

External assessment equipment list

External assessment

Supervisors will check your equipment, including calculators, before you enter the assessment room.

Approved equipment for all assessments

- black or blue pens
- 2B pencil, sharpener and eraser
Note: a 2B pencil is only required for multiple choice questions and drawing graphs or diagrams. Black or blue pen must be used for all other written responses.
- a highlighter
- a clear plastic ruler
- water in a clear unlabelled bottle
- asthma inhaler.

You may use a clear plastic container or ziplock bag to carry your equipment if needed.

QCAA-approved calculators

Only calculators approved for use in assessments are permitted. Scientific and graphics calculators must:

- meet the requirements set out in the [Scientific calculator list](#) and [Graphics calculator list](#)
- be handheld and solar or battery powered
- be cleared of memory before the assessment/s.

For assessments that permit the use of a non-programmable calculator (Accounting, Economics, Geography, Legal Studies), the calculator must be handheld and solar or battery powered. It must not allow access to the following functions: computer algebra system (CAS), spellchecker, dictionary, thesaurus or translator.

Student devices

A student device is a battery-powered laptop or tablet. For assessments that require the use of a student device, you will either bring your own or a device will be provided by your school. Your school will advise you of the arrangements that apply to student devices for your assessments.

Subject-specific equipment

Subject	Additional approved subject-specific equipment
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies	Nil
Accounting Accounting (SEE)	• non-programmable calculator
Aerospace Systems	• QCAA-approved scientific calculator • QCAA-approved flight calculator • protractor • ruler or plotter
Agricultural Science Agricultural Science AS	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator
Ancient History Ancient History AS Ancient History SEE	Nil
Arabic SEE	• monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Biology Biology AS Biology SEE	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator
Business	Nil
Chemistry Chemistry SEE	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator
Chinese Chinese SEE	• earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) • student device
Dance	• earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) • student device
Design Design AS	• black ink pen • black felt-tip pen • 2B pencil, sharpener and eraser • ruler • a set of coloured pencils or pens
Digital Solutions	Nil
Drama Drama AS	Nil
Earth & Environmental Science	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator
Economics	• ruler free from markings other than measurement indicators • non-programmable calculator

Subject	Additional approved subject-specific equipment
Engineering	• QCAA-approved scientific calculator • protractor • ruler
English English SEE	Nil
English & Literature Extension	Nil
English as an Additional Language	Nil
Film, Television & New Media Film, Television & New Media AS	• earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) • student device
Food & Nutrition	Nil
French	• earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) • student device
French Extension	Nil
General Mathematics General Mathematics SEE	• QCAA-approved scientific calculator • ruler
Geography Geography AS	• non-programmable calculator • coloured pencils • ruler free from markings other than measurement indicators • lead pencil • eraser
German German AS	• earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) • student device
German Extension	Nil
Health	Nil
Indonesian SEE	• earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) • student device
Italian	• earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) • student device
Japanese Japanese AS	• earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) • student device
Korean SEE	• earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) • student device
Latin SEE	• dictionary

Subject	Additional approved subject-specific equipment
Legal Studies Legal Studies AS Legal Studies SEE	• non-programmable calculator
Literature	Nil
Marine Science	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator
Mathematical Methods — Paper 2 (Technology-active) Note: Paper 1 is Technology-free; no calculator or technology of any type is permitted	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator (permitted)
Mathematical Methods SEE — SEE 1	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator (permitted) • ruler
Mathematical Methods SEE — SEE 2 Paper 2 Technology-active Note: SEE 2 Paper 1 is Technology-free; no calculator or technology of any type is permitted	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator (permitted)
Modern Greek SEE	• monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Modern History Modern History AS Modern History SEE	Nil
Music Music AS	• earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) • student device
Music Extension	Nil
Philosophy & Reason Philosophy & Reason SEE	Nil
Physical Education Physical Education AS	Nil
Physics Physics AS Physics SEE	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator
Polish SEE	• monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Psychology Psychology AS	• QCAA-approved graphics calculator
Punjabi SEE	• monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)

Subject	Additional approved subject-specific equipment
Russian SEE	monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Spanish	- earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) - student device
Specialist Mathematics — Paper 2 Note: Paper 1 is Technology-free	- QCAA-approved graphics calculator - QCAA-approved scientific calculator (permitted)
Study of Religion	Nil
Vietnamese SEE	- earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth, wireless, noise-cancelling or have a microphone) - student device
Visual Art Visual Art AS	Nil
Visual Art SEE — SEE 1 (Practical examination)	student's own collection of resources and art media contained in one standard box, measuring approximately 46 cm x 36 cm x 31 cm

Prohibited materials

The items below are prohibited in any assessment room, except if specifically approved as an AARA, or listed as approved equipment for an assessment, e.g. for a subject that requires students to use a device or permits the use of a dictionary.

- 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*.

* Schools may supply tissues in assessment rooms but students cannot bring them in.