

# Calculators guidance for examinations booklet 2020

## 3.0 General restrictions applying to all calculators used in examinations

Restrictions on the use of certain technology are in place to discourage malpractice and maintain fair and reasonable access to technology that is generally required in the good practice of teaching and assessment.

- Telephones, pagers, calculator-watches, personal computers (PCs) and personal data assistants (PDAs) are not allowed in any subject examinations.
- Only the manufacturer's operating system may be used.
- Computer algebra systems (CAS)-equipped calculators (symbolic manipulation, whether in-built or programmed) are not allowed in any subject examinations.
- Calculators with wireless/infrared communication are not allowed in any subject examinations.
- Examination questions must not be stored in, or recorded into, the memory of a calculator.
- Peripheral hardware must not be taken into the examination room (for example, keyboards, link cables and so on).
- Calculators must not be shared or exchanged during examinations.
- Calculator manuals must not be taken into the examination room.
- More than one calculator per candidate may be brought into the examination room. However, a spare set of batteries is a preferable alternative to several calculators.

