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TI-84 Plus family of graphing calculators

Test preparation: Press-to-Test

Use this method when exams require calculator clearing but allow programs and applications (apps) to be disabled, rather than deleted. Calculator memory will be cleared. Access to programs and apps will be blocked. Programs and apps can be recovered after the exam.

Before the exam – Put the calculator in Press-to-Test mode:

1) Ensure the calculator is turned off [2nd][OFF].

2) Press and hold down [4][8] and [ON] keys simultaneously.

3) Release all three keys and the RESET OPTIONS screen will open.

By default: ANGLE is set to DEGREE, STAT DIAGNOSTICS is set to ON, and DISABLE logBASE and DISABLE Σ( are set to YES. To change options, use ARROW keys to navigate to desired setting and press [ENTER].

4) Press OK (ZOOM) to enable your selections.

5) When the RESET COMPLETE screen appears, press any key to continue.

After each exam – Reset Press-to-Test mode:

1) Turn off the calculator while in Press-to-Test mode [2nd][OFF].

2) Press and hold down [4][8] and [ON] keys simultaneously.

3) When the RESET COMPLETE screen appears, press any key to continue.

The calculator is now ready for the next test.

After the exam – Exit Press-to-Test mode:

1) Connect the calculator to another TI-84 Plus family calculator with the I/O unit-to-unit cable or USB cable.

2) On the RECEIVING unit: Press [Y=] to go to SEND RECEIVE screen.

   Press [~] to highlight RECEIVE and press [ENTER].

   Calculator will show WAITING...


   SEND will be highlighted.

   Select 4: LIST

   Press [ENTER] to select L1.

   Press [x] to select TRANSMIT.

   Press [ENTER].

   DONE will appear on both screens; devices are restored and have full access to previous APPS and PROGRAMS.

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Press-to-Test will ensure that no user saved data, programs, applications or pictures are available during the exam.

Screens may vary slightly by model and Operating System (OS).

If the handheld is in Press-to-Test mode and is to be used in subsequent exams, you can reset Press-to-Test to clear all data and files created during the previous exam.

If the calculator will not be used in subsequent exams, exiting Press-to-Test will return user access to any programs, applications, variables, or images that were stored on the calculator prior to testing.