

Calculators

Guidance For Candidates:

You may use a calculator unless you are told otherwise.

If you use a calculator, before the exam you must:

- (a) make sure it works properly; check that the batteries are working properly;
- (b) clear anything stored in it;
- (c) remove any parts such as cases, lids or covers which have printed instructions or formulae;
- (d) do not bring into the exam room any operating instructions or prepared programs.

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

During an examination a calculator must not be able to offer any of these facilities:

- a) language translators;
- b) symbolic algebra manipulation;
- c) symbolic differentiation or integration;
- d) communication with other machines or the internet.

During an examination a calculator must not give access to pre-stored information. This includes:

- a) databanks;
- b) dictionaries;
- c) mathematical formulae;
- d) text.

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 requirements.

A calculator must not be borrowed from another candidate during an examination.

An invigilator may give a candidate a replacement calculator.

A series of FAQs on the use of calculators in examinations may be found at:

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/exams-office/ice---instructions-for-conducting-examinations/>