



RNZPBA  
SCHOOL OF PIPING  
AND DRUMMING

# PIPING AND DRUMMING QUALIFICATIONS

## INFORMATION AND ENTRY FORM

### BAGPIPE

LEVEL 1 - PRELIMINARY  
LEVEL 2 - ELEMENTARY  
LEVEL 3 - INTERMEDIATE  
LEVEL 4 - ADVANCED  
LEVEL 5 - SENIOR

### SNARE DRUM

LEVEL 1 - PRELIMINARY  
LEVEL 2 - ELEMENTARY  
LEVEL 3 - INTERMEDIATE  
LEVEL 4 - ADVANCED

### BASS AND TENOR

LEVEL 1 - PRELIMINARY  
LEVEL 2 - ELEMENTARY  
LEVEL 3 - INTERMEDIATE  
LEVEL 4 - ADVANCED

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED ENTRY FORM WITH EXAMINATION FEE TO:  
REGISTRAR, RNZPBA COLLEGE, 25 MOANA CRESCENT, DUNEDIN 9013

# Information for Candidates

## ***When are examinations held?***

Examinations are generally held each year over the months September-November. The month and date of your examination will be decided by the College according to the availability and scheduling of examiners.

## ***Where are the examinations held?***

The College co-ordinates arrangements for examiners, venues and examination dates. Candidates are expected to travel to the examiner excepting that when a sufficient number of entries are received from an area, arrangements may be made to have the examiner travel to the area.

## ***Who arranges and appoints examiners?***

The College arranges and appoints examiners – not local organisers.

## ***How do I make an entry for an examination?***

By filling out the attached form and posting it to the College registrar with the examination fee. Entry forms must not be emailed. The College is flexible about when entries may be submitted.

## ***What certificates can I be examined for?***

The list of certificates is shown on the front page of this brochure. Normally only one certificate may be attempted in any one year. However, the principal and associate principals may exercise discretion on this requirement when they are satisfied that the applicant is most likely to meet the examination standards for more than one certificate. The **Levels** of certificates refer only to the RNZPBA College qualifications and do not relate to or have equivalence to other qualifications.

## ***What are the examination requirements?***

You must be prepared to be tested on all items in the syllabus for the certificate you are attempting. You have to pass all items in each section of the syllabus. The examiner marks your performance on each item as “excellent”, “pass” or “fail”. The test is mainly practical and oral, although there are some written sections as indicated in the syllabus.

## ***How do I prepare myself for the examination?***

First, obtain a copy of the syllabus and guidelines. These are available on the RNZPBA website: <http://www.nzpipebands.org.nz>. With the help of your tutor, prepare yourself for every item in the syllabus. If requested (usually through Centre Education Co-ordinators) the College will support workshops when there are sufficient numbers.

## ***What happens if I don't pass every item?***

You may re-enter and be re-examined only in the areas previously failed provided the re-sit is within one year of the original examination. No fee is payable for this re-sit. After one year has lapsed from the original examination, a new examination covering the full syllabus is required. The College decides on the timing of re-sits.

## ***What do I take to the examination?***

Pipers: practice chanter, bagpipes, music. Drummers: sticks, practice pad, drum, music.

## ***When do I get my results?***

You receive your results from the College, not the examiner. The College will issue your certificate if you pass, usually within one month of it receiving papers from the examiner.

## ***What happens if I do not turn up for the examination***

Your entry is cancelled and your entry fee is forfeited, unless a satisfactory explanation is sent in writing to the College Registrar before the end of the year in which you made your entry.

## ***How can I get further information?***

Contact the College of Piping and Drumming.

RNZPBA EDUCATION GROUP  
**College of Piping and Drumming**  
**Examination Entry Form**

Please print **VERY** clearly  
 Entry forms must be completed on paper and posted – not via email.

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| <b>Candidate's Name</b>                             | First Names<br><br>Surname                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Home Postal Address</b>                          | Postcode                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Home Telephone</b>                               | Area Code                      Number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>email</b>                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Name of your Tutor</b>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>If you are a member of a band, name of band.</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Certificates already held and years awarded.</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Instrument to be examined in:</b>                | Bagpipes <input type="checkbox"/> Snare Drum <input type="checkbox"/> Tenor/Bass Drum <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Certificate you wish attempt:</b>                | Level 1 - Preliminary <input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 - Elementary <input type="checkbox"/><br>Level 3 - Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 - Advanced <input type="checkbox"/><br>Level 5 - Senior <input type="checkbox"/><br><br>Pipers tick if optional <b>Piobaireachd</b> endorsement to be attempted (refer syllabus) <input type="checkbox"/><br>Tenor drummers tick if optional <b>flourishing</b> to be attempted (refer syllabus) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Examination Fee</b>                              | Please enclose the appropriate fee with this entry form for each examination entry. Cheques payable to RNZPBA. Levels 1 & 2 - \$30; Level 3 - \$40; Levels 4 & 5 - \$50                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Signature</b>                                    | Date Posted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Send this entry form and your entry fee to RNZPBA College Registrar**  
**25 Moana Crescent, Dunedin 9013**

## RNZPBA COLLEGE OF PIPING AND DRUMMING

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| College Registrar/Convenor<br><a href="mailto:lester.flockton@gmail.com">lester.flockton@gmail.com</a> | Lester Flockton<br>25 Moana Crescent<br>DUNEDIN 9013<br><br>027 557 1715 |
| Principal<br>PIPING                                                                                    | Greg Wilson, Christchurch                                                |
| Principal<br>DRUMMING                                                                                  | Adam Alexander, Wellington                                               |
| Associate Principals<br>PIPING                                                                         | Brian Switalla, Auckland<br><br><i>Graeme Bryce, Christchurch</i>        |
| Associate Principals<br>DRUMMING                                                                       | <i>2 positions pending</i>                                               |

### Examination Fees

*as from 2015*

Levels 1 & 2 (Preliminary & Elementary) \$30.00

Level 3 (Intermediate) \$40.00

Levels 4 & 5 (Advanced & Senior) \$50.00