DECA's Copyright Agreements

For DECA's Competitive Events and DECA Comprehensive Exams

DECA has contracted with MBA *Research* to provide high-quality comprehensive exams for use by Chartered Associations. DECA is subsidizing the costs of these exams to ensure that chartered associations have access to the appropriate exams. To help ensure quality, DECA monitors variables such as reliability, validity, discrimination, fairness, and comprehensiveness. Further, DECA ensures that each exam item is appropriately anchored to performance indicators and curriculum standards derived from formal occupational analysis.

Quality testing is expensive. The costs of industry research, development, scenario, and item writing are shared among all participating associations and through the sale competitive event scenarios and of sample exams. The ability to help contain costs to individual chartered associations, depends on the participation of chartered associations and on its local affiliates adhering to all use and distribution policies and copyright restrictions.

All Chapter Advisors must agree to the following:

1. All copyright restrictions apply to local chapters.
2. Any chapter that violates DECA's exam or scenario distribution and use policy will not be allowed to participate in the next two chartered association conferences and the International Career Development Conferences.
3. If any exams or scenarios are posted on a chapter or chartered association website outside of the distribution and use policy, the chartered association will not be eligible to purchase exams or receive scenarios from DECA Inc. for a period of one year for the first offense.
4. We are purchasing a license for one-time use of these exams for use (only) as part of the DECA Competitive Events Program.
5. Exam items may not be banked nor re-used to develop other exams. Exams must be used only as distributed by DECA Inc.
6. Items may not be edited nor rewritten for any purpose. (Derivative works are controlled by U.S. copyright law and are generally not allowed without express permission.)
7. Chartered Associations agree that all exams will be collected and destroyed after one-time use.
8. Chartered Associations may retain one file copy, but the file copy may not be used as a source of items for any purpose.
9. Only after a date specified by DECA Inc. will you be able to provide sample copies of the district exam to your local chapter advisors. Once DECA determines when the last District Exam will be administered, an announcement will be made to chartered associations clearing them to distribute sample versions.
10. Chartered Associations may duplicate exams as needed for individual students competing in DECA's Competitive Events Program.
11. Chartered Associations that use an online testing service must notify DECA Inc who the provider is, and the provider must meet DECA's online security requirements. DECA Inc. will provide the exams directly to approved online providers after they have demonstrated their security standards.
12. Under no circumstances may any exam, in whole or in part, or any item within be published or posted on any website.

COMPETITIVE EVENT SCENARIO COPYRIGHT AND INTEGRITY AGREEMENT

Quality assessment is expensive. The costs of industry research, scenario-writing and development are shared among all participating associations and through the sale of sample competitive event scenarios. To help contain costs to individual chartered associations, DECA depends on the participation of chartered associations and on its local affiliates adhering to all use and distribution policies and copyright restrictions.

Please be certain that everyone involved in operating your competitive events clearly understands:

1. Any chapter which violates DECA's exam or scenario distribution and use policy will not be allowed to participate in the next two chartered association conference or the International Career Development Conferences.
2. If any exams or scenarios are posted on a chapter or chartered association website in way outside of the distribution and use policy, the chartered association will not be eligible to purchase exams or receive scenarios from DECA Inc. for a period of one year for the first offense.
3. Chartered associations are receiving competitive event scenarios for one-time use (only) as part of DECA's Competitive Events Program.
4. Competitive event scenarios may not be banked nor re-used to develop other scenarios. Competitive event scenarios must be used only as distributed by DECA Inc.
5. Competitive event scenarios may not be edited nor rewritten for any purpose. (Derivative works are controlled by U.S. copyright law and are generally not allowed without express permission.)
6. Chartered associations may duplicate competitive event scenarios as needed for individual students competing in DECA's Competitive Events Program.
7. Chartered associations agree that all competitive event scenarios will be collected and destroyed after one-time use.
8. Chartered associations may retain one file copy for reference purposes only.
9. Under no circumstances may competitive event scenarios, in whole or in part, be published or posted on any website.
10. These copyright restrictions also apply to local chapters.
11. Chartered associations may distribute completed evaluation forms with scores at their discretion following the district and state/provincial conferences.

DECA COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS COPYRIGHT AGREEMENT

It is increasingly important that exams used in DECA's Competitive Events Program meet criteria for high-stakes testing. DECA has contracted with MBA Research to provide high quality comprehensive exams for use by Chartered Associations. DECA is subsidizing the costs of these exams to assure that chartered associations have access to the appropriate exams. To help ensure quality, we monitor variables such as reliability, validity, discrimination, fairness and comprehensiveness. Further, we ensure that each exam item is appropriately anchored to performance indicators and curriculum standards derived from formal occupational analysis.

Please be certain that everyone involved in operating your competitive events clearly understands:

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2. If any exams or scenarios are posted on a chapter or chartered association website in any way outside of the distribution and use policy, the chartered association will not be eligible to purchase exams or receive scenarios from DECA Inc. for a period of one year for the first offense.
3. You are purchasing a license for one-time use of these exams for use (only) as part of DECA's Competitive Events Program.
4. Exam items may not be banked nor re-used to develop other exams. Exams must be used only as distributed by DECA Inc.
5. Items may not be edited nor rewritten for any purpose. (Derivative works are controlled by U.S. copyright law and are generally not allowed without express permission.)

6. Chartered Associations agree that all exams will be collected and destroyed after one-time use.
7. Chartered Associations may retain one file copy, but the file copy may not be used as a source of items for any purpose.
8. Only after a date specified by DECA Inc. will you be able to provide sample copies of the District Exam to your local chapter advisors. Once DECA determines when the last District Exam will be administered, an announcement will be made to chartered associations clearing them to distribute sample versions.
9. Chartered Associations may duplicate exams as needed for individual students competing in DECA's Competitive Events Program.
10. Chartered Associations that use an online testing service must notify DECA Inc who the provider is and the provider must meet DECA's online security requirements. DECA Inc. will provide the exams directly to approved online providers after they have demonstrated their security standards.

Under no circumstances may this exam, in whole or in part, or any item within be published or posted on any website.

All copyright restrictions apply to local chapters also.

By signing this Copyright Agreement, the advisor agrees to abide by the points set forth in this document. Any violation could result in legal action. This form is required in order to attend all recognized DECA conferences and activities and must be signed by the advisor.

I have read the
DECA COMPETITIVE EVENT SCENARIO COPYRIGHT AND INTEGRITY AGREEMENT
and the
DECA COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS COPYRIGHT AGREEMENT
and agree to comply with these guidelines.

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Advisor's Name *(Please Print or Type)*	School
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Advisor's Signature	Date

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