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REGULATIONS

1. Purpose

The purpose of these Regulations is to set standards across all AMEB jurisdictions. These Regulations make provision for:

- (a) Syllabuses, Subjects, and Awards;
- (b) Enrolment and Fees, and Examination Scheduling;
- (c) Entry Requirements;
- (d) Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Recommended Entry Levels;
- (e) Examinations Requirements;
- (f) Academic Honesty;
- (g) Examinations and Assessment;
- (h) Reasonable Adjustments to Assessment;
- (i) Inability to Attend an Examination;
- (j) Results, Grading and Standards of Achievement;
- (k) Academic Dress;
- (l) Complaints and Appeals; and
- (m) States to make policies and processes.

2. Authorisation

- 2.1 These Regulations are made by the Federal Board of the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) and apply to the Teaching Syllabuses, Theory subjects, and Practical Music subjects included in the AMEB Music Syllabuses.
- 2.2 The Regulations should be read in conjunction with the 'General Requirement for Practical Examinations', which precede them, and any Schedules, AMEB Music Syllabuses, AMEB Grade and Textbooks, and State AMEB policies, procedures and processes.
- 2.3 State AMEB Offices may publish information, and make policies, procedures and processes, which must not conflict with these Regulations, any Schedules made under these Regulations, and the Syllabuses.

3. Definitions

Unless otherwise defined the following definitions apply:

“accompanist” means the associate artist performing the accompaniment in a practical music examination.

“academic honesty” means being honest and ethical, acknowledging the work of others, using your own words, and completing your own examinations and assessment tasks.

“academic misconduct” means a failure to demonstrate academic honesty.

“Award” means an AMEB certificate awarded to a candidate who has satisfactorily met the requirements of a Grade or Diploma examination in a subject.

“backing tracks” refers to recordings of accompaniments to works listed in an AMEB 'For Leisure' syllabus (including AMEB grade books).

“candidate” means a person enrolled in an examination.

“collaborative artist” means the associate artist in a Piano (Collaborative) examination.

“corequisite” means a requirement to successfully complete an examination in another subject, or a requirement to have successfully completed an equivalent examination, in order to qualify for the award of an AMEB Grade or Diploma.

“Diploma” means the Level 3 examinations comprising the Associate Diploma and the Licentiate Diploma.

“enroller” means the person enrolling the candidate for an examination.

“entry requirements” means any preliminary or prerequisite requirements candidates must satisfy to be allowed to enrol, for an examination.

“examination” means a formal assessment of a candidate's performance against the syllabus Grade or Diploma requirements.

“examination centre” means a place where in-person examinations are held.

“examiner” means a person appointed by AMEB to formally conduct AMEB examinations.

“Grade” means the Grades of examination in each subject. Grades may be available at Preliminary, Grades 1 – 8, and Certificate of Performance.

“Level” is a grouping of Grades. Level 1 is Preliminary – Grade 4, Level 2 is Grade 5 – Certificate of Performance and Level 3 comprises Associate and Licentiate Diplomas.

“objectives” are statements which describe what a candidate is expected to know, perform, and demonstrate at a particular Level and are set out in the relevant syllabus.

“prerequisite” means required prior knowledge acquired through successful completion of an examination in a subject or subjects, or another examination or its equivalent, before enrolling in a particular subject examination.

“Recorded accompaniments” are recordings of the piano accompaniment to works in AMEB grade books. Only Recorded accompaniments produced by AMEB may be used in examination. Recorded accompaniments may not be available for all grade books.

“result” and “grading” means the level of achievement, the letter grading and/or the numerical mark determined by the examiner or examiners.

“schedule” means a schedule approved by the Federal Board and made under the Regulations. A schedule may provide further details about a Regulation matter, for example, on examinations and tests.

“**subject**” means a discipline including music theory, instruments (including voice) or teaching, leading to an AMEB examination.

“**syllabus**” defines each subject and provides the details of examinable matters in a subject and Grade or Diploma.

“**video examinations**” allow a candidate to make a video recording of their program and submit it for assessment according to the policies and procedures of the relevant State Office.

4. Syllabuses, Subjects and Awards

- 4.1 The AMEB Federal Board approves syllabuses.
- 4.2 The purpose of each syllabus is to set objectives, standards of scholarship and performance, and examination assessment standards and requirements in subjects.
- 4.3 Syllabuses are subject to change. Any change to a syllabus is published in advance of the year of implementation and allowance is made in the examination for the use of previously published resources with a revised syllabus for a defined period of time, usually two calendar years.
- 4.4 Subjects are available for examination at a range of levels: Preliminary, Grades 1 – 8, Certificate of Performance, Associate Diploma and Licentiate Diploma. Each syllabus details the Grades and Diplomas available in a subject.
- 4.5 An Award is issued to all candidates who successfully complete all requirements of an examination at Levels 1, 2, or 3.
- 4.6 The Fellowship of Music, Australia [FMusA] is available for examination in all practical subjects. It is the highest Award offered by AMEB and can be undertaken in any instrument available for Licentiate of Music [LMusA] examination at the time of enrolment for the FMusA.
- 4.7 The Federal Board may award an Honorary Fellowship in Music, Australia where the Federal Board is satisfied the recipient is a person of probity and is distinguished by eminent service to AMEB, or to recognise professional or academic distinction in music, or other significant contribution recognised by the Federal Board.

5. Enrolment for Examination

- 5.1 Enrollers must enrol candidates in the format, and by the date, specified by the relevant State Office. Fees apply to enrolment and changes to enrolment in accordance with State policies and procedures.
- 5.2 Enrollers must ensure that candidates have met all eligibility and entry requirements. (See Regulations 7 and 8).
- 5.3 There is a three (3) stage application process for examination in the Fellowship in Music, Australia; (i) program submission, (ii) video audition, and (iii) enrolment. Stages (i) and (ii) must be successfully completed to be eligible to enrol for examination, stage (iii).

6. Examination Scheduling

- 6.1 Practical and in-person written examinations are held in locations and at times determined by the relevant State Office.
- 6.2 State Offices may make provision for written examinations to be taken online in accordance with their policies and procedures.
- 6.3 Online examinations in Music Theory Syllabuses can be taken at any time within 12 months of the purchase date.
- 6.4 State Offices may allow video examinations for the practical component in some examinations.

7. General Entry Requirements

- 7.1 Subject to any prerequisite and corequisite requirements (see [Table A](#)) candidates may enter for an examination in any Grade of any subject without having passed a lower Grade. Other recommendations are included in [Table A](#).
- 7.2 Entry requirements for the FMusA are set out in [Schedule B](#).

8. Prerequisite and Corequisite Entry Requirements

- 8.1 A prerequisite requirement must be completed prior to an examination.
- 8.2 A corequisite requirement can be completed before or after the examination but no certificate can be awarded until the corequisite is satisfactorily completed.
- 8.3 All prerequisite and corequisite requirements, and their alternatives, are set out in [Table A](#).
- 8.4 A degree or diploma in music from a recognised Australian or overseas tertiary institution meets prerequisite or corequisite requirement(s) for: Grades 6, 7 and 8 examinations, Certificate of Performance examinations, Associate Diploma examinations, and Licentiate Diploma examinations.

TABLE A – Prerequisite and Corequisite Requirements, and Recommended Prior Achievements			
EXAMINATION	PREREQUISITES		RECOMMENDED PRIOR ACHIEVEMENTS
CTMusA	Pass	Grade 6 Practical and Grade 4 Theory of Music or Musicianship or Music Craft	
ATMusA	Pass	Grade 8 Practical and Grade 5 Theory of Music or Musicianship or Music Craft	Pass CTMusA, or equivalent practical teaching experience.

