

Use of calculators in IB DP examinations 2026 – version 1.0

This document should be read in conjunction with the “Conduct of examinations booklet 2026” and the “Calculators guidance for examinations booklet 2026”; both are available on the Programme Resource Centre.

We provide **examples** of calculators which are permitted for use in IB examinations and those which are prohibited. This list will be updated as and when necessary. It should be noted that these are **not exhaustive** nor definitive lists and teachers should check other models are within policy.

A calculator will **not** be permitted for IB DP examinations if:

- it does not meet the minimum requirements for calculators for that subject;
- it includes functionality that is unique to the **prohibited calculators** listed in this document, most predominately CAS functions;
- it includes additional elements, for example third-party applications or student generated notes, which are not removed (via a reset) or blocked (via an examination mode).

Schools should ensure that all calculators used in examinations comply with the regulations.

Examples of permitted calculators

Texas Instruments	TI 84 – all models	TI-83 Plus
	TI-Nspire (non-CAS models) • TI-Nspire CX II / CX II-T (OS version 5.4 or higher) • TI-Nspire CX (OS version 4.5.5)	All TI-Nspire models must be updated to Operating System (OS) version 5.4 or above.
	TI-Nspire (selected CAS models) with CAS mode disabled • TI-Nspire CX II CAS (OS version 5.4 or higher) • TI-Nspire CX II-T CAS (OS version 5.4 or higher) • TI-Nspire CX II-C CAS (OS version 5.4 or higher)	All TI-Nspire models must be placed in “Press-to-Test” mode with the correct features blocked (see list below).
NumWorks	NumWorks calculator (OS version 18.1.0 or higher) with IB exam mode activated	
Hewlett Packard	HP Prime updated to the latest firmware in “Exam Mode”, with the correct features blocked (see list below)	
Casio	FX-9860GII / FX-9860GII SD / FX-9860G AU PLUS updated to the latest operating system for IB examinations in “Examination Mode (for IB)”	
	FX-9750GIII / FX-9860GIII / Graph 35+ EII updated to the latest operating system for IB examinations in “Examination Mode (for IB)”	
	FX-CG50 / FX-CG50AU / FX-CG20 / Graph 90+E updated to the latest operating system for IB examinations in “Examination Mode (for IB)”	
	FX-CG100 / FX-1AU Graph / Graph Math+ updated to the latest operating system for IB examinations in “Examination Mode (for IB)”	

See “Necessary actions with permitted calculators” below for guidance on ensuring these devices meet requirements.

Prohibited calculators

The following models are not allowed in examinations under any circumstances.

Texas Instruments	TI Voyage 200 (all versions)	TI 89 (all versions)
	Older CAS models: • TI-Nspire CX CAS • TI-Nspire CAS	
	TI-Nspire models that are not updated to the latest operating system	
Hewlett Packard	HP 38-95 (all versions)	
Casio	Classpad (all versions) / FX CG500	Graph 100
	FX 2.0 (all versions)	FX 9970 (all versions)
	Devices with an “Examination Mode” that are not updated to the latest operating system	

Notes:

- Any devices with unrestricted/student accessible WiFi functionality are not permitted.
- Other calculators which have advantageous features that do not appear on any of the permitted models **and/or** have functionality that is exclusive to the prohibited calculators (and not blocked during the examination) are not allowed.
- Students may not use or store data/notes, programs or flash (ROM) applications (Apps) in their calculators that may assist them in an examination by removing the need to recall facts or formulae.

