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AMEB ENROLMENT FORM 2024



STUDENT FULL NAME _____

D.O.B. _____ SCHOOL _____ (please put AFT if you do not have lessons in school)

INSTRUMENT _____ EXAM GRADE _____

EXAM TYPE (please select one)

Comprehensive (Classical)

For Leisure (applicable to piano and saxophone only)

Repertoire (Video)

Rockschool (applicable to Drums, Guitar and Bass only)

Theory of Music

Is this your first AMEB exam? YES NO

Do you require a piano accompanist for your exam? (we will organize this for you)

YES NO

SESSION OF ENROLMENT

Session 1 (Apr-June) Session 2 (Aug-Oct)

OR

Repertoire Video Exam (video to be submitted within 21 days of enrolment)

Scheduling Preference WEEKDAY SATURDAY (not guaranteed)

Please specify any unavailable dates (due to vacation or other commitment):

Once this form has been completed and emailed to us at ameb@bennelongmusic.com.au, the student will require a compulsory assessment of progress before they may be enrolled into their exam. The compulsory nature of this assessment allows for the avoidance of students failing their exams.

IN THE RARE CASE A STUDENT IS NOT PREPARED IN TIME FOR THEIR SELECTED SESSION, YOU MAY TRANSFER TO A DIFFERENT SESSION FOR AN EXTRA FEE. PLEASE NOTE WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR AMEB'S SCHEDULING AND ANY EXTRA FEES THEY MAY CHARGE IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCE.

AMEB INFORMATION 2024

EXAM DATES:

Comprehensive & For Leisure Exams:

Session 1

Enrolments Open: 30 January 2024

Enrolments Close: 27 February 2024

Examination Dates:

27 April 2024 – 8 June 2024

Session 2

Enrolments Open: 2 April 2024

Enrolments Close: 2 July 2024

Examination Dates:

24 August 2024 – 28 September 2024

Rockschool Exams:

Session 1

Enrolments Open: 30 January 2024

Enrolments Close: 27 February 2024

Examination Dates:

27 April 2024 – 8 June 2024

Session 2

Enrolments Open: 2 April 2024

Enrolments Close: 2 September 2024

Examination Dates:

12 October 2024 – 30 November 2024

Repertoire Exams:

Session 1

Enrolments Open: 30 January 2024

Enrolments Close: 6 June 2024

Examination Dates:

Within 21 days of enrolment

Session 2

Enrolments Open: 24 July 2024

Enrolments Close: 1 October 2024

Examination Dates:

Within 21 days of enrolment

EXAM TYPES:

Requirements & Differences between exam types.

Comprehensive Exam:

- Face to face examination
- Classical based repertoire of pieces
- 3 core pieces + extra pieces for Grade 2 and above
- Technical work
- Sight reading & aural testing
- General knowledge
- HSC bonus points for Grades 8 and above
- Theory examination requirement for Grades 5 and above

For Leisure Exam:

- Face to face examination
- Wide range of genre included in repertoire
- 3 core pieces only
- Less technical work than comprehensive
- Sight reading OR aural testing
- General knowledge

Repertoire Exam:

- Video examination
- Flexible repertoire choices
- 4 core pieces only

Rockschool Exam:

- Face to face examination
- 3 core pieces
- Rock based repertoire of pieces
- Sight reading or improvisation
- Aural testing
- Certified exam
- General knowledge

PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT:

Students who are doing a 'Comprehensive' or 'For Leisure' exam may require piano accompaniment. Accompanists will be required for any instruments other than piano or classical guitar. Accompaniment requirements are specific for each grade and choice of repertoire. Students generally require one or two accompaniment rehearsals before their exam to get used to playing with the piano.

FAQ

Q. I want my child to start AMEB exams. How do I go about this?

A. Please express interest via email to the Bennelong Office. We will then send you an enrolment form and direct you to purchase the required materials for the level your child will prepare for. There will be ongoing communication to monitor your child's preparation for their exam. When they are ready to take their exam, they may be enrolled into the next Session of exams.

Q. My child has been preparing for the same exam for a long time. Why haven't they taken their exam yet?

A. This could be due to a number of factors. AMEB exams range in complexity and require different levels of preparation. The average preparation time for a Level 1 exam (Preliminary-Grade 4) is around 6-12 months with regular practice. The average preparation time for a Level 2 exam (Grade 5-Grade 8) is around 12-18 months with regular practice. Some students take a longer time for their preparation if they do not keep a consistent practice routine. Practice routine should include all elements of exam preparation, all pieces and technical work should be looked over regularly. We encourage all students to maintain a regular practice routine so that their preparation is efficient. We do not enter students in for exams unless they are absolutely ready.

Q. When is my exam?

A. Once you have been enrolled into an exam session, AMEB will schedule the exam and inform us 3-4 weeks before the examination date. We will forward this information to you as soon as we have it.

Q. Who can go to the exam with my child?

A. There is no limitation on who may accompany your child to the exam venue. It is recommended that only one or two people attend as the waiting rooms can get quite full. Please note that you will not go with your child into the examination room, you will remain in the waiting room for the duration of your child's exam. The piano accompanist (if required for your exam) will go with your child into the examination room for part of the exam.

Q. What is a Theory of Music Exam? When is it required?

A. Once a student reaches a certain Grade Level, there is a Theory component required for the student to receive a certificate upon completion of their practical exam. Theory exams are taken online at any time and can be taken within a year of enrolment. Preparation for theory exams can be done in a student's regularly scheduled music lesson, however, longer lessons are recommended to allow enough time to study the Theory content. It is recommended for students to begin studying theory as soon as they begin studying for any practical exam. Theory knowledge is relevant to all practical exams. Due to its heavy weighted content, Theory of Music can be overwhelming if not studied from early on.