AMEB EXAMINATION	AMEB COREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS*	ALTERNATE EXAMINING AUTHORITIES	RECOMMENDED PRIOR ACHIEVEMENTS
LMusA Theory of Music	Pass, G6 Practical		
AMusA Theory of Music	Credit, G5 Practical		
LMusA Musicianship	Credit, G6 Practical		
AMusA Musicianship	Credit, G5 Practical		
LMusA Practical	Pass, G6 Theory of Music or Musicianship or Music Craft	Pass, Grade 6 RSL (Rockschool) Classical Theory or Grade 8 ABRSM or Trinity Theory	Award, AMusA Practical or equivalent
AMusA Practical	Pass, G5 Theory of Music or Musicianship or Music Craft	Pass, Grade 5 RSL (Rockschool) Classical Theory or Grade 7 ABRSM or Trinity Theory	Pass, Certificate of Performance, or credit or above in G8 Practical
Certificate of Performance	Pass, G4 Theory of Music or Musicianship or Music Craft	Pass, Grade 4 RSL (Rockschool) Classical Theory or Grade 6 ABRSM or Trinity Theory	Pass G8 Practical
G8 Practical	Pass, G4 Theory of Music or Musicianship or Music Craft	Pass, Grade 4 RSL (Rockschool) Classical Theory or Grade 6 ABRSM or Trinity Theory	
G7 Practical	Pass, G3 Theory of Music or Musicianship or Music Craft	Pass, Grade 3 RSL (Rockschool) Classical Theory or Grade 5 ABRSM or Trinity Theory	
G6 Practical	Pass, G2 Theory of Music or Musicianship or Music Craft	Pass, Grade 2 RSL (Rockschool) Classical Theory or Grade 4 ABRSM or Trinity Theory	

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

9. General Examination Requirements

- 9.1 The syllabus sets out objectives that the candidate is required to demonstrate at each Grade or Diploma examination and, where relevant, what is required for each section of the examination.
- 9.2 For Fellowship of Music candidates there is no syllabus. Candidates are examined against the expected performance characteristics set out in Schedule B to these Regulations and in the *Manual of syllabuses*.
- 9.3 The Federal Board has established examination and test requirements for subjects which are set out in a Schedule to these Regulations: Examination and Test Requirements Schedule A (Schedule A). All candidates must comply with the requirements of Schedule A and any requirements set out in the relevant syllabus.
- 9.4 Candidates must ensure that they bring all required materials, music, instruments, accompanists and collaborators, as required by the relevant examination. Details are set out in the Schedule and in the relevant syllabus.
- 9.5 Candidates can only be examined using the relevant current syllabus. For example, candidates enrolled in Piano (Comprehensive) Grade 8 can only use the current syllabus for Piano (Comprehensive) Grade 8. Candidates cannot use a different syllabus or parts of a different syllabus for examination purposes.
- 9.6 State Offices may make provisions for examinations during periods of transition between syllabuses.
- 9.7 Subject to these Regulations and Schedule A and Schedule B, arrangements for examinations are managed by the State Offices in accordance with their policies, procedures, and fees.

10. Time Allowed for Examination

- 10.1 Examination times are established for each type of examination and are set out in Schedule A and in the relevant syllabus.

11. Allowable and Required Materials in the Examination

- 11.1 Candidates must ensure that they comply with the Grade or Diploma examination requirements set out in Schedule A and the relevant current syllabus.

12. Academic Honesty

- 12.1 Candidates must ensure that they are honest and ethical when completing any examination or assessment task.
- 12.2 Any written work submitted for examination must be their own work written in their own words. If using the exact words of another person or organisation the words must be inserted in quotation marks, (“..”), and cited appropriately.
- 12.3 Candidates must undertake the examination/assessment and not allow another person to undertake the examination/assessment on their behalf.
- 12.4 Candidates must not refer to written notes or other resources in an examination/assessment task unless the examination requirements explicitly allow the use of written notes or other resources.
- 12.5 A finding of academic misconduct may result in the examination/assessment task being disallowed OR the examination/assessment not being assessed.

EXAMINATIONS and ASSESSMENT

13. Examination Structure

- 13.1 Comprehensive examinations in Grades Preliminary to Grade 8 (including collaborative Piano) are comprised of three sections:
- Section I. Technical Work;
 - Section II. Studies and Pieces (may be referred to as the program); and
 - Section III. Aural Tests, Sight-Reading, and General Knowledge.
- 13.2 For Leisure examinations in Grades Preliminary to Grade 8 are comprised of three sections:
- Section I. Technical Work;
 - Section II. Studies and Pieces (may be referred to as the program); and
 - Section III. Aural Tests or Sight-Reading, and General Knowledge.
- 13.3 Examination in the Certificate of Performance is comprised of two sections:
- Section I. Studies and Pieces (may be referred to as the program); and
 - Section II. General Knowledge.
- 13.4 Associate Diploma of Music and Licentiate Diploma of Music examinations are comprised of two sections:
- Section I. Pieces (may be referred to as the program); and
 - Section II. General Knowledge.
- 13.5 Repertoire Examinations comprise one section only: performance of the prepared selected program.
- 13.6 Ensemble examinations comprise one section only: performance of the prepared selected program.
- 13.7 Music Theory examinations may consist of two sections, Written and Aural, or one written section. Details are set out in the relevant syllabus and Schedule A.
- 13.8 Requirements for all sections of examinations are set out in Schedule A. Further specific examination requirements are set out in the relevant syllabus.
- 13.9 The Fellowship of Music is examined by one section, the public recital.
- 13.10 Further specific examination requirements are set out in the relevant syllabus.

Time limitations for some examinations in sections

- 13.11 The examinations set out below are divided into separately enrolled sections. Except where otherwise stated in the Regulations candidates must pass all sections. A certificate is issued upon the successful completion of all sections of the examination within four years of the original enrolment:
- (a) Associate in Music, Australia [AMusA] (Musicianship); Licentiate in Music, Australia [LMusA] (Musicianship):
Section I, Section II
 - (b) Associate Teacher of Music, Australia [ATMusA], and Certificate Teacher of Music, Australia [CTMusA]:
Section I, Section II, Section III

14. Reasonable Adjustments to Examination Conditions

- 14.1 The purpose of reasonable adjustments is to allow for equitable access to, and conditions for, examinations which must not advantage or disadvantage any candidates.
- 14.2 Reasonable adjustment applications must be made in the timelines set by the State Office and approved, or not, prior to the examination.
- 14.3 Candidates with disabilities may be provided with reasonable adjustments to examination conditions and time allowed, but not a change to a result, in accordance with State policies and procedures.
- 14.4 Any reasonable adjustments made must ensure that the candidate is capable of meeting the syllabus requirements for the Grade and Level under examination.

15. English as an Additional Language Candidates

- 15.1 Candidates whose first language is not English may apply to use an English/foreign language dictionary in written examinations.
- 15.2 Where candidates have been authorised to use a dictionary, the dictionary must not contain any written notes, markings, or annotations.
- 15.3 Non-English-speaking candidates in practical examinations may apply to the State Office to have an approved interpreter present at their practical music examination. Fees may apply.

16. Inability to attend a scheduled examination

- 16.1 Candidates who are prevented by illness or other exceptional cause from attending an examination on their scheduled examination day should notify the State Office within the timelines set by the State Office. State Office policies and processes apply to these circumstances.

17. Examination Performance

Scores

- 17.1 Candidates must bring an original score or an authorised copy of each piece being presented to the examination, whether or not they are playing from memory. In some cases, for example the Fellowship of Music, music must be submitted prior to the examination as set out in the relevant syllabus.

Performance of Prescribed Pieces

- 17.2 Examiners may, at their discretion, hear the whole or any portion of the prescribed pieces presented for examination.

Accompanied/Collaborative Pieces

- 17.3 17.3 Where pieces require accompaniment or a collaborative artist the candidate or enroller must ensure that the accompanist or collaborative artist attends the examination, or that the Recorded accompaniment, or backing track, is used (see Schedule A, Part C, Section 1(13)).

