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Calculator Policy for Mariner Credentialing Examinations

When mariners test at a Regional Examination Center, the Coast Guard will permit them the use of calculators that are programmable and have memory capability. However, all calculators (programmable or not) must have their programs and memories cleared before entering the examination room. Mariners must bring the original or a reproduction of the manufacturer's instruction manual, or portion(s) thereof, which includes directions for clearing all programs and memory, and be prepared to demonstrate doing so for the examiner. If Coast Guard personnel cannot confirm all programs and memory have been cleared, the calculator will not be allowed and a TI-30XIIS scientific calculator will be provided. Use the links at the bottom of the page to review the TI-30XIIS operating manual and reference card.

Only one calculator is allowed in the examination room. If a mariner wishes to bring an additional calculator as a backup, they must leave the extra calculator outside the examination room. If the backup calculator is different from their primary, the applicant must provide the manufacturer's instructions and clear all programs and memory before it can be used.

Other electronic devices, including smart watches, are not allowed in the examination room.

- [TI-30XIIS Operating Manual](#)

- [TI-30XIIS Reference Card](#)