

What types of file can be submitted as a Turnitin Assignment?

Turnitin currently accepts the following file types:

- Microsoft Word (DOC and DOCX)
- Corel WordPerfect
- HTML
- Adobe PostScript
- Plain text (TXT)
- Rich Text Format (RTF)
- Portable Document Format (PDF)
- OpenOffice (ODT)

Text only files should be less than 2MB in size. If the document contains a mix of text and images it must not exceed 40MB.

If the file is too large for Turnitin to upload an incorrect file type message will display. Turnitin does not distinguish between the wrong *type* of file and the wrong *size* of file in its error message.

PDF documents must contain text to be submitted. PDF files containing only images of text will be rejected during the upload process.

Some document formats can contain multiple data types. This includes text, images, embedded information from another file and formatting. Non-text information that is not saved directly within the document will not be included in a file upload. This includes references to Excel spreadsheets included within a Word document.

If students try to submit scanned images of a document or an image saved as a PDF they will need to use Optical Character Recognition (OCR) software to convert the image to a text document. They will need to manually check and amend the document that it produces as conversion errors are inevitable.

If student files are not accepted by Turnitin they will need to re-save the file in one of the accepted formats. For text only files RTF and TXT file types are probably the best options but neither file type will support images or non-text data within the file. TXT format does not support any formatting and RTF supports only limited formatting options. If students convert their file to another format, they need to check it before they submit it to make sure that everything is included and that it is displaying correctly.

When converting a file to a new file format, students should rename their file so that they preserve the original copy of the file.