- 17.4 The examiner is not permitted to play the accompaniment or collaborative artist part for the candidate.
- 17.5 If an accompaniment or collaborative part is not provided for a piece or pieces where required, the examination result is reduced according to the grading table set out at [Regulation 22.1](#).
- 17.6 Accompaniment of Extra List pieces is not required even if the pieces are written with an accompaniment.
- 17.7 An accompanist or collaborative artist can only be in the examination room when required.
- 17.8 Unaccompanied pieces and studies must not be presented with an accompaniment.

Pieces Not Prescribed by the Syllabus

- 17.9 Candidates must present pieces that are prescribed by the relevant syllabus. Where there is an option for the candidate to present one or more pieces of Own Choice, the chosen works must comply with the Own Choice requirements prescribed by the syllabus.
- 17.10 Own Choice pieces are subject to the same performance Regulations, and examination requirements, as List pieces. Candidates must ensure Own Choice pieces meet the same requirements as List pieces.
- 17.11 If a piece presented is not prescribed by the Syllabus or is not of the required standard the examination result is reduced according to the grading table set out at [Regulation 22.2](#).

18. Examiners for Diploma Examinations

- 18.1 There are two examiners for Associate and Licentiate Diploma Practical and Written examinations, and the Associate Teacher of Music Diploma.
- 18.2 Fellowship examinations are examined by a panel of three examiners. The panel comprises:
- an AMEB Federal Examiner (chair); and
 - one examiner who is an AMEB examiner and who is a specialist in the instrument being examined or the instrument area (this person may be an AMEB Federal Examiner); and
 - one examiner who is not currently an AMEB examiner and is a recognised specialist in the instrument being examined or the instrument area.

19. Examination Reports

- 19.1 An examiner's report is provided for the information of candidates and teachers for each completed examination.
- 19.2 The examiner's report details the examination undertaken, the final examination result and, for written examinations, the total marks obtained, and the marks obtained under each section of the examination.

20. Certificates

- 20.1 Certificates are awarded to candidates who satisfy the requirements of the examination (pass the examination) and who complete the Corequisite Requirement where relevant.
- 20.2 Certificates specify the subject and Grade (e.g., Grade 3), or Diploma of examination, and the result.
- 20.3 Certificates are not awarded where a candidate has not satisfied the requirements of the examination, or an overall result of "Unable to Assess".

RESULTS, GRADING AND STANDARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

21. Results and Grading

- 21.1 The tables below set out final results, marks, and descriptors, following any adjustments that may have been made in accordance with [Regulation 22](#).
- 21.2 Music Theory written examinations – gradings and descriptors

Music Theory written Examinations		
Grading	Mark	Code
High Distinction	95 – 100%	HD
Honours	85 – 94%	H
Credit	75 – 84%	C
Pass	65 – 74%	P
Not Satisfactory	0 – 64%	N
Diplomas in Musicology, Harmony & Counterpoint, and Orchestration & Arrangement Diploma in Musicianship		
Grading	Award	Mark
Distinction	Award with Distinction	85 – 100%
Pass	Award	65 – 84%
Not Satisfactory	No Award	0 – 64%

21.3 Practical Examinations – Marks, Gradings and Descriptors

PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS GRADINGS AND DESCRIPTORS		
LEVELS 1 and 2 (Preliminary to Certificate of Performance)		
Grading Code	Grading Name	Descriptor
A+	High Distinction	In addition to satisfying the requirements for an A grading, the candidate demonstrates outstanding achievement in meeting the syllabus objectives, including stylistic and interpretive confidence and technical fluency.
A	Honours	The candidate demonstrates an overall excellent level of achievement in meeting the syllabus objectives, including convincing attention to style, interpretation, and technique.
B+	Credit	The candidate satisfies the requirements for a B grading at a higher standard.
B	Credit	The candidate demonstrates an overall creditable level of achievement in meeting the syllabus objectives. Some unevenness of achievement in meeting the syllabus objectives or between different Sections of the examination may be apparent.
C+	Satisfactory	The candidate satisfies the requirements for a C grading at a higher standard.
C	Satisfactory	The candidate demonstrates an overall adequate level of achievement in meeting the syllabus objectives. Unevenness of achievement in meeting the syllabus objectives or between different Sections of the examination may be apparent.
D	Not Satisfactory	The candidate demonstrates an overall inadequate level of achievement in meeting the syllabus objectives. Considerable unevenness of achievement in meeting the syllabus objectives or between different Sections of the examination may be apparent.
LEVEL 3 – DIPLOMAS		
Associate Diploma (AMusA); Licentiate Diploma (LMusA)		
Grading	Award	Descriptor
Distinction	Award with Distinction	The candidate has fulfilled the criteria for a pass award and in addition demonstrated performance flair, consistent technical and musical command, and penetrating stylistic insight.
Pass	Award	The candidate has fulfilled the syllabus objectives to a level that meets the technical and musical demands of the repertoire and produced a satisfying musical performance overall.
No Award	No Award	The candidate has not demonstrated an overall adequate level of musicianship, technique, and style, resulting in a performance that has not fulfilled the requirements for the award.
Fellowship in Music Australia (FMusA)		
Grading	Award	
Qualified	Award	
Not Qualified	No Award	

21.4 Teaching awards – Marks, Gradings and Descriptors

TEACHING EXAMINATIONS GRADINGS AND DESCRIPTORS		
Grading	Award	Descriptor
Distinction	Award with Distinction	The candidate has fulfilled the criteria for a pass award and in addition demonstrated outstanding ability in all areas assessed (including written and practical tasks). An aggregate mark of at least 255 from a possible 300 marks is required, with no section receiving a mark of less than 80%.
Pass	Award	The candidate has fulfilled the syllabus objectives for each of the sections assessed, demonstrating a convincing understanding of the relevant pedagogical issues and the ability to communicate this understanding in both practical application and written form. A minimum mark of 65% is required in each section (Section I, Section II, Section III).
No Award	No Award	The candidate has not fulfilled the syllabus objectives, demonstrates an inadequate level of achievement in one or more of the areas assessed. A mark of less than 65% in one or more of the Sections will result in a 'No award' classification until the Section or Sections are re-assessed and receive the required marks.

22. Final Results and Grading Adjustments

22.1 Adjustment for incomplete pieces or missing pieces.

	Scenario	No. of pieces	Adjustment	Adjustment Example
Accompanied pieces or collaborative pieces	Piece(s) lacking the required accompaniment or lacking the collaborative part	One piece	Grading reduced by half a grading	A to B+
		Two pieces	Unable to assess	No grading – unable to assess
Grade and Certificate of Performance Examinations	List Piece(s) or Own Choice piece(s) not presented	One piece	Grading reduced by one full grading	E.g., B+ down to C+
		Two pieces	Unable to assess	No grading – unable to assess

22.2 Pieces not prescribed by the Syllabus or not of the required standard

	Scenario	No. of pieces	Adjustment	Adjustment Example
Diploma examination	Piece(s) not prescribed or not of required standard	One or more pieces	Unable to assess	No grading – unable to assess
Grade and Certificate of Performance Examinations	List piece(s) or Own Choice pieces not prescribed or not of the required standard	One piece	Grading reduced by half	E.g., B+ to B
		Two or more pieces	Unable to assess	No grading – unable to assess

When an adjustment in 22.1 or 22.2 is made there will be an explanation in the general remarks of the examination report.

23. Academic Dress

23.1 Academic dress is available for Diplomates and Fellows. Details are available from State Offices.

24. Complaints and Appeals

24.1 The Federal Office and each State Office must have a published policy and procedure in place for managing complaints and appeals.

24.2 Fees may apply to complaints and appeals.

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EXAMINATION AND TEST REQUIREMENTS – SCHEDULE A

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How To Use This Schedule

This Schedule is designed to be used in conjunction with the [Regulations](#) and the relevant Syllabus and applies to all AMEB examinations except the FMusA.

