Calculator policy

Candidates are not permitted to use a handheld calculator during their CFA UK examination. A candidate who possesses a handheld calculator during a CFA UK examination will be considered to be in possession of unauthorised material during the examination, as detailed in the CFA UK Inappropriate candidate behaviour policy (malpractice) policy.

The onscreen calculator will be available for all questions during specific examinations.

FAQs for each qualification will detail whether the onscreen calculator will be available.

It is the responsibility of candidates to familiarise themselves with the functioning of the onscreen calculator.

Pearson VUE staff cannot give support to candidates on the use of the onscreen calculator during the examination.

Candidates should use the online demo test to familiarise themselves with the onscreen scientific calculator, which can be found here.

A computer based walkthrough can also be found here.

A user guide for the onscreen scientific calculator can be found here.

Please note: the scratch pad demonstrated in this online demo is not used for CFA UK. Candidates who sit their test at a Pearson Vue test centre will be provided with a physical wipe board. Candidates who sit their exam via OnVUE online proctoring will have the use of an onscreen whiteboard. Details of the onscreen whiteboard can be found here.