

Important info for your 2023 exams

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Repertoire exams – all instruments

This format of exam, available since 2019, will be offered once again in 2023 for most instruments and subjects. It can be taken as a **face-to-face** exam or a **video** exam. Please check the final page of your instrument's syllabus (after the highest comprehensive grade) for information to correctly prepare for this exam format. You can also check the 'Repertoire' subject for your grade and instrument [here](#) to find a summary of the number of pieces required, the enrolment code and the fee for this exam.

Important note about Own Choice

- Own Choice items must offer equivalent educational value and duration to the listed works
- AMEB do not provide approvals for Own Choice pieces – any non-syllabus item is chosen solely at the discretion of the teacher and candidate
- Technical exercises, such as a canon or a vocalise, cannot be presented as an Own Choice work
- To avoid a grade penalty, works that have a printed piano accompaniment part must be presented with piano accompaniment
- Live piano accompaniment is required for all instrumental and singing exams, with the exception of Preliminary to Grade 3, where candidates are permitted to use the official AMEB grade book accompaniments only.

You can only enrol for a Video Repertoire between 31 January and 26 September 2023, so please plan your exam preparation accordingly. **It will not be possible to submit video exams after mid-October 2023.**

Face-to-face Repertoire exams are possible in any session where Comprehensive face-to-face exams are also held.

Piano

The Piano syllabus is unchanged for 2023. Examinable resources include:

- AMEB Piano Technical Workbook Level 1 (2018)
- AMEB Piano Technical Workbook Level 2 (2018)
- AMEB Series 17 grade books
- AMEB Series 18 grade books
- Manual lists as published in the 2023 AMEB Piano Syllabus

Instrument: This syllabus is designed to help students master the playing of an **acoustic piano**. As such, this is the preferred instrument for exams to best achieve the syllabus objectives. Face-to-face and Video exams **must** be presented on an acoustic piano and not a digital piano in Level 2 exams (Grades 5 – 8).

Technical Work: All scales, chord progressions and arpeggios must be presented from memory. Technical exercises may be read from the candidate's AMEB Technical Workbook, which they may bring into the exam room for this purpose.

Collaborative exam format: This exam is once again available for Grade 5 – 8 candidates in face-to-face piano examinations only.

Piano for Leisure

2023 is the last year that candidates can present for the old (2021) Piano for Leisure syllabus. Technical work in older editions of the Manual of Syllabuses cannot be presented after 2023.

Examinable resources in the new (2022 or 2023) Piano for Leisure syllabus include:

- AMEB Piano Technical Workbook Level 1 (2018)
- AMEB Piano Technical Workbook Level 2 (2018)
- AMEB Series 1 Piano for Leisure grade books
- AMEB Series 2 Piano for Leisure grade books
- AMEB Series 3 Piano for Leisure grade books
- AMEB Series 4 Piano for Leisure grade books
- Manual lists as published in the 2023 AMEB Piano Syllabus

Technical Work (face-to-face exams only): From 2024, the AMEB Piano Technical Workbooks, Level 1 and Level 2 (2018) are the only source for technical work in Comprehensive Piano for Leisure exams. All scales, chord progressions and arpeggios must be presented from memory. Technical exercises may be read from the candidate's Technical Workbook, which they may bring into the exam room for this purpose.

Repertoire exams: four pieces are required for all Piano for Leisure Repertoire grade exams. A minimum of two of these must be chosen from the current options published for that grade in the Piano for Leisure syllabus.

Violin

2023 is the last year that candidates can present for the old (2021) Violin syllabus. Examinable resources in the new (2022 or 2023) Violin syllabus include:

- AMEB Violin Technical Workbook (2021)
- AMEB Series 9 Violin grade books
- AMEB Series 10 Violin grade books
- Manual lists as published in the 2023 Piano Syllabus

The old Technical Workbook (2011), the old Manual lists (pre-2022) and the Series 8 Grade books can no longer be used in new syllabus Violin exams.

Fingerboards: as stated in the front pages of the Violin syllabus, above the Preliminary grade level, the use of marked or fretted fingerboards is not permitted in AMEB exams.