[PART A](#) of this Schedule provides general advice and instructions on preparing for any AMEB examination. Some specific additional requirements are set out at [PART B](#) and [PART C](#), and the relevant syllabus.

Candidates, teachers, and enrollers should ensure they refer to the current syllabus for specific examination requirements for their instrument/subject.

AMEB State Offices provide additional advice relevant to the examination conditions in their State. Candidates, enrollers, and teachers are advised to consult the relevant State Office web page to ensure the candidate is enrolled in, and prepared for, their examination in accordance with State requirements. State Office website links are provided below:

[AMEB New South Wales \(NSW\) and the Australian Capital Territory \(ACT\)](#)

[AMEB Queensland](#)

[AMEB South Australia \(SA\) and the Northern Territory \(NT\)](#)

[AMEB Tasmania \(TAS\)](#)

[AMEB Victoria \(VIC\)](#)

[AMEB Western Australia \(WA\)](#)

PART A – THE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

Preparing for the Practical examination.

- In preparing for examination enrollers should ensure that they have:
 - Consulted the relevant State Office website for information about dates and times for examination including whether the examination is available in online or video format.
 - Enrolled the candidate in the timelines required by the relevant State Office as set out on the relevant website.
 - Prepared the candidate for the examination using the correct and current syllabus, in particular the syllabus objectives which provide guidance on examiners' expectations of achievement at each level.
 - Checked any specific requirements in this Schedule and in the relevant Syllabus.
 - Prepared the correct number and type of pieces and ensured that, collectively, the pieces meet the performance time requirements for that examination, where a performance time is specified.
 - Checked to confirm whether submission of the music is required before the examination.
- Examination venue managers must ensure that a piano of adequate quality that is tuned and regulated (pitch A440 is recommended). In those cases where examinations are conducted in premises not provided by AMEB, the State Office, or venue manager must ensure that this provision is met. Where necessary a music stand must also be provided.

On the examination day

1. Candidates must
 - (a) Complete and bring an electronic or printed Exam Notification to the examination in accordance with State Office guidelines as well as a list of the pieces to be presented.
 - (b) Bring scores of all pieces to be presented whether or not the candidate is playing from memory.
 - (c) Ensure they have with them all required materials as set out in Part A or Part B of this Schedule, and any permitted additional materials they may need, for example, spare reeds, rosin, endpin, recorded accompaniment music and player. Examiners and exam supervisors are not responsible for the provision, set-up, use and function of any candidate's instruments, for example cello stops, guitar footrests, drum pads etc.
 - (d) Arrive before the scheduled examination time, where the examination is in person, allowing sufficient time to check and confirm enrolment details, tune instruments, check and prepare accompaniment recordings and equipment where that will be used.

In the examination room

1. For recorded and online examinations a State Office approved supervisor must be present throughout the examination or recording, according to State policies and procedures.
2. In a face-to-face practical examinations there is:
 - (a) One (1) examiner present at all Level 1 and 2 examinations and the Certificate Teacher of Music.
 - (b) Two (2) examiners present at Diploma level examinations (Associate and Licentiate); and
 - (c) Three (3) examiners present for Fellowship examinations.
3. Trainee examiners may also be present.

PART B – MUSIC THEORY SYLLABUSES WRITTEN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

This part applies to the Music Theory Syllabuses (Music Craft, Theory of Music, Musicianship).

1. Examinations are usually undertaken online. In online examinations, the Aural component is administered through the computer's speakers and the time allowed for the aural component and the written component are combined.
2. If completing the examination on paper, candidates must write neatly and clearly to ensure their examination paper can be assessed and marked.
3. No materials other than pens, rulers, pencils, blank pages, and erasers are permitted in in-person written examination rooms.
4. If a dictionary has been permitted (see Regulation 15) it must not contain any written notes, markings, or annotations.
5. Ten minutes reading time is allowed before the scheduled commencement of all written examinations except the Aural component of the Musicianship and Music Craft examinations. Writing is not permitted during reading time.
6. In written examinations with an aural component, candidates are allowed a short listening time to become familiar with the sounds used on the examination recording.
7. Eight (8) minutes checking time is allowed at the conclusion of written examinations in Music Craft (Aural) Grades 5 and 6. Candidates are permitted to write during checking time.
8. In online examinations, reading and checking time is included in the total time allowance.
9. In online examinations, a supervisor, aged 18 years or above, must be present in the room for the duration of the exam, ensuring the candidate follows the online exam policy.
10. In online examinations, blank paper (including manuscript paper) and pencils are permitted, but any other aids, including search engines, external websites, AI, written notes, AMEB Analytical Notes, musical scores, recordings or books are not permitted.
11. Examinations are marked and graded according to [Regulations](#).
12. [TABLE A](#) sets out the total time allowed for examinations, excluding reading and checking time.

TABLE A – Music Theory Written Examinations Total Time allowed (in minutes)

SUBJECT/AWARD	EXAMINATION LEVEL														
		Preliminary	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Associate	Licentiate	Associate Section I	Licentiate Section I	Associate Section II	Licentiate Section II	
Music Craft (Written)		30	30	40	60	90	120	150							
Music Craft (Aural)		15	20	20	30	30	40	40							
Theory of Music			60	90	120	180	180	180	180	180					
Musicianship (Written)			90	90	90	60	90	150						180	180
Musicianship (Aural)						30	40	40			60	60			

PART C – PRACTICAL EXAMINATION AND TEST REQUIREMENTS

Section 1 – General requirements for practical examinations

1. Allowable Materials in the Examination

- (a) This schedule and the relevant syllabus sets out what materials are allowed, and not allowed, in examinations.

2. Scores

- (a) Scores are printed sheet music which normally would be either:
- (i) legally purchased (or otherwise legally accessed) physical sheet music or
 - (ii) legally purchased (or otherwise legally accessed) download(s) of sheet music
- (b) Scores are subject to the Copyright Act. Candidates must ensure that any scores or copies they provide comply with the Act. Enrollers, teachers and/or candidates should consult the Guide to Music Copyright for Teachers on the APRA/AMCOS [website](#) or contact APRA/AMCOS on 1300 852 388 or apra@apra.com.au.
- (c) Australian and New Zealand publishers have given a limited waiver to entrants of examinations to use temporary copies of sheet music for examination purpose only. If you have been asked to provide a copy of your sheet music to organisers of an AMEB examination, you can do so by completing this Copyright Declaration Form and providing it to AMEB at the time of your exam. However, the candidate must bring the original scores of the sheet music to their examination.
- (d) In order to avoid a difficult page turn a fair use exception in the Copyright Act allows one to make a photocopy of a page and use that copy in conjunction with the original score. You may not copy the entire work or movement.
- (e) Candidates must bring one original score of each piece they are performing, including the music for the accompanist part where relevant, to the examination whether or not they are performing from memory. In examinations with a general knowledge section the accompanist's score is used as a basis for general knowledge questions.
- (f) Diploma candidates are required to supply original scores or authorised copies (see 2(b) above) for the use of the examiner.
- (g) Some syllabuses require submission and approval of repertoire selections prior to examination, for example Own Choice selections for particular AMusA and LMusA examinations. In those cases, submitted scores must comply with the Copyright Act.

3. Editions

- (a) Editions are mentioned as a means of identification. Specific editions are only prescribed where a work has been arranged, as alternative editions/arrangements may be of an unsuitable level of difficulty. Recommended editions of original works are often listed in AMEB syllabuses, but any standard and unabridged edition is acceptable.

4. List pieces

- (a) Candidates must ensure they have prepared the correct number and type of pieces for their examinations.
- (b) Candidates must ensure that the pieces they have selected collectively meet the performance time required for examination, where such time limits are applicable, e.g., Repertoire exams, Certificate of Performance, Diploma exams.

