

Royal New Zealand Pipe Bands Association Inc.

College of Piping & Drumming



Information and
Entry Form

Piping and Drumming Certificates

Bagpipe	Snare Drum	Tenor and Bass
Preliminary Elementary Intermediate Advanced Senior	Preliminary Elementary Intermediate Advanced	Preliminary Elementary Intermediate Advanced

Each year the College requests

Entries by 1 May

or later by arrangement with the College.

Please send completed entry form and 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.

How do I make an entry for an examination?

By filling out the attached form and sending it to the College registrar with your \$20 examination fee. Entries are made by 1st May each year (or later by arrangement).

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.

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 from the Executive Officer of the RNZPBA. They can also be accessed on the RNZPBA website: www.nzpipebands.org.nz. With the help of your tutor, prepare yourself for each item in the syllabus. If requested (usually through Centre Education Co-ordinators) the College will arrange 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 passed 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. The College will issue your certificate if you pass.

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

Candidate's Full Name	First Names Surname
Home Postal Address	
Home Telephone	STD Number
email	
Name of your Tutor	
If you are a member of a band, name of band.	
Certificates already held and years awarded.	
Instrument to be examined in:	Bagpipes <input type="checkbox"/> Snare Drum <input type="checkbox"/> Tenor/Bass Drum <input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate you wish attempt:	Preliminary <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Pipers tick if optional <u>pibroch</u> endorsement to be attempted (refer syllabus) <input type="checkbox"/> Tenor drummers tick if optional <u>swings</u> to be attempted (refer syllabus) <input type="checkbox"/>
Examination Fee \$20	Please enclose \$20 with this entry form for each examination entry. Cheques payable to RNZPBA Education Group.
Signature	Date Posted

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

Entry fee \$20 per certificate to be examined.

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