



# Grade Exams

## Introduction:

Graded music exam is a structured framework for a musician to progress systematically. It lays foundation & takes a well rounded approach to improve the skills.

## Exam Boards

We train students from beginner to Grade 8 for following international certifying schools.

- Trinity School of Music, London
- Rock School, London
- Associated Board of Royal School of Music (ABRSM), London

## Eligibility Criteria

The exams are open to all with no age restrictions or any qualifications. There is no requirement to have passed lower grades to appear for higher grades, however the grades show a systematic progress and builds confidence in terms of mastery of the respective instrument.

## Duration of Study

There are two parts in learning:

1. Students will be taught / guided by the tutors (Guided Learning Hours)
2. Student will have to practise independently to master the taught lessons. (Independent learning hours)

Given below is the recommended time commitment needed across each grade, however this should be used more as a guidance.

Grade	Guided Learning Hours (GLH)	Independent Learning Hours (ILT)	Total Qualification Hours (GLH + ILH)
Initial / Beginner	8	32	40
Grade 1	12	48	60
Grade 2	18	72	90
Grade 3	18	102	120
Grade 4	24	126	150
Grade 5	24	156	180
Grade 6	36	184	220
Grade 7	48	222	270
Grade 8	54	266	320

Source: Qualification specifications for Graded Exams 2020-23, Trinity College, London

## Giving Exams & Certification

Students can give exams both online and offline, but given the current situation we strongly recommend online exams. We will help you in the entire process right from booking the exam, helping you in the video recording, submission of the video file and getting the certification.



## Trinity School, London

Each exam has 3 sections. They are different across each level, but given below is the framework for assessment.

No.	Section	Content for Assessment	Marks
1	Music Performance	Students have to perform 3 pieces from a choice of 10 pieces as per each Grade syllabus. Each piece - 22 marks.	66
2	Technical Work	Scales, Arpeggios, Broken Chords, Exercises etc. depending upon the grade.	14
3	Supporting Test	A combination of two tests from sight reading, aural, improvisation and musical knowledge depending on the grade & candidate choice.	20
	<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

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## Assessment & Marking

Exams of all the three schools are assessed by external examiners of the respective schools.

Mark	Attainment Level
87-100	Distinction
75-86	Merit
60-74	Pass
45-59	Below Pass 1
0-44	Below Pass 2

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## Rock School, London

At each grade you have the option of taking one of two different types of examination - Grade Certificate & Performance Certificate. *You can get certified through online exam upto Grade 5 & Grade 8 in Grade Certificate & Performance Certificate respectively.*

### 1. Grade Exam:

Grade Exam is a mixture of music performances, technical work and tests.

### 2. Performance Certificate

In a Performance Certificate you play five pieces. Up to three of these can be Free Choice Pieces.

## Assessment & Marking

<b>Grade Certificate (Video) : Debut - Grade 5</b>			
<b>Element</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Merit</b>	<b>Distinction</b>
Performance Piece 1	12 - 14 out of 20	15 - 17 out of 20	18+ out of 20
Performance Piece 2	12 - 14 out of 20	15 - 17 out of 20	18+ out of 20
Performance Piece 3	12 - 14 out of 20	15 - 17 out of 20	18+ out of 20
Technical Exercise	12 - 14 out of 20	15 - 17 out of 20	18+ out of 20
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>60%+</b>	<b>74%+</b>	<b>90%+</b>

<b>Performance Certificate (Video) : Debut - Grade 8</b>			
<b>Element</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<b>Merit</b>	<b>Distinction</b>
Performance Piece 1	12 - 14 out of 20	15 - 17 out of 20	18+ out of 20
Performance Piece 2	12 - 14 out of 20	15 - 17 out of 20	18+ out of 20
Performance Piece 3	12 - 14 out of 20	15 - 17 out of 20	18+ out of 20
Performance Piece 4	12 - 14 out of 20	15 - 17 out of 20	18+ out of 20
Performance Piece 5	12 - 14 out of 20	15 - 17 out of 20	18+ out of 20
<b>Total Marks</b>	<b>60%+</b>	<b>74%+</b>	<b>90%+</b>

(Source: <https://www.rslawards.com/rockschool/video-exams/>)