5. Extra List pieces

- (a) Extra List pieces should have an educational value similar to that prescribed in the syllabus. For example, candidates might wish to present another work from the syllabus, the current Grade book, or earlier series of Grade books. The candidate may present a work of educational value similar to those listed in the syllabus from another source. Candidates are required to demonstrate familiarity with these pieces by performing the whole or any part of them at the discretion of the examiner.
- (b) Accompaniment of Extra List pieces is not required, even if the work is written with accompaniment.

6. Own Choice pieces

- (a) Own Choice pieces should have an educational value similar to List pieces prescribed in the relevant syllabus. For example, candidates might wish to present another work from the syllabus, the current Grade book, or earlier series of Grade books. The candidate may present a work of educational value similar to those listed in the syllabus from another source.
- (b) Accompaniment of Own Choice pieces is required if the work is written with accompaniment, or the relevant syllabus requires that any Own Choice work be accompanied.

7. Pencil Marks on Scores

- (a) Candidates must remove all marks from their music which refer to general knowledge information, including the meaning of musical terms and symbols. Markings such as fingering, bowing, pedalling, breath marks, and similar do not need to be removed.

8. Repeats

- (a) Repeats do not need to be performed unless specified in the syllabus or requested by the examiner. However, all *da capo* directions must be observed.

9. Memorisation

- (a) In Musical Theatre and Singing for Leisure, candidates must perform all List songs and Extra list songs from memory.
- (b) While other candidates should be encouraged even at the earliest stages to make a habit of memorising, no additional credit will be given to candidates who elect to perform from memory.
- (c) Candidates playing from memory must bring their music to the examination for the General Knowledge section.
- (d) Licentiate candidates must present one work from memory, except candidates in Organ where presentation from memory is optional, and as noted at 9(a).

10. Metronome Marks

- (a) Metronome marks are an approximate indication of required tempo.

11. Page Turners

- (a) Candidates may bring a person to act as page turner. The page turner can only remain in the examination room when required to turn pages and cannot assist a candidate in any other manner.

12. Accompanists/Collaborative Artists

- (a) If the examination requires an accompanist or collaborative artist the candidate must arrange their attendance. The examiner cannot perform either role.
- (b) In higher Grades, it is recommended that candidates engage the services of an experienced accompanist in order to do themselves full justice and be assessed accordingly.

13. Recorded accompaniment or backing tracks

- (a) Candidates may perform with approved AMEB recorded accompaniments in examinations in some Level 1 grades. The AMEB Federal Office provides a range of [recorded accompaniments](#).
- (b) Candidates may perform in AMEB 'For Leisure' syllabuses (i.e. Piano for Leisure, Singing for Leisure and Saxophone for Leisure) with backing tracks in the examination. Backing tracks may feature various instrumentation. This is not limited to backing tracks produced by AMEB.
- (c) If using recorded accompaniments or backing tracks, the candidate must provide and operate suitable equipment for the examination: a CD player or other quality audio equipment which will have adequate sound level and quality in the examination room. Candidates should ensure that the equipment is fully charged if battery operated.

14. Technical Work

- (a) All technical work must be presented from memory, unless otherwise specified in the relevant syllabus.

15. Instrument requirements

- (a) Except for piano and organ, candidates should ensure they bring the correct and allowed relevant instrument(s) and any extra related requirements (e.g. spare reeds, rosin, endpin, recorded accompaniment music and player, pedal extender, etc.) with them.
- (b) Candidates are responsible for the set-up, use and function of their instruments.
- (c) AMEB State Offices and their staff (examiners, and supervisors) are not responsible for the provision, set-up, use and function of any instruments except for a Piano.
- (d) Candidates should ensure their instruments are tuned as allowed and/or required by the relevant syllabus and that any permitted or required additional instrument is also tuned according to the syllabus requirements.

16. P Plate Piano

- (a) Candidates in a face-to-face P Plate Piano assessment may be accompanied in the examination room by a parent/guardian and/or teacher.

17. Fingerboards

- (a) Marked or fretted fingerboards are only allowed at Preliminary grade string examinations for bowed string instruments.

18. Examination Results

- (a) Examinations are marked and graded according to [Regulation 21](#) and [Regulation 22](#).

19. Other requirements

- (a) The General Notes/Foreword at the beginning of each syllabus outline any details specific to that syllabus.

Section 2 – P Plate Piano

- (a) Candidates may undertake, non-graded assessment at the completion of each of the three AMEB P Plate Piano books.
- (b) The duration of the assessment is 6 minutes.

Section 3 – Comprehensive Practical examinations – General Requirements

1. [TABLE D](#) sets out Preliminary to Grade 8 examination times in minutes noting that not all instruments are examined at every Grade. The table indicates the total time allowed to complete the examination. Times given for Piano Exams at Grades 5 to 8 are for solo comprehensive and repertoire examinations.
2. Examination Sections:
Comprehensive examinations in Preliminary to Grade 8 comprise three sections:
 - Section I – Technical Work – Test requirements are set out in the current AMEB Technical Work publications for the instrument/subject and Grade, and/or in the relevant Syllabus.
 - Section II – Studies and Pieces (sometimes referred to in a Syllabus as a Program). The number of Pieces and the Lists for each Grade are detailed in the Syllabus.
 - Section III – Aural Tests (see [TABLE B](#)), Sight-Reading (below) and General Knowledge ([TABLE C](#)).Sight Reading Tests apply to Grades 1 – 8 and are set within the limits of the technical standard of the Grade.

TABLE B – Comprehensive Examination Section III – Aural Test Requirements – Preliminary to Grade 8

Aural Tests in Grades other than Preliminary are played twice.

In the case of tests specified in more than one Grade, the difficulty of the examples given to the candidates are adjusted to the standards of the respective Grades.

Interval Tests: Boys whose voices are at the 'breaking' stage may respond to the pitch tests by whistling instead of humming or singing. In tests where interval recognition is required:

- Grade 3 requires candidates to name the interval as being the second, third, fourth, or fifth of the scale.
- Grades 4, 5 and 6, require candidates to name the intervals as major second, major third, perfect fourth, etc.

