

Approved/Prohibited Items and Calculators for Certification Examinations

Approved Items: Candidates may bring any of the following items for use during the examination:

- Pen & pencils (either #2 pencils and/or a mechanical pencil with HB lead)
- Ruler, straight edge, protractor, parallel rule
- Acceptable calculator (See below)

Acceptable Calculators: While the Vibration Institute does not have an approved calculator list, the following guidelines must be followed by candidates.

- The unit must be a stand-alone, 1- or 2-line, non-graphing, non-programmable calculator.
- Non-programmable calculators are required per ISO 18436-1, Clause 6 b). Anyone caught running a program on their calculator during the examination will be disqualified.
- A smartphone shall NOT be used as a calculator. Use of a smartphone will result in immediate disqualification.
- Any calculator that has any type of communications, internet access, or text-editing capability is prohibited.
- Any calculator that may compromise the security of the examination in any way is prohibited.

It is the responsibility of the candidates to use an approved calculator. Anyone using a calculator with that doesn't meet the guidelines above will be deemed as not following procedures and their examination will be disqualified.

Prohibited Items: The following items are prohibited and must be inaccessible during the examination:

- Scratch paper or graph paper (except as provided in the examination packet);
- Books or any other reference materials;
- Cell phones & pagers shall be turned off and may not be used during the exam;
- Any computing device (e.g., computers, smartphones, cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.);
- Recorders (audio, video, or still image), cameras;
- Music players of any sort (e.g., iPods, Mp3 players, digital music players, etc.)
- Ear buds or headsets may not be worn during an exam;
- Any other device that allows any type communication, texting, or Internet access, including but not limited to Smart Watches, Google/Smart lasses, etc..

Scratch paper is prohibited and shall not be provided by the proctor. If additional space is needed, the applicant may use the back side of the examination pages.

Cell Phones and Phone Calls: Cell phones and phone calls are prohibited during the test. Anyone taking a call for any reason will not be allowed to finish the examination and their examination will be disqualified.