

Using calculators

- 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 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 formulas.

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 formulas
 - 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.