



ANZCA Examination Smart Device Policy

1. Policy Statement

The use of smart devices is prohibited in all ANZCA examinations. Smart device/s must not be on a candidate's person, visible/accessible or used from the time of registration at the examination until the candidate leave the examination area.

2. Purpose

To protect and ensure the fairness, integrity, academic honesty and professional standards of specialist anaesthesia examinations. These exams assess individual knowledge and clinical reasoning and must be completed without external assistance.

3. Definition of Smart Devices

Smart devices include any electronic device that is capable of communication, data storage, internet access, or recording.

The following examples of smart devices is indicative and is not intended to be complete,

- Mobile phones and smartphones
- Smart watches and fitness trackers
- Smart rings and trackers
- Smart eyeglasses
- Other smart wearables
- Tablets, e-readers, and laptops
- Wireless earbuds or headphones
- Electronic calculators, stationery or measuring devices.

If there is doubt about whether a device is prohibited, candidates should ask the examinations department prior to the examination.

4. Responsibility of Candidates

Each candidate is responsible for ensuring they comply with this policy before entering the examination. Accidental possession, forgetting to power off a device, or lack of awareness of the policy cannot be accepted as reasons for non-compliance.

5. Acknowledgement

By attending the examination, candidates acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to comply with this policy.

6. Expectations

Smart devices **must not be on your person, accessible or used** during the written or viva examinations unless explicitly authorized in advance by the examination authority (see section 7 Exemptions).

7. Exemptions

If a candidate believes they have exceptional circumstances which require them to use a smart device during the examination, they may apply for an exemption to this policy under ANZCA's Special Consideration Policy

8. Non-Compliance

Possession or use of a smart device during an exam will be treated as a breach of examination rules, and treated as a breach of academic integrity, regardless of intent. Any of the following actions will be considered a violation of this policy:

- Attempted use or actual use of a smart device.
- Device seen in the possession of a candidate during an examination.
- The ringing, vibrating or any audible 'beep' heard from a device whilst an examination is taking place.
- Subsequent evidence of a recording made by a smart device during the exam period.

All allegations of misconduct at ANZCA examinations will be investigated and acted upon in accordance with the ANZCA Policies

9. Enforcement

Examination invigilators are authorized to enforce this policy and take appropriate action if a violation is suspected or confirmed. They may search candidates to check for devices at the time of registration or if they suspect a breach.

10. Consequences

Violations may result in one or more of the following consequences:

- Confiscation of the device.
- Immediate removal from the examination.
- A written warning.
- The result for an examination or part of an examination to be declared void.
- The candidate barred from applying for an exam for a specified period.

Should the candidate be allowed to progress in the examination, the results of a candidate cited for non-compliance will be withheld until a decision has been reached by the College.

Investigations will be completed as quickly and efficiently as possible and candidates will be kept informed of progress. Candidates will be informed of the outcome in writing by the Director of Education, Training and Examinations.

11. Changes to ANZCA Examinations Smart Device Policy

The College may modify or amend this policy at any time. Formal notice of amendments will not ordinarily be given, but the current Smart Device policy will be available via the College website www.anzca.edu.au. The latest version of the policy can be accessed via the College website www.anzca.edu.au or by contacting the College on +61 3 9510 6299.

12. Related Documents

[Academic integrity policy](#)

[Intellectual property policy](#)

[Special Considerations Policy](#)

13. Change Control Register

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1	ANZCA Exams	FESC/PESC/RGAEC/DHMSC	2026	Created