



## Using calculators – the rules

Students may use a calculator in an exam unless the question paper says they are not allowed to.

Students are responsible for making sure that their calculators meet the regulations as detailed below:

### **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.

### **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.

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

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

Any breach of these instructions can constitute malpractice and the awarding body may decide to penalise a student, which could include disqualification.

