

September 2023 Syllabus Review

Updates to Exam Rules:

- From 2nd October 2023 exam entries for all Grade 6-8 exams will be in video even if entered by an audio centre. Past entries will remain in their assigned format.
- Pre-Grade to Grade 5 video exams submitted from the 3rd January 2024 onwards will no longer require photographic ID.
- **Reminder:** New Accompaniment Rules came into effect 1st September 2023. To learn more about these guidelines please [click here](#).

Updates:

Instrument	Exam Type	Grade	Section	Change	Transition Period Ends
Contemporary Guitar, Contemporary Drums, Contemporary Singing, Contemporary Bass Guitar	Practical	Pre-Grade 8	Recital Section	Contemporary syllabuses now require 3 pieces and Technical exercises instead of 4 pieces and Technical exercises.	31/03/2024
Contemporary Guitar, Contemporary Drums, Contemporary Singing, Contemporary Bass Guitar	Performance	Pre-Grade 8	Recital Section	Contemporary syllabuses now require a minimum of 3 pieces instead of 4 pieces as long as the target duration has been met.	31/03/2024
Piano	Practical	Grade 1	Alternative Duets	All choices have been updated.	31/03/2024
Double Bass (released Oct 23)	Practical	All grades	Technical Exercises	Updated list of Technical Exercises	30/04/2024
Double Bass (released Oct 23)	Practical	All grades	Scales	Updated list of Scales	30/04/2024
Oboe	Practical	Grades 5, 7 & 8	Technical Exercises	Updated exercises	31/03/2024

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Revisions:

Instrument	Exam Type	Grade	Section	Change	Transition Period Ends
All Bowed String Instruments	Practical	Grade 4	Duet	All Grade 4 Bowed String Duets, one accent has been removed in bar 14.	31/12/2023
Piano	Practical	Pre-Grade Introductory	Technical Exercises	Notation revised.	31/12/2023
Cello	Practical	Grade 7	Technical Exercises	Technical Exercise 3: The tempo has been revised.	31/12/2023
Classical Guitar	Practical	All grades	Scales & Technical Exercises	Metronome markings revised for Scales and Technical Exercises.	31/12/2023
Keyboard	Practical & Performance	Grade 5	Recital Section	Starred instructions added.	31/12/2023
Bassoon	Practical	All Grades	Technical Exercises	Tempos have been added.	31/12/2023

Additions:

- Contemporary Bass Guitar Syllabus to be released – October 2023
- Harp Syllabus Recital list to be released – October 2023