

Use of calculators in examinations

The use of programmable calculators is not permitted in examinations, as described in the General Assessment Regulations (Chapter 10.5 *Conduct during Examinations*):

'Students shall not bring into the Examination Hall, nor have in their possession while in such Hall, any computing equipment, including electronic organisers and programmable calculators, mobile phone, recording equipment, radio, books, dictionaries, notes or paper whatsoever, save such answer books and other materials as shall be authorised and/or provided by the Invigilator. The only equipment allowed is that which has been authorised by both the Examinations Office and the Disability Service.'

The following rules, adapted from the rules of the State Examination Commission, shall apply to the use of calculators in examinations:

- a) Programmable calculators are prohibited. The term "programmable" includes any calculator that is capable of storing a sequence of keystrokes that can be retrieved after the calculator is turned off or powers itself off. Note that the capacity to recall, edit and replay previously executed calculations does not render a calculator programmable, provided that this replay memory is automatically cleared when the calculator is powered off. Also, the facility to store numbers in one or more memory locations does not render a calculator programmable.
- b) Calculators with any of the following mathematical features are prohibited:
 - i. graph plotting
 - ii. equation solving
 - iii. symbolic algebraic manipulation
 - iv. numerical integration
 - v. numerical differentiation
 - vi. matrix calculations
- c) Calculators with any of the following general features are prohibited:
 - i. data banks
 - ii. dictionaries
 - iii. language translators
 - iv. text retrieval
 - v. capability of remote communication
- d) The list provided below identifies a sample set of calculators allowed or not allowed in examinations. If a calculator is not on this list, then the calculator is not allowed unless it satisfies the requirements set out in rules a) – c) above.

Sharp

Note: some Sharp calculators have “Write View” or “DAL” on the front. This is NOT part of the model number.

Model	Allowed / Not Allowed	Model	Allowed / Not Allowed
EL 500 W	Allowed	EL 531 VH	Allowed
EL 503 W	Allowed	EL 531 W	Allowed
EL 506	Not Allowed	EL 531 WB	Allowed
EL 506 B	Not Allowed	EL 531 WH	Allowed
EL 506 P	Allowed	EL 531 XH	Allowed
EL 506 WB	Not Allowed	EL 531 XH	Allowed
EL 506 W	Not Allowed	EL 531 XG	Allowed
EL 506 X	Not Allowed	EL 5250	Not Allowed
EL 506 XBWH	Not Allowed	ELW 506	Not Allowed
EL 509 VH	Allowed	ELW 506 B	Not Allowed
EL 509 W	Allowed	ELW 506 X	Not Allowed
EL 509 X	Allowed	ELW 531	Allowed
EL 510 R	Allowed	ELW 531 B	Allowed
EL 520	Not Allowed	ELW 531 G	Allowed
EL 520 W	Not Allowed	ELW 531 H	Allowed
EL 520 WB	Not Allowed	ELW 531 X	Allowed
EL 520 X	Not Allowed	ELW 531 XH	Allowed
EL 530 VB	Allowed	ELW 531 XG	Allowed
EL 531 GB	Allowed		

Casio

Note: some Casio calculators have “VPAM” or “SVPAM” on the front. This is NOT part of the model number.

Model	Allowed / Not Allowed	Model	Allowed / Not Allowed
FX 50F PLUS	Not Allowed	FX 250 HC	Allowed
FX 82 ES	Allowed	FX 260SOLAR	Allowed
FX 82 ES PLUS	Allowed	FX 270 MS	Allowed
FX 82 MS	Allowed	FX 280	Allowed
FX 82SOLAR	Allowed	FX 300 MS	Allowed
FX 82 SX	Allowed	FX 300 W	Allowed
FX 82 SX PLUS	Allowed	FX 350 MS	Allowed
FX 83 ES	Allowed	FX 350 ES PLUS	Allowed
FX 83 GT PLUS	Allowed	FX 350 TL	Allowed
FX 83 MS	Allowed	FX 500 ES	Not Allowed
FX 85 B	Allowed	FX 570 ES	Not Allowed
FX 85 ES	Allowed	FX 570 ES PLUS	Not Allowed
FX 85 ES PLUS	Allowed	FX 570 MS	Not Allowed
FX 85 GT PLUS	Allowed	FX 570 W	Not Allowed
FX 85 MS	Allowed	FX 820 MS	Allowed
FX 85 W	Allowed	FX 912 MS	Not Allowed
FX 85 WA	Allowed	FX 991 ES	Not Allowed

Casio (Contd)			
Model	Allowed / Not Allowed	Model	Allowed / Not Allowed
FX 95 MS	Not Allowed	FX 991 ES PLUS	Not Allowed
FX 95 ES PLUS	Not Allowed	FX 991 MS	Not Allowed
FX 100 MS	Not Allowed	FX 991 W	Not Allowed
FX 100 W	Not Allowed	FX 992 S	Allowed
FX 115	Not Allowed	FX 3650 P	Not Allowed
FX 115 ES	Not Allowed	FX 5800 P	Not Allowed
FX 115 MS	Not Allowed	FX 3650 P	Not Allowed
FX 115 W	Not Allowed	FX 4500 PA	Not Allowed
FX 220 PLUS	Allowed	FX 5500 LA	Not Allowed

Texas Instruments			
Model	Allowed / Not Allowed	Model	Allowed / Not Allowed
TI 30X	Allowed	TI 30Xa	Allowed
TI 30X IIS	Allowed	TI 34 II	Allowed
TI 30X IIB	Allowed	TI 36X II	Allowed

Other	
Model	Allowed / Not Allowed
Ativa AT-S4650P	Not allowed
Canon F-604	Allowed
Texet Albert 3	Allowed