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# Self-assessment and feedback literacy

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**Active student roles** 

Self-regulated & Co-regulated Learning



# **Benefits of self-assessment**

- Theoretical benefits
  - Compatible with self-regulated learning and life-long learning (UN SDG4)
- Empirical evidence of positive effects
  - Academic performance (Brown & Harris, 2013; Yan et al., in press),
  - Self-regulation (Panadero, Jonsson, & Botella, 2017)
  - Learning autonomy (Andrade & Du, 2007; Cassidy, 2007),
  - Self-efficacy (Kissling & O'Donnell, 2015)

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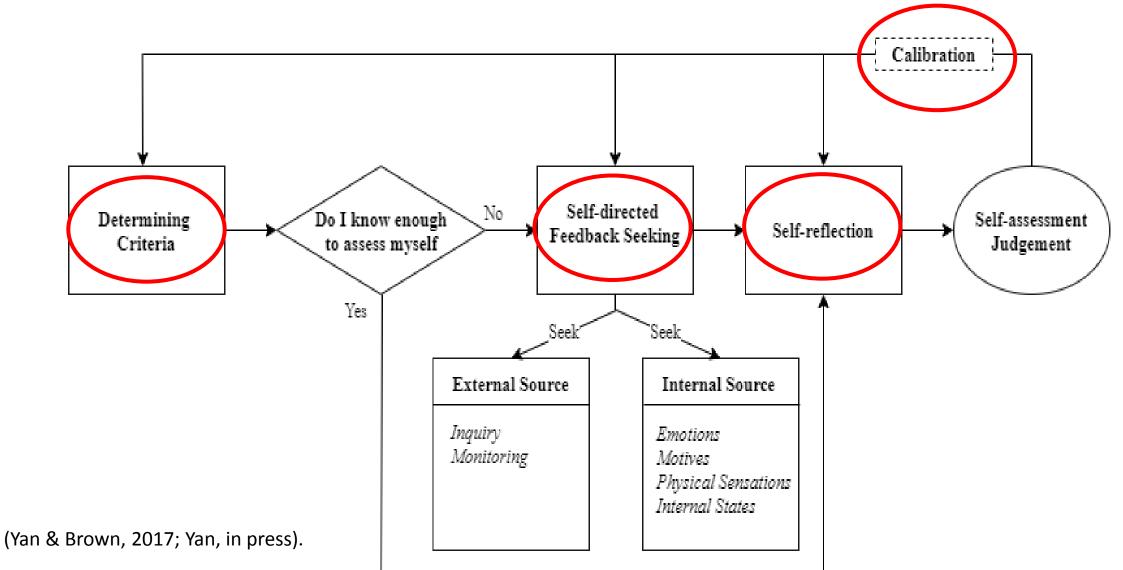


# What is self-assessment

- No consensus regarding what "standard self-assessment" means (Panadero, Brown, & Strijbos, 2016)
- More than "Self-rating/grading".
- The inner processes of self-assessment (i.e., the actions students incorporated in self-assessment practices) matters.



## A cyclical self-assessment process





# What is feedback literacy

- Feedback literacy is "the understandings, capacities and dispositions needed to make sense of information and use it to enhance work or learning strategies" (Carless & Boud, 2018, p. 1316)
  - Appreciate feedback
  - Make judgement
  - Manage affect
  - Take actions upon feedback



# What is feedback literacy

(1) commits to feedback as improvement(2) appreciates feedback as an active process

(3) elicits information to improve learning(4) processes feedback information

(5) acknowledges and works with emotions(6) acknowledges feedback as a reciprocal process

(7) enacts outcomes of processing of feedback info (Molloy et al., 2019) (1) seeking information on learning performance
(2) processing feedback information
(3) acting upon feedback information (Malecka et al. 2020)

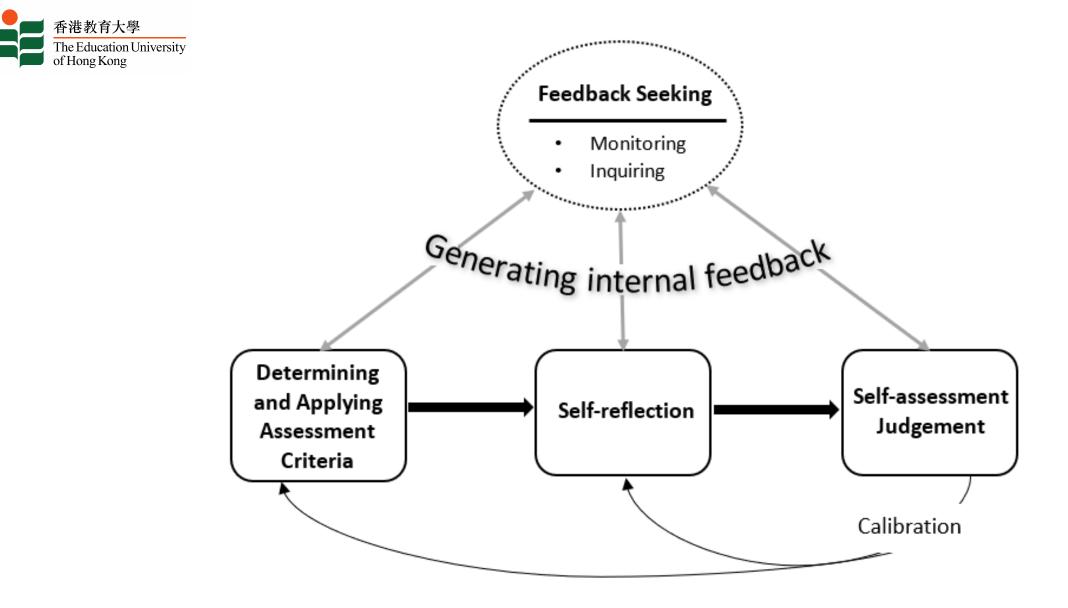
- feedback seeking
- generating internal feedback