Theory exam requirements are as follows:

Grade 6 Practical – Grade 2 Theory

Grade 7 Practical – Grade 3 Theory

Grade 8 Practical – Grade 4 Theory

Q. How long does the exam go for?

A. Exam duration depends on the instrument and the Grade Level.

Level 1 exams (Preliminary-Grade 4) will be 10-20 minutes, the duration increasing with the Grade Level.

Level 2 exams (Grade 5-Grade 8) will be from 20-50 minutes, the duration increasing with the Grade Level.

Q. Is it required to pass all the exam levels?

A. No. Your child may start at the level appropriate for their abilities. If for example, they are more suited to begin at a Grade 3 level, they may begin preparing to take a Grade 3 exam straight away. Exam levels may also be skipped if a child progresses ahead of the subsequent level.

Q. What does my child need to bring to their exam?

A. You will need to bring your sheet music, your technical workbook, your instrument (unless you are a pianist), any instrument accessories, and a water bottle is recommended. Please make sure your sheet music has no pencil markings on the page. Please also note that you cannot use your technical workbook to read from for your scales, but you will need it for any technical exercises you have prepared.

Q. Can my child warm-up before their exam?

A. AMEB has two exam venues. One of them has an allocated warm-up room that your child can use for 5 minutes before their exam. The other venue has an outside area (which unfortunately excludes pianists) that your child may use for any amount of time before their exam. Students must have their instruments set up and tuned before going into the exam room. They will not bring their case into the exam room with them.

AMEB FEES

Updated February 2024

*Fees include 0.4% merchant fee

EXAM FEES

Comprehensive Exams*

Preliminary - \$111.44
Grade 1 - \$119.48
Grade 2 - \$119.48
Grade 3 - \$133.53
Grade 4 - \$133.53
Grade 5 - \$146.58
Grade 6 - \$146.58
Grade 7 - \$166.66
Grade 8 - \$196.78

'For Leisure' Exams*

Preliminary - \$105.42
Grade 1 - \$116.46
Grade 2 - \$116.46
Grade 3 - \$122.49
Grade 4 - \$122.49
Grade 5 - \$136.54
Grade 6 - \$136.54
Grade 7 - \$148.59
Grade 8 - \$173.69

Repertoire Exams*

Preliminary - \$111.44
Grade 1 - \$119.48
Grade 2 - \$119.48
Grade 3 - \$133.53
Grade 4 - \$133.53
Grade 5 - \$146.58
Grade 6 - \$146.58
Grade 7 - \$166.66
Grade 8 - \$196.78

Rockschool Exams*

Debut - \$130.52
Grade 1 - \$170.68
Grade 2 - \$175.70
Grade 3 - \$187.74
Grade 4 - \$203.81
Grade 5 - \$215.86
Grade 6 - \$231.92
Grade 7 - \$243.97
Grade 8 - \$255.01

Theory of Music Exams*

Grade 1 - \$84.33
Grade 2 - \$89.35
Grade 3 - \$92.37
Grade 4 - \$96.38
Grade 5 - \$103.41
Grade 6 - \$107.43

Exam Enrolment Fee

One Candidate - \$27+GST
Two Candidates - \$43+GST
Three Candidates - \$54+GST

RESCHEDULE EXAM DATE

Comprehensive &

Repertoire Exams

Preliminary - \$83.25
Grade 1 - \$89.25
Grade 2 - \$89.25
Grade 3 - \$99.75
Grade 4 - \$99.75
Grade 5 - \$109.50
Grade 6 - \$109.50
Grade 7 - \$124.50
Grade 8 - \$147

'For Leisure' Exams

Preliminary - \$78.75
Grade 1 - \$87
Grade 2 - \$87
Grade 3 - \$91.50
Grade 4 - \$91.50
Grade 5 - \$102
Grade 6 - \$102
Grade 7 - \$111
Grade 8 - \$129.75

Rockschool Exams

Debut - \$97.50
Grade 1 - \$127.50
Grade 2 - \$131.25
Grade 3 - \$140.25
Grade 4 - \$152.25
Grade 5 - \$161.25
Grade 6 - \$173.25
Grade 7 - \$182.25
Grade 8 - \$190.50

TRANSFER SESSION

Comprehensive & Repertoire Exams

Preliminary - \$55.50
Grade 1 - \$59.50
Grade 2 - \$59.50
Grade 3 - \$66.50
Grade 4 - \$66.50
Grade 5 - \$73
Grade 6 - \$73
Grade 7 - \$83
Grade 8 - \$98

'For Leisure' Exams

Preliminary - \$52.50
Grade 1 - \$58
Grade 2 - \$58
Grade 3 - \$61
Grade 4 - \$61
Grade 5 - \$68
Grade 6 - \$68
Grade 7 - \$74
Grade 8 - \$86.50

Rockschool Exams

Debut - \$65
Grade 1 - \$85
Grade 2 - \$87.50
Grade 3 - \$93.50
Grade 4 - \$101.50
Grade 5 - \$107.50
Grade 6 - \$115.50
Grade 7 - \$121.50
Grade 8 - \$127

VIDEO EXAM EXTENSION

\$30 per month (for a maximum of two months)

PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT

\$75 per 45min rehearsal
\$150 per exam

COMPULSORY PRE-EXAM ASSESSMENT

Preliminary-Grade 2 - \$46+GST (30 mins)
Grade 3-Grade 5 - \$68+GST (45 mins)
Grade 6-Grade 8 - \$90+GST (60 mins)