual student files (e.g., submissions, Feedback). Students may access much of their own information, but must not have access to information relating to other students.

6. Keep particularly sensitive information such as Adjudication cases and personal reflections separately or in the file in a sealed envelope with access restricted only to those with a legitimate need to know.

7. Make copies of student information only when absolutely necessary. Copies create extra work and extra responsibility since they are subject to the same security and destruction requirements as the official record.

8. Securely destroy expired student information on a regular basis – once a year or once a term is usually best – following the university’s records disposal procedures.