

You may be asked to carry out peer assessment if you are working in a group. There are various ways of handling peer assessment – this guide explains an approach based on peer-points.

peer assessment using peer-points

- you will typically be working in a group of 3 or 4 people (occasionally groups may have 5 people)
- the group will decide how to manage the work they are given to complete the work as required and on time
- the group may allocate different tasks to different group members
- when the work is marked, the tutor will award a single mark to the group
- members of the group allocate peer-points to each other on the basis of effort or performance or quality of work
 - NB: (i) groups may decide their own criteria for allocating peer-points
 - (ii) groups should *agree* peer-points
- normally groups will be given 13 peer-points to distribute

calculating individual marks

The spreadsheet provided with this guide can help you work out how individual marks are calculated from group marks and peer-points (but note that we may amend the way we do these calculations in future).

Use the spreadsheet as follows...

1. the group mark is the mark given to the group for the piece of work they have completed
2. peer-points is the number of peer-points given to an individual group member
3. group size – the number of people in the group

So... if the work gets a mark of 60% and you are given 5 peer-points (out of 13 available to the group) and there are 4 people in the group then your individual mark will be 69%

group mark	peer points	group size	average peer	below delta p	above delta p	individual mark
60	5	4	3.25	1.54	69.26	69

NB: the grey areas are used for spreadsheet calculations