

## **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.**
- An invigilator may give a candidate a replacement calculator.

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

### **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.

### **The candidate is responsible for the following:**

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

### **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;
- have retrievable information stored in them. This includes:
  - databanks;
  - dictionaries;
  - mathematical formulae;
  - text.

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