

EXTRACT FROM JCQ REGULATIONS - ICE BOOK

Using calculators

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

The instructions on the question paper will say whether calculators are allowed or not. If the instructions do not include such a statement, calculators should be 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.

The instructions set out below apply to all examinations unless stated otherwise in an awarding body's specification.

Candidates must be told these regulations beforehand and be familiar with the *Information for candidates* documents.

Calculators must be:

- 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 formulae.

Calculators must NOT be designed or adapted to offer any of these facilities:

- 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.

Calculators must NOT have retrievable information stored in them. This includes:

- databanks; such as the periodic table (with the exception of scientific constants)
- dictionaries;
- mathematical formulae;
- text.

The candidate is responsible for the following:

- the calculator's power supply;
- the calculator's working condition;
- clearing anything stored in the calculator.

Some calculators have an 'exam mode'. This is acceptable in examinations where the exam mode is activated and the exam mode results in the calculator becoming compliant with the above regulations.