

Use of calculators in examinations

Candidates may use a calculator in an examination unless prohibited by the awarding body's specification.

The instructions on the question paper will say whether calculators are not allowed or if they are expected to be used in the examination. If the instructions do not include either of these statements, calculators are treated as standard equipment and may be used by candidates.

Where the use of a calculator is allowed, candidates are responsible for making sure that their calculators meet the awarding bodies' regulations.

Calculators must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Of a size suitable for use on the desk;• Either battery or solar powered;• Free of lids, cases and covers, which have printed instructions or formulas.	Calculators must not: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be designed or adapted to offer any of these facilities: -<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Language translators;○ Symbolic algebra manipulation;○ Symbolic differentiation or integration;○ Communication with other machines or the internet;• Be borrowed from another candidate during an examination for any reason;• Have retrievable information stored in them - this includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Databanks;○ Dictionaries;○ Mathematical formulas;○ Text.
The candidate is responsible for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The calculator's power supply;• The calculator's working condition;• Clearing anything stored in the calculator.	

Where access is permitted to a calculator for part of an examination, candidates should place their calculators on the floor under their desks in sight of the invigilator for the non-calculator portion of the examination.