Grade	Test Requirements	
Preliminary	TIME:	To clap the beats of simple chord passages played in two- or three-beat time by the examiner at varying speeds – slow, moderate and quick, and to continue clapping or beating after the examiner ceases to play.
	RHYTHM:	To hum, sing, clap or tap the note values of a simple rhythmical two-bar passage played by the examiner.
	PITCH:	To sing or hum the notes of a short melodic phrase of five or six notes of one beat length. The examiner plays the phrase then repeats it, waiting on each note for the candidate to sing the note.
	PITCH:	To state which is the higher or lower of any two notes, not less than a third apart, that the examiner has played separately.
Grade 1	PITCH:	To hum or sing the tonic at the end of a short unfinished phrase played by the examiner.
	RHYTHM:	The examiner will play twice a passage in duple or triple time. The candidate will then tap or clap the passage.
	PITCH:	To hum or sing a short phrase played twice by the examiner, combining melody and time.
Grade 2	RHYTHM:	The examiner will play twice a passage in duple or triple time. The candidate will then tap or clap the passage.
	PITCH:	To hum or sing a short phrase played twice by the examiner, combining melody and time.
	PITCH:	To hum or sing the higher or lower of two notes a major third or a perfect fifth apart within the limits of an octave from middle C played simultaneously by the examiner.
Grade 3	RHYTHM:	The examiner will play twice a passage in duple or triple time. The candidate will then tap or clap the passage and state whether it is duple or triple time.
	MELODY:	To hum or sing a short phrase played twice by the examiner, combining melody and time.
	PITCH:	To hum or sing the higher or lower of any two notes within the limits of an octave from middle C played simultaneously by the examiner.
	PITCH:	The examiner having sounded on the piano a note to be regarded as the keynote of the scale, the candidate will hum or sing and afterwards name the interval of the second, third, fourth or fifth of the major scale as played by the examiner, in succession to the keynote.
Grade 4	RHYTHM:	The examiner will play twice a passage in duple or triple time. The candidate will then tap or clap the passage and state whether it is in duple or triple time.
	PITCH:	The examiner having sounded on the piano a note, to be regarded as the keynote of the scale, the candidate will hum or sing and afterwards name any interval of the major scale as played by the examiner immediately after the keynote.
	PITCH:	To hum or sing from memory the higher or lower part of a two-part progression of two successive intervals within the compass of an octave from middle C as played by the examiner.
	PITCH:	The examiner having sounded any major or minor triad either in root position or an inversion played within the limits of an octave, the candidate will hum or sing the middle note.
Grade 5	RHYTHM:	The examiner will play twice a passage in duple or triple time. The candidate will then tap or clap the passage and state whether it is in duple or triple time.
	PITCH:	The examiner having sounded on the piano a note to be regarded as a keynote of the scale, the candidate will hum or sing and afterwards name any interval of the major scale as played by the examiner immediately in succession to the keynote.
	PITCH:	To hum or sing from memory the higher or lower part of a two-part progression of three successive intervals within the limits of an octave from middle C as played slowly by the examiner.
	HARMONY:	The examiner having sounded any major or minor triad either in root position or an inversion played within the limits of an octave, the candidate will hum or sing all three notes, ascending or descending as required.
Grade 6	PITCH:	The examiner having sounded on the piano a note to be regarded as the keynote of the scale, the candidate will hum or sing and afterwards name any interval of the major or harmonic minor scale as played by the examiner immediately in succession to the keynote.
	HARMONY:	The examiner having sounded any major triad either in root position or an inversion played within the limits of an octave, the candidate will recognise the position of the triad.
	PITCH:	To hum or sing from memory the higher or lower part of a two-part progression of four successive intervals within the limits of an octave from middle C.
	HARMONY:	To recognise Perfect and Plagal cadences in a major key as they occur in a short piece played by the examiner, the tonic chord being first sounded.

Grade 7	PITCH:	The examiner having sounded any major or minor triad either in root position or an inversion played within the limits of an octave, the candidate will recognise the major or minor triad, stating its position.
	HARMONY:	To recognise Perfect, Plagal and Interrupted cadences in a major key as they occur in a short piece played by the examiner, the tonic chord being first sounded.
	MEMORY:	Approximately one minute being allowed to memorise a two-bar melodic phrase from a printed copy away from the instrument, the candidate will then play or sing the phrase from memory. The examiner will sound the keynote before the phrase is memorised.
	PITCH:	To hum or sing from memory the higher or lower part of a two-part phrase of not more than six notes, note against note within the compass of an octave from middle C played slowly by the examiner.
Grade 8	HARMONY:	The examiner having sounded any major or minor triad either in root position or an inversion, or any diminished triad in root position played within the limits of an octave, the candidate will recognise the major, minor or diminished triad, stating its position (in the case of a major or minor triad).
	HARMONY:	To recognise any of the four principal cadences in a major key as they occur in a short piece played by the examiner, the tonic chord being first sounded.
	MEMORY:	Approximately one and a half minutes being allowed to memorise a three- or four-bar melodic phrase from a printed copy away from the instrument, the candidate will then play or sing the phrase from memory. The examiner will sound the keynote before the phrase is memorised.
	PITCH:	The examiner will play on a piano a two-part phrase with a few passing notes, and the candidate will hum, sing or play from memory, the lower part.

TABLE C – Comprehensive Examination Section III – General Knowledge Test Requirements – Preliminary to Grade 8

Candidates can expect to be asked:

- At least one question about each List piece presented;
- Between 6 and 10 questions in total;
- In Level 1 (Preliminary to Grade 4), examinations on solo instruments and voice, questions are asked from the candidate's part (not the accompaniment part)
- In Level 2 (Grades 5 to 8), examinations on solo instruments and voice, questions are asked from the accompaniment part (not the candidate's part)

In Grade 7 and 8, candidates are asked about the composer. Candidates should interpret 'period' as an historical time frame; 'style' as the features, attributes and characteristics of the music or period (for example texture, phrasing, articulation, use of dynamics, motif, harmony, ornamentation, tempo etc.).

Candidates in Musical Theatre should also consult the General Knowledge requirements in the relevant syllabus for specific requirements.

Level	Grade	General knowledge example questions
Level 1	Preliminary & Grade 1	By referring to the score of each List piece, candidates can be asked to: 1. Name and/or explain any notes, rests, signs, terms, its title, and its key/tonality.
	Grades 2, 3, & 4	By referring to the score of each List piece, candidates can be asked to: 1. Name and/or explain any notes, rests, signs, terms, its title and its key/tonality; and 2. Identify key changes (on the appropriate score) at obvious and clear-cut places only, preferably at the beginnings or ends of marked sections and not in transitory passages.
Level 2	Grades 5 & 6	By referring to the score of each List piece, candidates can be asked to: 1. Name and/or explain any notes, rests, signs, terms, its title and its key/tonality; 2. Identify key changes (on the appropriate score) at obvious and clear-cut places, and not in transitory passages; 3. Explain form, only if the piece represents one of the following: Binary, Ternary, Rondo, Theme and Variation types, First Movement (Sonata), Fugue, Minuet (Scherzo) and Trio, Through Composed; for singing – for example, strophic, Lied, chanson, mélodie, art song, recitative (<i>secco</i> and <i>stromentato/accompagnato</i>), aria (all forms), madrigal, vocalise, opera, oratorio, mass, motet, cantata, ballad; 4. Name the period from which the piece comes and state the time frame of that period; and 5. Discuss style by showing how the piece exemplifies typical features of its period.
	Grades 7 & 8	By referring to the score of each List piece, candidates can be asked to: 1. Name and/or explain any notes, rests, signs, terms, its title and its key/tonality; 2. Identify (on the appropriate score) any key changes that occur, or explain other type(s) of tonal organisation(s) e.g. atonal, pentatonic, whole tone where applicable; and 3. Explain form, through a detailed structural analysis. Where the piece is a movement from a larger work, brief knowledge of its relationship to the other movements in the work is expected. Either from the List piece score, or by reference to general characteristics not apparent on the score itself, candidates can be asked to demonstrate: 1. Knowledge of the period and style appropriate to the piece; 2. Knowledge of other genres typical of the period but not necessarily instrument-specific is also expected, e.g. orchestral music, choral music; and 3. Knowledge of the composers of each of the pieces being presented, in particular relating to their works and musical influences, is expected.

TABLE D – Practical Examinations Total Time allowed (in minutes) – Preliminary to Grade 8									
GRADE	Preliminary	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Keyboard									
Piano	12	14	15	20	20	25	30	40	50
Piano (Collaborative)						27	32	42	52
Organ				25	30	35	40	45	55
Strings									
Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Harp, Classical Guitar	12	16	17	22	22	27	32	40	50
Woodwind									
Recorder, Bassoon, Saxophone		16	17	22	22	27	32	40	50
Flute, Oboe, Clarinet	12	16	17	22	22	27	32	40	50
Orchestral Brass									
Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Euphonium	12	16	17	22	22	27	32	40	50
Bass Trombone						27	32	40	50
Percussion	15	20	25	30	35	35	40	45	50
Band		16	17	22	22	27	32	40	50
Voice									
Singing, Musical Theatre	12	16	17	22	22	27	32	40	50

Section 4 – Certificate of Performance examinations – General Requirements

1. Certificate of Performance examinations comprise two (2) sections:
 - Section I – Pieces
 - Section II – General Knowledge Test
2. Examination Sections:
 - Section I – Pieces
 - Section II – General Knowledge test
 - (a) By referring to the score of each piece, candidates can be asked to:
 - (i) Name and/or explain any notes, rests, signs, terms, the title of the work or its key/tonality;
 - (ii) Identify (on the appropriate score) any key changes that occur, or explain other type(s) of tonal organisation(s) e.g. atonal, pentatonic, whole tone where applicable; and
 - (iii) Explain form, through a detailed structural analysis. Where a piece is a movement from a larger work, knowledge of its relationship to the other movements in the work, including a description of the other movements, is required.
 - (b) Either from the score of each piece, or by reference to general characteristics not apparent on the score itself, candidates can be asked to demonstrate:
 - (i) Knowledge of the period and style appropriate to the piece;
 - (ii) Knowledge of other genres typical of the period but not necessarily instrument-specific is also expected, e.g. orchestral music, choral music; and
 - (iii) Knowledge of the composers of each of the pieces being presented, in particular relating to their works and musical influences, is expected.
3. [TABLE E](#) sets out the time limits for the examination.