Internal feedback (Nicol, 2020)



### Self-assessment is an learning process that students use to monitor and improve learning

### Feedback literacy is a capacity that students need for effective learning processes

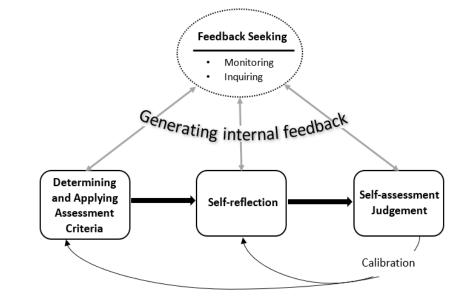


The self-assessment process integrating feedback literacy





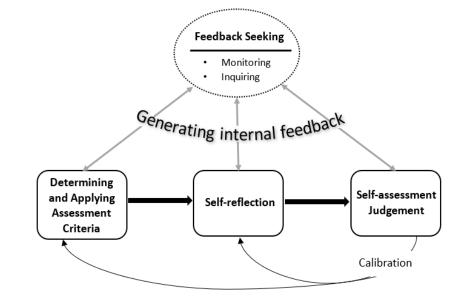
- Self-assessment provides opportunities for
  - Seeking external feedback
  - Generating internal feedback
- Repeated practices enhance students' feedback literacy







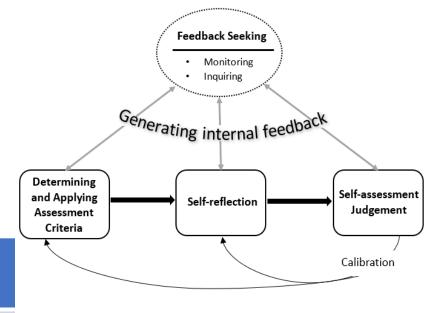
- Seeking external feedback may enhance the accuracy and usefulness of self-assessment
- The generated internal feedback can support different aspects in the self-assessment process





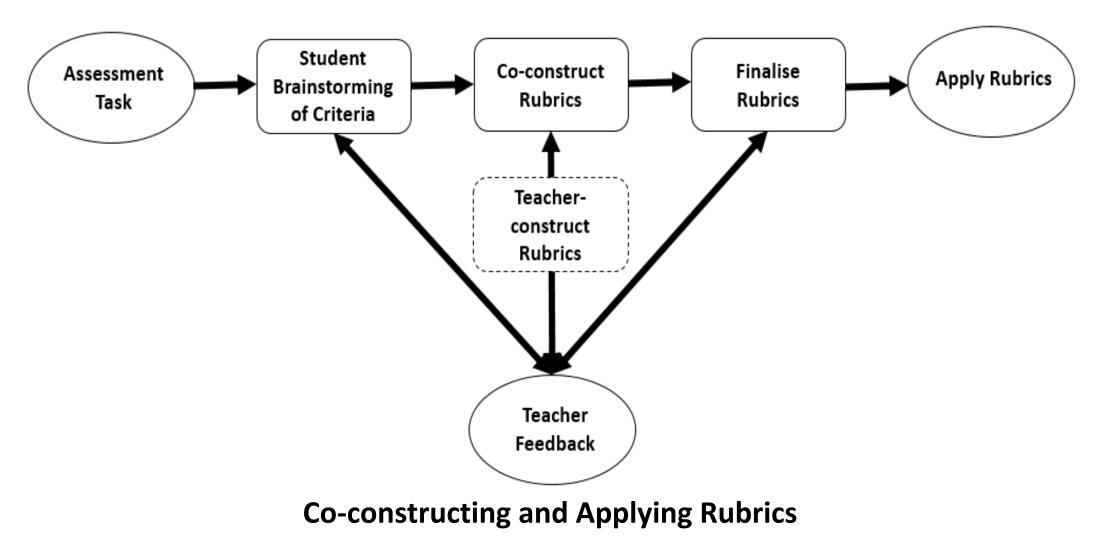
### Recommended Feedback Practices in the Selfassessment Process

