

Extract from Joint council for Qualifications' Instructions for conducting examinations 1 September 2020 to 31st August 2021.

Using calculators

For questions papers where the use of calculators is allowed, candidates are responsible for making sure that their calculators meet the awarding bodies' regulations.

The instructions set out in the section apply to all examinations unless stated otherwise in an awarding body's subject-specific instructions.

Candidates should be told these regulations beforehand.

Please note: Due to our COVID-19 safety procedures we cannot lend calculators during examinations, please ensure you bring your own.

Calculators must be:

- Of a size suitable for use on the desk;
- Be battery or solar powered
- Free of lids, cases and covers which have printed instruction or formulas

Calculators must not:

1. 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
2. Be borrowed from another candidate during an examination for any reason*
3. Have retrievable information stored in them – this includes:
 - Databanks;
 - Dictionaries;
 - Mathematical formulas;
 - Text
4. Calculators with USB ports are not permitted.

The candidate is responsible for the following:

- The calculators power supply;
- The calculators working condition
- Clearing anything stored in the calculator

Where access is permitted to a calculator for part of an examination, it will normally be 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 exam.