

External assessment equipment list

External assessment 2024

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 ziplock 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 must:

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

For subjects that permit the use of a non-programmable calculator during assessment (Accounting, Economics, Geography, Legal Studies), 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.

For Aerospace Systems assessments, a QCAA-approved flight calculator is required.

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

Subject	Additional approved subject-specific equipment
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
Accounting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-programmable calculator
Aerospace Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved scientific calculator • QCAA-approved flight calculator • protractor • ruler or plotter
Agricultural Science Agricultural Science AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved calculator permitted; must meet the requirements set out in the Scientific calculator list or the Graphics calculator list
Ancient History Ancient History AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil
Arabic SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Biology Biology AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved calculator permitted; must meet the requirements set out in the Scientific calculator list or the Graphics calculator list
Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved calculator permitted; must meet the requirements set out in the Scientific calculator list or the Graphics calculator list
Chinese Chinese SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
Chinese Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
Design Design AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • black ink pens • black felt-tip pens • 2B pencils, sharpener and eraser • ruler • a set of coloured pencils or pens
Digital Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
Drama Drama AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
Earth & Environmental Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved calculator permitted; must meet the requirements set out in the Scientific calculator list or the Graphics calculator list
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ruler free from markings other than measurement indicators

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-programmable calculator
Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved scientific calculator • protractor • ruler
English English SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
English & Literature Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
English as an Additional Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
Film, Television & New Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
Food & Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
French Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
General Mathematics General Mathematics SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved scientific calculator
Geography Geography AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-programmable calculator • coloured pencils • ruler free from markings other than measurement indicators • lead pencils • eraser
German	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
German Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
Indonesian SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
Italian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
Japanese	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
Korean SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
Latin SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dictionary
Legal Studies Legal Studies AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-programmable calculator

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Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
Marine Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved calculator permitted; must meet the requirements set out in the Scientific calculator list or the Graphics calculator list
Mathematical Methods — Paper 2 (Technology-active) Note: Paper 1 is Technology-free; no calculator or technology of any type is permitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator (permitted)
Modern Greek SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Modern History Modern History AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
Music Music AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
Music Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
Philosophy & Reason	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
Physical Education Physical Education AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil
Physics Physics AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved calculator permitted; must meet the requirements set out in the Scientific calculator list or the Graphics calculator list
Polish SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved calculator permitted; must meet the requirements set out in the Scientific calculator list or the Graphics calculator list
Punjabi SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Russian SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
Specialist Mathematics — Paper 2 Specialist Mathematics AS — Paper 2 Note: Paper 1 is Technology-free; no calculator or technology of any type is permitted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QCAA-approved graphics calculator • QCAA-approved scientific calculator (permitted)
Study of Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil

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Tamil SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries in one or two volumes (written examination only)
Vietnamese SEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable wired earphones/headphones (cannot be Bluetooth) • student device
Visual Art Visual Art AS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nil

Prohibited materials

The items below are prohibited in any assessment room, except if specifically approved as an 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.

- 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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