

Calculators

The front of your exam paper will state if a calculator is allowed or not. If there is no such statement, then a calculator is allowed.

Where the use of a calculator is allowed, candidates are responsible for making sure that their calculators meet the awarding bodies' regulations.

Do not take a calculator lid into an exam.

During an examination a calculator must not be able to offer any of the following:

- a) language translators;*
- b) symbolic algebra manipulation;*
- c) symbolic differentiation or integration;*
- d) communication with other machines or the internet;*

During an examination a calculator must not give access to pre-stored information.

This includes:

- a) databanks;*
- b) dictionaries;*
- c) mathematical formulae;*
- d) text.*

A calculator must not be borrowed from another candidate during an examination.

Some calculators have an 'exam mode'. This is acceptable in examinations where the exam mode is activated and the exam mode results in the calculator becoming compliant with the above requirements.

Exam mode

Placing a calculator in exam mode ensures you are compliant with exam regulations. The instructions for this can vary from calculator to calculator. However, for most Casio calculators the below will apply. Exam mode can last from 12 hours to 24 hours and a magenta border on the screen will indicate you are in exam mode.

To enter UK exam mode:

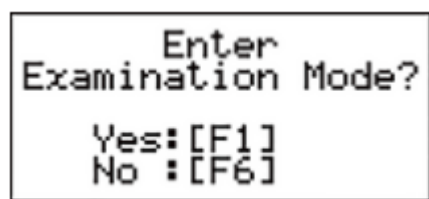
1. First switch the calculator off
2. Then press and hold down both the keys marked with the letters UK above them. These keys are '1' and ','



3. Then also hold down the 'on' button whilst still holding the '1' and ',' keys



4. The following message will appear, press 'F1' to confirm



5. You will then be asked to confirm if you would like to enter exam mode by pressing 'F2'



6. You will have one final message asking you to confirm if you would like to enter exam mode. Press F1 to confirm

