

Regulations about using Calculators in Exams

Think about this if you are considering getting yourself a new calculator

Some exams allow you to use calculators, but there are rules about the type of calculators that you can use, to make it fair for all students who take exams, wherever they are in the country.

<p>Calculators must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 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.	<p>Calculators must NOT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be designed or adapted to offer any of these facilities: -<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ language translators;❖ symbolic algebra manipulation;❖ symbolic differentiation or integration;❖ communication with other machines or the internet; e.g. must not have a USB port or wi-fi facility
<p>The candidate is responsible for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ the calculator's power supply;✓ the calculator's working condition;✓ clearing anything stored in the calculator	<p>Calculators must NOT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be borrowed from another candidate during an examination for any reason;*• have retrievable information stored in them - this includes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ databanks;❖ dictionaries;❖ mathematical formulas;❖ text.
<p>Advice:* An invigilator may give a candidate a replacement calculator.</p>	

Where access is permitted to a calculator for part of an examination, it is acceptable for you to place your calculators on the floor under your desk in sight of the invigilator(s) for the non-calculator portion of the exam.