Self-assessment steps		Recommended feedback practices
applying assessment		Students and the teachers co- construct performance rubrics
Step 2 (self-reflection)		Making internal feedback explicit via written reflections
judgement and	Facilitating calibration of self-assessment judgment through interaction with different feedback sources	Interactive calibration process



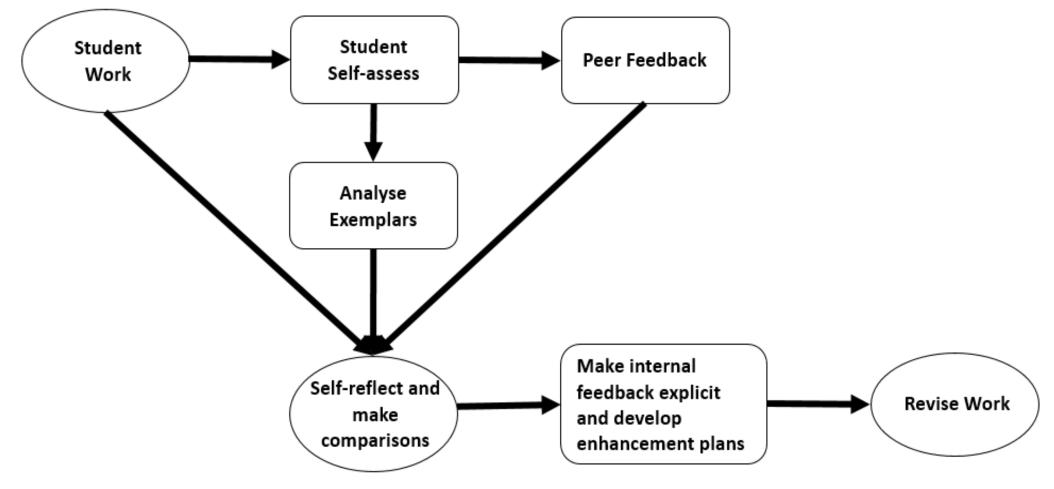


## **Recommended Practices for Step 1**





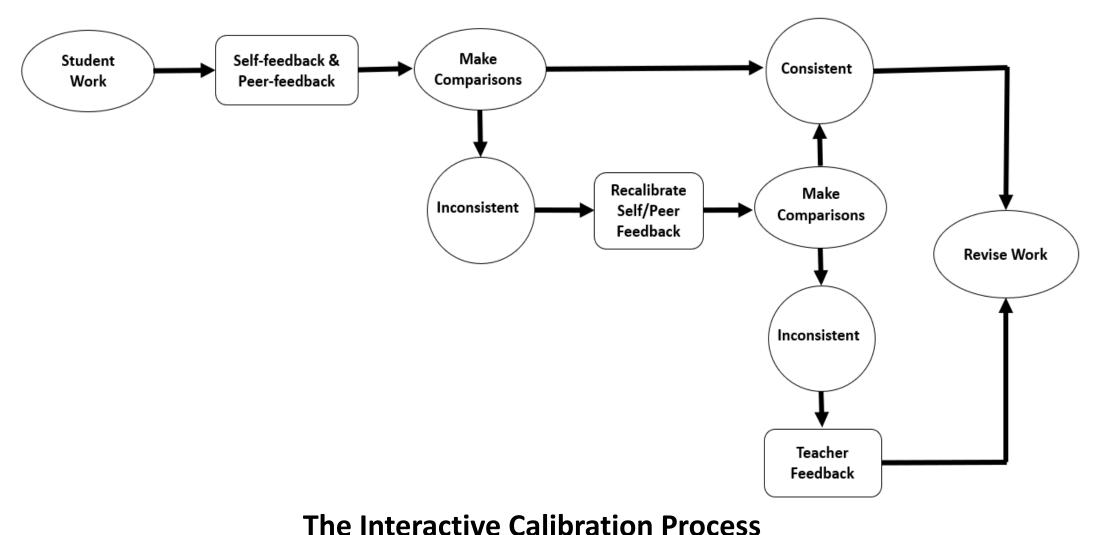
## **Recommended Practices for Step 2**



**Making Internal Feedback Explicit** 



## **Recommended Practices for Step 3**





# Conclusion

- The enabling role of feedback literacy in the self-assessment process needs to be more widely utilised to inform productive student learning.
- Appropriate feedback practices should be embedded purposefully within the design of self-assessment activities in cumulative ways in order to enact positive impact.
- When implementing self-assessment activities, build a trusting, collaborative learning environment that is supportive to students' feedback seeking.
- Scaffolding is necessary for students to make use of feedback seeking for meaningful self-assessment.



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