

Terms and Conditions

By using Mahara you are agreeing to the Terms and Conditions given below.

Our obligations

The Mahara Site Administrator(s) will undertake all reasonable steps to provide all users with a safe, secure and operational electronic portfolio system. If at any time you feel your rights as a user have not been upheld or you have any questions regarding the below, please [Contact Us](#) immediately.

Mahara will occasionally be unavailable for short periods of time as we release new system features. We will endeavour to provide at least 3 working days notice of any scheduled outage.

You are encouraged to report objectionable material or inappropriate behaviour to the [Site Administrator](#) immediately. We will ensure the matter is investigated in a timely manner. Please do consider the *context* in which the item you are viewing is placed within before submitting an objectionable material report.

Site Administrators may access your portfolio and its contents at anytime, however they will avoid doing so unless specifically required to support your use of Mahara or as per these Terms and Conditions.

Your obligations

The [Privacy Statement](#) should be considered an extension of these Terms and Conditions and be read by all users.

Your Mahara account will expire after a given period of time or after given period of inactivity, as set by the Site Administrator. You will receive an email reminder shortly before your account is due to expire and we suggest you save your portfolio to your personal computer at this time, so that you may reuse it in the future.

All files and content you upload to Mahara are subject to New Zealand Copyright legislation. You are responsible for ensuring you have appropriate permission to reproduce and publish any work that is not your own. Incidents of plagiarism will be dealt with in accordance to your institution's relevant policy.

You must not use your portfolio to store or display offensive material. If the Site Administrator receives report of any *objectionable material* within your portfolio, your account will be suspended and your access to Mahara frozen pending an investigation in accordance to the Student Conduct Policy or equivalent of your educational institution. Where no Conduct Policy exists the matter will be referred to an appropriate staff member of your institution or organisation.

If the Site Administrator receives report of any *inappropriate behaviour* on your part, where it relates to Mahara, your account will be suspended and your access to Mahara frozen pending an investigation in accordance to the Student Conduct Policy or equivalent of your educational institution. Where no Conduct Policy exists the matter will be referred to an appropriate staff member of your institution or organisation.

Inappropriate behaviour includes misuse of the objectionable material reporting system, intentionally attempting to load files with virus content, placing objectionable or excessive amounts of feedback or comments on any other users portfolio and any other behaviour deemed to be a nuisance or offensive by the Site Administrator.

Any unsolicited contact you receive as a result of personal information you have publicly released via your portfolio is your responsibility, however any misconduct in behaviour from users of the system should be reported to the [Site Administrator](#) immediately.

We may occasionally make minor adjustments to our Terms and Condition to reflect changes to the system and in response to user feedback. As such we suggest you check the Terms and Conditions each time you visit this site. We will however notify users of any major changes to the Terms and Conditions via the Mahara homepage.