



EXAMINATION CLOSING DATE

The closing date for 2009 entries for the August Theoretical Session, the September Practical Session (Hobart only) and the October/November Practical Session is **Friday 10 July**. Entries received within 10 days of the closing date may be accepted if accompanied by a late fee of \$25.00 (GST inclusive) per candidate per subject. Entry forms may be downloaded from our website: www.ameb.utas.edu.au

NEW SYLLABUSES

The 2009 *Manual of Syllabuses* includes three new syllabuses: **Piano, Clarinet and Saxophone**.

Until further notice, candidates may choose to present for examination playing **either** Technical Work & Repertoire for the new Piano, Clarinet and Saxophone syllabuses in the 2009 *Manual of Syllabuses* **or** Technical Work & Repertoire for the old Piano, Clarinet and Saxophone syllabuses in the 2008 *Manual of Syllabuses*.

Teachers should note that it is not possible for candidates to present for examination using a combination of old and new syllabuses.

When enrolling candidates for examinations, please indicate whether they will be presenting the new or old syllabus, e.g. in the Subject column on the entry form, write “Piano New” or “Piano Old”.

NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

Notices will be sent out as early as possible, but not less than 2 weeks before the date of examination. **Candidates must bring these notices to the examination.** Since the result sheet bears only a number, it is important for teachers to make careful note of the number allocated to each candidate.

TRANSFERS OF PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS

When a candidate is unable to sit at the appointed date/time on medical grounds or due to other exceptional causes, it may be possible to allocate another date/time at the same or an alternative centre. This is subject to acceptable substantiation and payment of a transfer fee of 50% of the entry fee (up to a maximum of \$100). **Instrumentalists who require the services of an accompanist are reminded to check that their accompanist will be available in the examination period.**

ON-LINE EXAMINING

Exciting news! The AMEB will be introducing online written examinations in 2010. This means that students who have access to the internet will be able to sit their AMEB exams not just anywhere in Tasmania, but anywhere in the world!

We are creating a special program in conjunction with our new online learning partner, Web Ed Development (www.webeddev.com). The AMEB hopes this partnership will be the platform for more new media learning which is in line with current trends and our new generation of students.

Prior to the introduction of the online exams in 2010, we will be carrying out extensive testing nationally. The testing will run by invitation in the latter part of this year and we will invite a wide range of the AMEB community to participate in these tests.

To ease the transition, a period of cross-over will occur, so both traditional and online exams will be available. We will correspond with you regularly about our progress and key information you need to know to explain to your students.

A dedicated page on the AMEB Federal website will answer any questions you might have and there will be a contact number for you to call with any queries in due course. At the current time we want you to know that Web Ed Development is AMEB's online learning partner and that online exams will be available next year.

TRAINEE EXAMINERS

Part of the training of AMEB Examiners is undertaken by "sitting-in" on actual examinations. When this is going to occur, we are usually able to notify teachers in advance. On some occasions, however, this is not possible. In those instances, the Supervisor will let the candidate know on the day that a trainee will be present. It would be appreciated if teachers could make their students aware of this procedure and reassure them that the second person in the examination room is a trainee and is not formally assessing them.

TASMANIAN QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY

The following AMEB qualifications are recognised by the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority:

- AMEB Fourth Grade Practical or above
- AMEB Second Grade Written or above
- AMEB Contemporary Popular Music Advancing Step 2 or above

These qualifications can contribute to the 120 points which, together with other requirements, are needed to gain the Tasmanian Certificate of Education from this year. Teachers should please tick the relevant box on our exam entry form to allow candidates' details to be provided to the TQA. This applies to **all** students – not only those currently in Years 11/12. For complete details about the new TCE, telephone the TQA on 6233 6364, or visit their website: www.tqa.tas.gov.au

LICENTIATE EXAMINATIONS

The Federal Examiner for 2009 is Dr Mark McGee, part-time lecturer in piano at the University of Melbourne and Assistant Director of Music at St. Kevin's College, Toorak. He will be in Hobart to examine LMusA candidates in September.

ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE SYLLABUSES

Did you know that the AMEB has a series of ensemble syllabuses? These syllabuses cover assessments in Mixed Ensemble, Brass, Woodwind, Strings and Percussion. To most of these subjects you may add a keyboard, guitar or percussion.

All ensembles must have a least two players. From First-Fourth Grade there is no upper limit on the number of players; from Fifth Grade to Diploma there may be no more than ten players.

For the examination, ensembles need to perform at least two pieces (or movements) of a contrasting nature. There are no technical work, sight reading or general knowledge sections.

For more information on Ensemble Performance or a copy of the syllabus, please contact this office on 6226 7317.

AMEB STUDENTS IN CONCERT

AMEB students will have the opportunity to perform in a special concert in the Recital Hall at the Conservatorium of Music, 5-7 Sandy Bay Road, Hobart, from 1.10 pm-2.00 pm on **Wednesday 21 October**. If you have a suitable student who has gained Honours in **Sixth Grade** or above, would you please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to this office by **Friday 28 August**.

Marita Crothers
State Manager

