

Approved/Prohibited Items and Calculators for Certification Examinations

Approved Items: Candidates **MUST** bring a laptop or tablet with a minimum display resolution of 1024 x 768 and at least one of the listed browsers installed (Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Mozilla Firefox, Safari (on macOS))

Candidate **MAY** bring any of the following items for use during the examination:

- Pencils
- Pens
- 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-line or 2-line, basic scientific, 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 phone shall NOT be used as a calculator. Use of any type of phone 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 that violates 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 (other than proctor-provided equation sheets);
- Books or any other reference materials;
- Cell phones & pagers shall be turned off and may not be used during the exam;
- Any computing device beyond the laptop or tablet required to take the exam (e.g., smartphones, cell phones, smartwatches, etc.);
- Recorders (audio, video, or still image), cameras, smart glasses, etc.
- Ear buds or headsets, or music players of any sort (e.g., iPods, MP3 players, digital music players, etc.)
- Any other device that allows any type of communication, texting, or Internet access,

Personal scratch paper is prohibited. Blank Equation Sheets pages are available for this purpose.

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