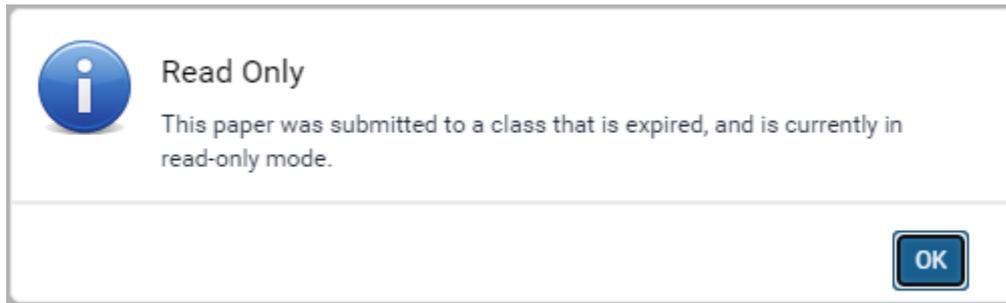# Why Does My Turnitin Assignment Show a 'Read Only' Mode? (Staff)

You may have tried to access a Turnitin Assignment in order to provide feedback or grade a submission.

However, you are prevented from doing so since the class has apparently expired and is currently 'read only'.

> **Read Only**
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> This paper was submitted to a class that is expired, and is currently in read-only mode.
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> **OK**

Why does this message appear?

When a lecturer creates a Turnitin assignment for the first time within a Blackboard course, a Turnitin class is also created for that course on the Turnitin database. This class has a default end date which is typically six months from the creation date, or it is set to the date of the latest post-date for the Turnitin assignments in the class. Once the end date is reached, the class becomes "expired," which means any submissions in the class are read-only.

N.B. Any student enrolled in an expired class will **not** count against the Institution's Turnitin student limit.

How do I change the class from 'expired' to 'active'?

It is not possible to change the default class end date in the Blackboard integration. However, you can take the following steps to extend the class end date so the class becomes active once more:

1. Login to Blackboard

2. Navigate to the relevant Blackboard course

3. Open the relevant Turnitin assignment in the course

4. Edit the Feedback Date (previously known as the Post Date) to a date in the future. This will cause the class end date to be extended so the class becomes active again. If you are concerned that this action will impact on other students viewing any pre-existing submissions, you can change the Feedback date to a future date, and then immediately change it back to a past date to ensure pre-existing submissions are visible to all students.