Using anonymous marking with Turnitin assignments in Blackboard Learn Instructor Guide

Introduction
This quick reference guide provides the basic steps associated with anonymous marking for Turnitin assignments in Blackboard Learn. A Turnitin assignment is an assignment that a student submits through the Turnitin plagiarism plugin in Blackboard. To setup an assignment you must be an instructor on the Blackboard system.

General Settings
Logging into Blackboard and creating a Turnitin Direct Assignment are covered in the quick guide entitled “Setting up a direct Turnitin assignment in Blackboard Learn” and also in the Instructors guide.

Account & Grade specific parameters for use with anonymous marking
While setting up the direct Turnitin assignment Reveal Grades Immediately should be changed from the default setting of Yes to No. If this is not done students will receive their grades as soon as the instructor has finished marking them and receive their feedback after the Post date.

Use Anonymous Marking: Should be set to Yes. This will anonymise student identity information.
Set Ignore Turnitin Grades: No = Grades transfer into the grades centre, Yes = Grades do not transfer to the grades centre
Please note grades will not be visible in the grade centre until after the assignment has ended.

Student Submission of an anonymously marked Turnitin assignment
From the students view. Submission of an anonymously marked Turnitin assignment follows the same process as a non-anonymous submission. Further information on submitting Turnitin assignments is available in the Student Quickguide on the VLE Project website.

Viewing & Marking an anonymous Turnitin assignment
To view the assignment click on the View Assignment button directly below the assignment name in Blackboard.

The list of assignments that have been submitted by students will be displayed. No student information will be displayed and assignments will be identified by a paper ID number.

To mark an assignment Click on the pencil symbol to open Feedback Studio. Marking follows the same process as for non-anonymous assignments.
Marks will not flow into the Blackboard Grade Centre until after the Post Date. At this time student names will be revealed. If a weighted or calculated column is used for marking. Marks will flow into the column at this point.

Disabling anonymous marking for a student
The ability to reveal the student's name is available from the Assignment Inbox. Click on the Reveal Anonymous link.
The reason for revealing a student's name must be entered and an audit trail will be created. Enter the reason and then click on the blue tick. The student identity information will then be revealed. Blackboard Administrators can access this audit trail.

Need Help?
Check out the training material and online resources on the VLE Project website.
https://www.tcd.ie/local/vleproject/