TABLE E – Practical Examination Times – Certificate of Performance	
	Total examination time (in minutes)
Keyboard	
Piano	45
Strings	
Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Harp, Classical Guitar	45
Woodwind	
Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone (E ^b alto or B ^b tenor)	45
Orchestral Brass	
Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Bass Trombone, Euphonium	45
Percussion	
	45
Voice	
Singing, Musical Theatre	45

Section 5 – For Leisure examinations – General Requirements

- For Leisure Levels 1 and 2 (Preliminary to Grade 8) examinations comprise three (3) sections. The three sections of the examination are:
 - Section I: Technical Work – this section includes technical exercises, scales, chords, and arpeggios. Specific requirements are set out for each Grade level in the Syllabus.
 - Section II: Performance of Studies and Pieces (sometimes referred to in a syllabus as a Program).
 - Section III: Aural Tests or Sight-Reading; General Knowledge – this section has similar test requirements to Comprehensive examinations except that candidates may choose between aural tests or sight-reading tests. Test Requirements for Section III are set out in Part C Section 3 – Comprehensive Practical Examination Requirements at [TABLE B](#) Aural Tests Requirements and [TABLE C](#) General Knowledge Tests Requirements. NOTE: Sight-Reading Tests apply from Preliminary to Grade 8 and are set within the limits of the technical standard of the Grade.
- TABLE F sets out the time limits for the Preliminary to Grade 8 For Leisure examinations.

TABLE F – For Leisure – Practical Examinations Total Time allowed (in minutes) – Preliminary to Grade 8									
GRADE	Preliminary	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Piano for Leisure	10	12	14	15	16	20	25	30	35
Saxophone for Leisure	10	12	14	15	16	20	25	30	35
Singing for Leisure	10	12	14	15	16	20	25	30	35

- Certificate of Performance – For Leisure examinations are in two (2) sections:
 - Section I Pieces
 - Section II General Knowledge test. The General Knowledge section is based on the score of the performed pieces which the candidate must bring to the examination.
 - (a) The examiner, by referring to the score of each piece, may ask the candidate to:
 - (i) Name and/or explain any notes, rests, signs, terms, the title of the work or its key/tonality;
 - (ii) Identify (on the appropriate score) any key changes that occur, or explain other type(s) of tonal organisation(s) e.g. atonal, pentatonic, whole tone where applicable; and
 - (iii) Explain form, through a detailed structural analysis. Where a piece is a movement from a larger work, knowledge of its relationship to the other movements in the work, including a description of the other movements, is required.

(b) Either from the score of each piece, or by reference to general characteristics not apparent on the score itself, the candidate can be asked to demonstrate:

- (i) Knowledge of the period and style appropriate to the piece;
- (ii) Knowledge of other genres typical of the period but not necessarily instrument-specific is also expected, e.g. orchestral music, choral music; and
- (iii) Knowledge of the composers of each of the pieces being presented, in particular relating to their works and musical influences, is expected.

4. [TABLE G](#) sets out the time limits for the Certificate of Performance, For Leisure examinations.

TABLE G – Examination Times – Certificate of Performance For Leisure	
Subjects	Total Examination time (in minutes)
All subjects	40

Section 6 – Repertoire examinations – General Requirements

1. Repertoire examinations comprise one section only, performance of pieces and studies. The pieces and studies (works) are taken from the Comprehensive or For Leisure syllabus Lists for that instrument and Grade as specified in the relevant Syllabus.
2. [TABLE H](#) sets out the examination performance time in minutes including appropriate breaks between pieces.

TABLE H – Repertoire examination times in minutes – Times include appropriate breaks between pieces.									
GRADE	Preliminary	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Keyboard									
Piano	10	12	13	17	17	20	25	35	45
Piano for Leisure	8	10	12	13	13	15	20	25	30
Organ				22	27	30	35	40	50
Accordion	10	12	13	17	17	20	25	35	45
Strings									
Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Harp, Classical Guitar	10	14	15	19	19	22	27	35	45
Woodwind									
Recorder, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone (E ^b alto or B ^b tenor)	10	14	15	19	19	22	27	35	45
Saxophone for Leisure	8	10	12	13	13	15	20	25	30
Orchestral Brass									
Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Bass Trombone, Tuba, Euphonium	10	14	15	19	19	22	27	35	45
Percussion									
Percussion	13	18	23	27	32	33	35	40	45
Voice									
Singing, Musical Theatre	10	14	15	19	19	22	27	35	45
Singing for Leisure	8	10	12	13	13	15	20	25	30

Section 7 – Ensemble Performance examinations – General Requirements

1. In Ensemble the musical performance of the program and presentation of the group is assessed as a whole.
2. Ensemble Performance examinations are available in the following subjects:
 - Brass
 - Mixed Ensemble
 - Percussion
 - Strings
 - Woodwind

3. The performance time limits are set out in [TABLE I](#).
4. Specific examination requirements are detailed in the relevant Syllabus.

TABLE I – Ensemble Examination Time Limits			
Level/Grade	Total examination time	Time limit for program performance	Time for setting up and fine tuning
Grade 1	20 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes
Grade 2	25 minutes	15 minutes	10 minutes
Grade 3	30 minutes	20 minutes	10 minutes
Grade 4	30 minutes	20 minutes	10 minutes
Grade 5	35 minutes	25 minutes	10 minutes
Grade 6	40 minutes	30 minutes	10 minutes
Grade 7	45 minutes	35 minutes	10 minutes
Grade 8	50 minutes	40 minutes	10 minutes
Associate Diploma (AMusA)	55 minutes	45 minutes	10 minutes
Licentiate Diploma (LMusA)	55 minutes	45 minutes	10 minutes

Section 8 – Teaching Award examinations – General Requirements

1. Teaching Awards are examined in three (3) sections: Section I, Section II, and Section III.

Certificate Teacher of Music Australia

Section I is a written requirement divided into two tasks (A and B). Section I is worth a total of 90 marks and the pass mark is 58. Section II is a written requirement divided into two tasks (A and B). Section II is worth a total of 90 marks and the pass mark is 58. Section III is a practical examination divided into two tasks:

Task A is a teaching demonstration ('Demonstrating my Teaching')

Task B is a live performance with a *Viva Voce*.

Section III is worth a total of 120 marks and the pass mark is 78.

Associate Teacher of Music Australia

Section I is a written requirement divided into two tasks (A and B). Section I is worth a total of 90 marks and the pass mark is 58. Section II is a written and video submission requirement, divided into two tasks (A and B). Section II is worth a total of 75 marks and the pass mark is 48.

Section III is a practical examination divided into two tasks:

Task A is a teaching demonstration

Task B is a live performance with a *Viva Voce*.

Section III is worth a total of 135 marks and the pass mark is 87.

2. Examination times are set out in [TABLE J](#).

TABLE J – Teaching Awards – examination times		
	Section III (A)	Section III (B)
Certificate Teacher of Music Australia (CTMusA)	45 minutes	25 minutes
Associate Teacher of Music Australia (ATMusA)	45 minutes	25 minutes

Section 9 – Associate Diploma and Licentiate Diploma examinations – General Requirements

1. Associate Diploma and Licentiate Diploma examinations comprise two (2) sections:

Section I – Pieces.

