

Certificate of Music Teaching

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General:

The Certificate of Music Teaching is designed to assist apprentice teachers to learn the skills of teaching at the Beginner, Junior and Preliminary Grade levels. This qualification is ideally suited to potential teachers who may still be students themselves but who are embarking on a teaching career.

All candidates will receive a written report. Successful candidates will receive a hand-inscribed Certificate.

Requirements

There are THREE parts to the examination. All parts must be completed at the time of the examination. 60 minutes is allocated for this examination.

1. Practical Performance Demonstration:

This demonstration should reflect careful preparation with emphasis on accuracy, control, musicianship, security and skill. Candidates who produce a St Cecilia Certificate as evidence of their success for the practical Grade Six or higher examination are exempted from this section.

- A demonstration of ONE item from the St Cecilia Grade Seven (or higher) Syllabus. Items should be accompanied except for keyboard and guitar candidates.

2. Discussion on Teaching Principles

In relation to the instrument taught and with appropriate demonstration, the candidate will discuss the following topics with the examiner:

- The teaching studio. Practical and aesthetic layout, level of comfort, health and safety, access to facilities, equipment.
- General marketing and business strategies in the setting up and managing of a teaching studio.

- Advice to parents/students regarding the purchase and acquisition of music instruments.
- The first three lessons at the Beginner level.
- Correct posture, seating/standing position. The foundations of good technique.
- The pros and cons of TWO recognized teaching methods (*candidate's choice*) with reference to examples from original copies.
- The progression to Junior and Preliminary Grade levels.
- The value of examinations, competitions, concert performances, group playing/singing to early grade students.

3. Written Requirements

The candidate will choose THREE topics from the above list and produce a structured, succinct and well-presented written document on each. Credit will be given for imaginative and creative ideas as well as their practical application. *Minimum 1500 words for each document.*