

## PC requirements terminology guide

This guide is provided to help examiners and moderators check their PC meets the requirements of the AQA standardisation and/or marking systems.

Description of terminology	How to check the details on your PC
<ul> <li>Processor - Short for <i>microprocessor</i> (or CPU), can be thought of as the 'heart' of a PC. The speed of a processor is measured in Megahertz (MHz) and the higher the number the faster the processor is. The most common today are those made by AMD and Intel.</li> <li>e-Marker® minimum requirement: 1.0Ghz</li> <li>RAM - Stands for <i>R</i>andom Access <i>M</i>emory and is commonly measured in megabytes (MB) or, more recently, gigabytes (GB). It is used to run applications and store information about programs, the contents of which are lost when the computer is turned off. The more RAM you have, then generally speaking the better your PC willrun.</li> <li>e-Marker® minimum requirement: 1 GB</li> </ul>	CHECKING CPU AND RAM Use your mouse to <b>right-click</b> on the <b>My Computer</b> <i>icon</i> shown on the desktop.
	Windows XP       Windows Vista / Windows 7         My Computer       Computer         Windows 8       Computer         Select Properties from the drop down menu. The window
	Select Properties from the drop down menu. The window displays details of Processor speed and also how much RAM you have on your PC. Windows XP Computer: Intel(R) Pentium(R) M processor 2 006Hz
	1.99 GHz, 1.00 GB of RAM         Windows Vista / Windows 7 / Windows 8         Processor: Intel(R) Core(TM)2 Duo CPU T9400 @ 2.53GHz 2.53 GHz         Installed memory (RAM):       4.00 GB (2.96 GB usable)         System type:       32-bit Operating System
Hard Disk - a magnetic disk on which you store computer data. The capacity of these is measured in gigabytes (GB) – if you look to the right column, you will see the example showing the Capacity of the Hard Disk as being 55.88GB. The Free Space is recorded as 41.48GB. e-Marker® minimum requirement: 2GB Free Disk Space	CHECKING FREE AVAILABLE HDD SPACE Double click on 'My Computer' In Windows XP, single click on the 'C:' drive. Your available hard disk space is show on the left hand side of the window
	In Windows Vista / Windows 7 the information is displayed with your Hard Disk icon. Local Disk (C:) 57.0 GB free of 133 GB In Windows 8 the information is displayed with your Hard Disk icon

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	<ul> <li>Hard Disk Drives (2)</li> </ul>
	Local Disk (C:) 90.7 GB free of 111 GB
<ul> <li>Operating System (OS) - provides a software platform on top of which other applications can run, the most commonly used OS being Microsoft Windows ie XP, Vista.</li> <li>e-Marker® does NOT support Windows systems older than Windows XP.SP2 or Non-Windows operating systems</li> </ul>	CHECKING OS VERSION This information is available on the 'My Computer – Properties' screen, eg. Windows 7 Enterprise Copyright © 2009 Microsoft Corporation. Service Pack 1
Screen Resolution - refers to the	CHECKING SCREEN RESOLUTION
number of pixels on a screen. <b>e-Marker® min. recommendation:</b> 1024 x 768	Windows XP: <b>Right-click</b> on the desktop and select <b>Properties</b> . Choose the <b>Settings</b> tab. Change the screen resolution by sliding the bar to the appropriate point.
	Windows Vista / Windows 7/ Windows 8: <b>Right-click</b> on the desktop and select 'Screen Resolution'. The resolution is shown in a drop down box and can be changed if your PC supports it. Resolution: 1680 × 1050 (recommended)
<b>Web Browser</b> . A web browser is a software application that enables a user to display and interact with text, images, videos, music and other information typically located on a Web page at a website on the World Wide Web. <b>Internet Explorer</b> is the most commonly used internet browser although there are others including Mozilla, Opera, Netscape.	CHECKING VERSION         To establish what version of Internet Explorer you are running on your PC, open up the application and click on the Help tab or drop down image and select 'About Internet Explorer'. The version you are running will be displayed as below         Windows 7       Windows 8
<b>e-Marker® requirement:</b> MS Internet Explorer (version 6.0 or later). e-Marker® uses the settings from Internet Explorer so it is required to be installed on the PC which the e- Marker® software is to be run.	Version: 8.0.7601.17514 Cipher Strength: 256-bit Product ID: 00392-918-500002-85082 Update Versions: 0

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Viewing Mark Scheme images To view Mark Scheme images correctly, image viewing should be enabled in Internet Explorer.	ENABLING IMAGE VIEWING         Open Internet Explorer.         From the Tools Menu, select Internet Options         Select the Advanced Tab.         Scroll down to Multimedia and ensure that the Show Pictures         option is ticked.         Image Toolba (requires restart)         Image Toolba (requires restart)
Internet Connection Speed e-Marker® minimum requirement: 2 MB	CHECKING BROADBAND CONNECTION Open Internet Explorer. Go to <u>www.speedtest.net</u> Select the <b>BEGIN</b> button Await the outcome

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<b>Zoom</b> . Zoom is a video conferencing application for PCs, phones and tablets that enables users to host and attend	CHECKING AUDIO SETTINGS Windows 10:
online calls and meetings.	<b>Click</b> on <b>Start</b> menu, then <b>Settings</b> , then <b>Sound</b> . From here you can choose your sound input / output devices and test them.
Minimum requirements:	
- Internet connection (broadband	Windows XP:
wired or wireless)	Click on Start menu, then Control Panel, then Sounds, Speech &
- Speakers and a microphone (built-in or USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth)	Audio devices, then Sounds & Audio devices. From here you can choose your sound input / output devices and test them.
- Webcam or HD webcam (built- in or USB plug-in)	Windows Vista / Windows 7/ Windows 8: Click on Start menu, then Control Panel, then Hardware and Sound. From here you can choose your sound input / output devices and test them.
	CHECKING CAMERA SETTINGS
	Check the make and model of your PC or laptop to check and enable its camera settings.
	See also <u>Zoom's official list</u> of recommended hardware and supported systems.