



# Information for Candidates

## On the exam day

You don't need to present an exam slip or other paperwork when you arrive, just be ready outside your exam room by 9.10am. At about 9.15am you will be asked to go into your exam room and the exam supervisor will check your name off on a list. Leave your bag and any other belongings at the front of the exam room. Cell phones must be turned off and left at the front of the room.

Bring your own stationery – pencil, eraser, ruler, and pencil sharpener. You will be given a small sheet of manuscript paper to use for rough working during the exam. Things you write on this sheet won't be marked, but you will need to hand it in at the end to be thrown away.

At about 9.25am the supervisor will hand out the exam papers and then read out some instructions about the exam before you start. It's very important that you don't try to look at anyone else's answers during the exam, or let another candidate look at your paper. You also must not have anything with you in the exam that might help you with the answers. If you break any of these rules you can be disqualified from the exam. When you've finished all the answers, look right back through the paper reading the questions again and checking what you've written.

The maximum time you have to complete your exam paper is:

Grades 1 to 3: 1½ hours (finish by 11.00am)

Grades 4 to 5: 2 hours (finish by 11.30am)

Grades 6 to 8: 3 hours (finish by 12.30pm)

There will be plenty of time for you to finish your exam; you don't need to work quickly to get to the end. It's better to take your time and think about each question carefully before you move on.

You may leave the exam room after 10.10am, but you won't be able to go back in, so make sure you've checked your answers carefully before you decide to go. When you want to leave, take your exam paper and rough paper to the supervisor. The supervisor will ask you to check that your name is spelt correctly on the list, and will put a label on your exam paper. Make sure you take all your belongings out of the exam room with you.

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## Your results

Your results will be sent to your teacher or parent about four weeks after the exam. The results will include a sheet listing the mark you were given for each question in the exam, and if you passed the exam you will also receive a certificate. You need a mark of 66 or more (out of 100) to pass the exam. A mark of 80-89 is called a Pass with Merit, and a mark of 90-100 is called a Pass with Distinction.

You can ask to have your paper sent to you after you've received your results. Contact the Auckland office for more information about doing this.

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## Any questions?

Information and maps are available for some exam venues on the New Zealand page of the website ([www.abrsm.org/nz](http://www.abrsm.org/nz)). You can also visit the home page ([www.abrsm.org](http://www.abrsm.org)) to find general information about the exams as well as a forum for chatting with other teachers and students.

If you have any questions about your exam venue, or about how the exam will run, please email the ABRSM office on [office@abrsm.org.nz](mailto:office@abrsm.org.nz) or freephone 0800 MUSEXAM (687 392).