External assessment equipment list

External assessment

Supervisors will check equipment before students enter the assessment room.

Approved equipment for all assessments

Students are permitted to take the following items to assessments:

- black or blue pens
- 2B pencils, sharpener and eraser
  Note: 2B pencils are only required for multiple choice questions and drawing graphs or diagrams. Black or blue non-erasable pens must be used for all other written responses
- highlighters — students should not highlight their responses but may highlight stimulus or questions when permitted by the supervisor
- a clear plastic ruler
- water in a clear unlabelled bottle
- asthma inhaler.

Students may use a clear plastic container or clear plastic bag to carry equipment if needed.

QCAA-approved calculators

Only calculators approved for use in assessments are permitted. Calculators must be handheld and solar- or battery-powered.

Scientific and graphics calculators

Scientific and graphics calculators must:

- meet the requirements set out in the Scientific calculator list and Graphics calculator list
- be cleared of memory before entering the assessment room.

Other calculators (non-programmable)

For subjects that permit the use of a non-programmable calculator during assessment, calculators should be able to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, square roots and powers. They must not allow access to a computer algebra system (CAS), spellchecker, dictionary, thesaurus or translator. See the Scientific calculator list for more information.

Student devices

A student device is a battery-powered laptop or tablet. For assessments that require the use of a student device, students will bring their own device or one will be provided by their school. Schools should advise students of the arrangements that apply to devices for their assessments.

Students should have:

- individual access to a device on which they can listen to and/or view digital stimulus as many times as they need to throughout the assessment session

- the latest version of a media player that plays MP3 and MP4 files installed on the device
- wired earphones/headphones consistent with the guidelines for academic integrity (bluetooth-enabled earphones/headphones are not permitted).

Students, supervisors and relevant teachers should be confident using the device and media player.

Subject-specific equipment

Students are permitted to take any of the following items into assessments for their relevant subject.

Subject	Additional approved subject-specific equipment
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies	• nil
Accounting	• QCAA-approved scientific calculator or other non-programmable calculator
Aerospace Systems	• flight calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator or other non-programmable calculator • analog slide rule type and aviation plotter or protractor and ruler
Agricultural Science (General and AS)	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator
Ancient History (General and AS)	• nil
Arabic SEE	• monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Biology (General and AS)	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator
Business	• nil
Chemistry	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator
Chinese **Chinese SEE**	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device
Chinese Extension	• nil
Dance	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device
Design (General and AS)	• black felt-tip pen • a set of coloured pencils or pens
Digital Solutions	• QCAA-approved scientific calculator or other non-programmable calculator
Drama (General and AS)	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth)

Subject	Additional approved subject-specific equipment
	• student device
Earth & Environmental Science	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator
Economics	• QCAA-approved scientific calculator or other non-programmable calculator
Engineering	• QCAA-approved scientific calculator or other non-programmable calculator • protractor and ruler
English **English SEE**	• nil
English & Literature Extension	• nil
English as an Additional Language	• nil
Film, Television & New Media	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device
Food & Nutrition	• nil
French	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device
French Extension	• nil
General Mathematics **General Mathematics SEE**	• QCAA-approved scientific calculator
Geography (General and AS)	• QCAA-approved scientific calculator or other non-programmable calculator • coloured pencils • ruler free from markings other than measurement indicators
German	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device
German Extension	• nil
Health	• nil
Indonesian SEE	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device
Italian	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device
Japanese	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device
Korean SEE	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth)

Subject	Additional approved subject-specific equipment
	• student device
Latin SEE	• dictionary
Legal Studies (General and AS)	• nil
Literature	• nil
Marine Science	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator
Mathematical Methods — Paper 1 (Technology-free)	• Paper 1 is Technology-free; no calculator or technology of any type is permitted
Mathematical Methods — Paper 2 (Technology-active)	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator (no CAS functionality) • QCAA-approved scientific calculator
Modern Greek SEE	• monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Modern History (General and AS)	• nil
Music (General and AS)	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device
Music Extension	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device
Philosophy & Reason	• nil
Physical Education (General and AS)	• nil
Physics (General and AS)	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator
Polish SEE	• monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Psychology	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator
Punjabi SEE	• monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Russian SEE	• monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Sinhala SEE	• monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Spanish	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device

Subject	Additional approved subject-specific equipment
Specialist Mathematics — Paper 1 (General and AS)	• Paper 1 is Technology-free; no calculator or technology of any type is permitted.
Specialist Mathematics — Paper 2 (General and AS)	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator (no CAS functionality) • QCAA-approved scientific calculator
Study of Religion	• nil
Tamil SEE	• monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Vietnamese SEE	• suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be bluetooth) • student device
Visual Art (General and AS)	• nil

Prohibited materials

The items below are prohibited in any assessment room, except if specifically approved as access arrangements and reasonable adjustments (AARA) or listed as approved subject-specific equipment for an assessment, e.g. for a subject that requires students to use a device or permits the use of a dictionary:

- bluetooth-enabled devices
- mobile phones
- smart watches and fitness trackers
- any other electronic device that stores, retrieves, displays or communicates digital information
- correction fluid or correction tape
- dictionaries
- erasable pens
- blank paper, notes, any printed/written material
- tissues brought by students. (**Note:** The assessment room must have tissues available for student use.)

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