

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS
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CALCULATOR POLICY FOR ALASKA - 2009 NCEES EXAMINATIONS

The only permissible calculator allowed into the NCEES examination are on the following list. **All others** will be banned from the examination site. This applies to FE/FS, PE/PS and AKLS exams.

All State Boards must enforce NCEES policy on calculators. The following is from the NCEES website. You may find more information about NCEES's policy at: <http://www.ncees.org/exams/calculators/>

The following calculator models will be allowed in the exam room for use during the April and October 2009 examination administrations. **No other models of calculators will be allowed. Only the models listed below may be used on the examination.**

Casio: All **fx-115** models. Any Casio calculator must contain **fx-115** in its model name.

Hewlett Packard: The **HP 33s** and **HP 35s** models but no others.

Texas Instruments: All **T1-30X** and **T1-36X** models. Any Texas Instruments calculator must contain either **T1-30X** or **T1-36X** in its model name.

What is the calculator policy?

The NCEES calculator policy was revised to allow only those calculators on the approved list because of concern for the security of examination content. Available calculator technology has been used for exam subversion in recent years. Therefore, calculators that can store and communicate text are deemed a security risk. A breach of an examination could lead to the licensure of people who are not competent to practice in the fields of engineering and surveying.

NCEES is now extending the ban to all calculators not on the approved list to reduce confusion among candidates and proctors. Each year, an NCEES subcommittee on calculators will review and revise the approved calculator list and announce the updated list by November 15.