



CARIBBEAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

**Misconduct and Penalties and Graduated Scale of
Penalties**

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REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF
EXAMINATIONS**

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MISCONDUCT AND PENALTIES

CXC[®] reserves the right to revoke any certificate, diploma or associate degree, if **CXC**[®] shall at any time discover or have proved to its satisfaction that there was any irregularity, misconduct or dishonesty in the events or circumstances leading to the award of that certificate or diploma.

Kindly note the definitions of the Penalties used.

1. Cancellation

Where a candidate's conduct is determined by the Irregularities Committee to have been in breach of the **CXC's** examinations Regulations, **CXC**[®] shall void the grade(s) for the specific examination taken during the named session in which the breach has occurred.

2. Disqualification

Where a candidate's conduct is determined by the Irregularities Committee to have been in serious breach of the **CXC's** examinations Regulations, and it is found that such breach is likely to undermine the integrity of the candidate's work, **CXC**[®] shall void the grades for all examinations taken during the named examination session in which this breach occurred.

3. Debarment

Where a candidate's conduct is determined by the Irregularities Committee to have been in serious breach of the **CXC's** examinations Regulations, and it is found that such breach is likely to undermine the integrity of the candidate's work, **CXC**[®] shall prohibit the candidate from participating in future examinations for a period of two years.

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Kindly note the table below regarding Misconduct and Penalties.

MISCONDUCT	PENALTIES
1. Possession with defiance (candidate displays defiance and ignores instructions from supervisor/invigilators with respect to the cellular phones, smart watches, MP3/4 players, tablets, or other electronic devices with programmable memory, inter-connectivity, data storage, video or audio features during the examination)	Disqualification
2. Possession and Use (candidate uses the cellular phone, smart watch, MP3/4 player, tablet, or other electronic device with programmable memory, inter-connectivity, data storage, video or audio features during the examination)	Disqualification
3. Copying from or collusion with another candidate(s) in the examination room in one examination paper	Cancellation of the results in the subject(s). If the evidence in the script(s) indicates that the candidate(s) copied from was/were party to the copying/collusion the same penalty is imposed.
4. Unruly conduct: a) failure to obey instructions given by the supervisor/invigilator; b) conduct in the examination room which interferes with the proper administration of the examination.	Loss of a grade, depending on the gravity of the offence. Cancellation of the results in the subject.
5. Removal of confidential CXC [®] material from the examination room.	Cancellation of the results in the subject.
6. Obtaining examination question papers or related material unwittingly beforehand.	Cancellation of the results in the subject.
7. Copying items and taking them from the room.	Cancellation of the results in the subject.
8. Plagiarism in SBA, Artwork, unacceptable use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) et cetera	Cancellation of the results in the subject.
9. Persistent copying from or collusion with another candidate(s) i.e. occurring in more than one examination in a session.	Disqualification.
10. Persistently unruly conduct i.e. occurring in more than one session.	Disqualification.
11. Taking to the examination room, unauthorised textbooks, worked answers including artwork and notes related to the examination <i>or any</i>	Disqualification.

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<i>material that will give the candidate an unfair advantage</i>	
12. Wittingly obtaining examination material beforehand.	Disqualification and debarment.
13. Tampering with scripts after they have been submitted for marking.	Disqualification and debarment.
14. Conspiring to tamper with scripts after they have been submitted for marking.	Disqualification and debarment.
15. Impersonation	Disqualification and debarment.

**GRADUATED SCALE OF PENALTIES FOR CANDIDATES HAVING A CELL PHONE IN THEIR BAG
DURING THE CONDUCT OF AN EXAMINATION**

MISCONDUCT	PENALTY
1. Cell phone in the bag without disturbance during the conduct of the Examination.	None
2. Cell phone in the bag causing disturbance (i.e. vibrate or an initial ring) during the conduct of the Examination or found as no fault of theirs	Candidate should receive a first warning by Supervisor or Invigilator
3. Cell phone in the bag causing repeated disturbance during the conduct of the same Examination "AFTER RECEIVING A FIRST WARNING"	Cancellation
4. Cell phone in the bag with evidence of use DURING the conduct of the Examination	Disqualification
5. Repeated possession of cell phone in bag (i.e., found in candidate's bag causing disturbance in more than one examination at the same sitting)	Disqualification
6. Cell phone in bag with defiance (candidate displays defiance and ignores instructions from supervisor/invigilators with respect to the phone)	Disqualification

**GRADUATED SCALE OF PENALTIES FOR CANDIDATES HAVING AN UNAUTHORISED DEVICE
ON THEIR PERSON DURING THE CONDUCT OF AN EXAMINATION**

MISCONDUCT	PENALTY
1. Possession (i.e. found on the person) of cellular phones, smart watches, MP3/4 players, tablets, or other electronic devices with programmable memory, inter-connectivity, data storage, video or audio features during the conduct of the examination.	Cancellation
2. Repeated possession (i.e. found on the person in more than one examination at the same sitting) of cellular phones, smart watches, MP3/4 players, tablets, or other electronic devices with programmable memory, inter-connectivity, data storage, video or audio features	Disqualification
3. Possession and use of a calculator when not permitted	Cancellation of scores for the paper
4. Repeated possession and use of a calculator (i.e. use of calculator in more than one examination at the same sitting) when not permitted	Cancellation of results in all the subjects where the calculator was used
5. Possession and use of calculator with defiance (candidate displays defiance and ignores instructions from supervisor/invigilators with respect to the use of the calculator)	Cancellation of results in the subject