Section II – General Knowledge test.

Questions are based on the full piano score and focus on the following areas:

- Terminology, including the significance of titles and the meaning of all markings contained in the score.
- Composers: relevant biographical information, sources of influence, impact upon later generations of composers and repertoire output (both in the discipline being examined and more broadly).
- Historical and stylistic context: how each work relates to the period from which it arises, considering both its compositional style and the performance conventions of the time.
- Structure: formal layout, keys, melodic/harmonic language, and the identification of climax points.
- For instrumentalists, the construction and development of the instrument, with special consideration given to any implications this may have upon the repertoire that is performed.

2. In addition to the General Knowledge examples above, candidates in Woodwind, Percussion, Band, Musical Theatre and Singing must consult the General Knowledge requirements in the relevant Syllabus for specific requirements.
3. Candidates may be required to prepare program notes for the examiners for Section I of the exam, as set out in the relevant Syllabus.
4. [TABLE K](#) sets out the time limits for both sections of the examination.

TABLE K – Associate Diploma – examination times			
	Total examination time allowed (in minutes)	Section I – minimum performance time	Section I – maximum performance time
ASSOCIATE DIPLOMAS			
Keyboard			
Piano	50	25	40
Organ	60	40	50
Strings			
Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Harp (Pedal Harp only), Classical Guitar	50	25	40
Woodwind			
Recorder, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone (E ^b alto or B ^b tenor)	50	25	40
Orchestral Brass			
Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Euphonium	50	25	40
Band			
Band	50	20 (not including List D requirement)	25 (not including List D requirement)
Percussion			
Percussion	50	25	40
Voice			
Singing, Musical Theatre	50	25	40

LICENTIATE DIPLOMAS			
Keyboard			
Piano	60	35	50
Organ	75	45	60
Strings			
Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Harp (Pedal Harp only), Classical Guitar	60	35	50
Woodwind			
Recorder, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone (E ^b alto or B ^b tenor)	60	35	50
Orchestral Brass			
Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Tuba, Euphonium	60	35	50
Band			
Band	60	35 (not including List D requirement)	N/A
Percussion			
Percussion	60	35	50
Voice			
Singing, Musical Theatre	60	35	50

AUSTRALIAN MUSIC EXAMINATIONS BOARD (AMEB) REGULATIONS – SCHEDULE B

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FELLOWSHIP IN MUSIC AUSTRALIA – SCHEDULE B

The Award

The Fellowship in Music Australia [FMusA] is the highest and most prestigious award offered by AMEB.

The Fellowship can be undertaken in any instrument available for examination at Licentiate (LMusA) level in the current edition of the AMEB Manual of Syllabuses (Music syllabuses) including Voice.

The examination performance for this award is expected to reveal the following characteristics:

- Excellence in all areas including technical ability, musical maturity, stylistic understanding, and professional stage presence.
- An ability to fully engage an audience and to maintain interest over the entire programme.
- A concept of the works as a whole, performed with an understanding of the structure and the musical content of each, together with those elements that give them a particular unity or character.
- The maintenance of unity and continuity in multi-movement works, including appropriate timing between, and linking of, movements.
- Familiarity with the accompanying part in items requiring accompaniment, with a consistent and integrated sense of ensemble between soloist and associate artist.
- Mastery of technical and stylistic elements resulting in an expressive and coherent performance.
- Command of contemporary techniques appropriate to the instrument.
- Understanding of performance conventions relevant to the works being performed, and an ability to differentiate between a range of musical styles.
- A sense of professional presentation, with attention to posture, presentation and normal performance conventions.
- Performance from memory according to syllabus requirements.

To qualify for a Fellowship award, the candidate must display the above characteristics to an outstanding degree.

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Content

The candidate is expected to choose a full recital programme, of approximately 80 minutes' music content (60 minutes' music content in the case of Brass, Woodwind and Singing).

The programme should show balance and cohesion. Works will be chosen to demonstrate the candidate's proficiency in a variety of musical styles or in any style preferred by the candidate in the area of specialisation (e.g. Lieder, contemporary repertoire etc). It is expected that complete works will be chosen (e.g. a complete sonata rather than particular movements). The program should include works consistent with the high level of this award and avoid being dependent on repertoire from lower levels in the current AMEB listings.

The programme should be planned as two halves with a 20 minute interval.

If the candidate wishes to include contemporary works requiring prepared piano in the programme, this must be discussed with AMEB to determine whether it may be accommodated.

Chosen works which require Accompaniment or a Collaborative Artist(s) must be performed with the necessary Accompaniment or Collaborative Artist(s).

Memorisation

For pianists the entire programme must be presented from memory with the exception of contemporary works. For string players, the entire programme must be presented from memory except sonatas and contemporary works. For other instrumentalists, presentation from memory is encouraged but is not mandatory. For singers, presentation from memory is required except in cantatas and oratorio.

These requirements relate to both the video audition and the examination recital.

Entry

Candidates are advised that the process from entry to examination may take 12 months and it is suggested they contact their State Office for more information about the timeline and enrolment closing dates.

Candidates need to take three steps to enter for FMusA. A fee will be charged for each step.

Step 1 – Programme submission:

Candidates are required to submit their proposed programme, together with timings, for approval by AMEB. The programme should be submitted online via SCORE at score.ameb.edu.au. A fee will be charged.

The Federal Chief Examiner will consider the programme and the candidate will be advised within three weeks of the approval, or otherwise, of the programme. After notification of approval has been provided, no programme changes are allowed within 12 months. Should the candidate wish to amend their programme within that time, they will be required to restart Step 1. If the programme is not approved, the candidate may revise and resubmit their programme (if desired) once only up to two weeks after the initial notification is received. If the resubmission is also unsuccessful, candidates may recommence Step 1 after three months.

Step 2 – Video audition:

Following approval of the programme, candidates are required to submit a video recording of a performance of their entire programme, for approval by AMEB. This is a key stage in the entry process and will determine whether the candidate is offered the opportunity to enrol for the FMusA examination. A fee will be charged.

The video audition should be treated as a formal recital performance, conducted in a high quality environment, with live audi-

ence if desired. The video must be recorded in a single session on a single day and must include each individual work in the complete programme, including multi-movement works and associate artists. The candidate may stop at the programme interval point or take short breaks between works if needed. Video recordings should be submitted online via SCORE at score.ameb.edu.au.

The video will be considered by a panel of three current AMEB examiners, chaired by the Federal Chief Examiner. One of the other examiners will be a specialist in the instrument being examined. The candidate will be advised within four weeks whether their video audition has been successful and they may proceed to Step 3. If unsuccessful, the candidate may complete and submit another video recording within three months for assessment. No further resubmissions are allowed within 12 months at which point the candidate must restart the entry process.

Step 3 – Enrolment for examination:

Candidates must enrol for the recital examination with the AMEB office in their state within 12 months of the approval of their video audition. A fee will be charged.

Recital

The examination takes the form of a public recital.

Requirements regarding arrangement of the recital (including selection of venue, instrument requirements, rehearsal time, equipment, audience, and programme preparation) are set out by the AMEB State Offices. It is the responsibility of the candidate to follow these requirements. Candidates should consult with their State Office for further information.

Appropriate dress for a public recital should be worn, and the candidate should be aware of the appropriate manner in which to acknowledge the audience and the associate artist(s) if applicable.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to select and manage their associate artist(s) including payment of any expenses.

Candidates must bring to the recital three copies of the music for the examiners.

Assessment

Fellowship examinations will be examined by a panel of three examiners, chaired by an AMEB Federal Examiner. The other two examiners will be an AMEB examiner and a person who is not a current examiner, both of whom are either specialists in the instrument being examined or the instrument area. At least one of the three examiners will be a specialist in the instrument being examined.