

NEWS 2025

SYLLABUSES

Regulations review

The AMEB Regulations in the front section of the *Manual of Syllabuses* have been updated to reflect contemporary practice and remove outdated items. The purpose of the review is to ensure integrity and consistency of examination processes and standards, thus ensuring that any qualifications and awards issued across all jurisdictions meet those standards. The updated Regulations have been ordered to reflect the typical candidate journey from enrolment to examination, and to the granting of a certificate.

Viola

AMEB is proud to announce the launch of two additional grade books for Viola Series 2: Grade 5 and Grade 6 (2024). These are made available as an additional resource for users of the current Viola syllabus.

The works featured in Viola Series 2 Grade 5 and Grade 6 will be added to the current Viola syllabus. Beyond this, there will be no alterations to the syllabus.

Please visit www.ameb.edu.au for up-to-date information on the new publications and associated launch activities.

Band

As of 2025, the AMEB Band syllabus will no longer be printed in the hardcopy *Manual of Syllabuses*; it is available from ameb.edu.au as a digital download only.

Technical work

As of 2025, AMEB Band candidates must present Technical work from the current orchestral brass Technical work publications as follows:

Band candidates on instruments that read in treble clef should prepare all technical work for the relevant grade as presented in *Trumpet Technical work & Orchestral excerpts* (AMEB, 2019).

This includes:

- E^b soprano cornet
- B^b cornet
- B^b flugelhorn
- E^b tenor horn
- B^b baritone
- B^b tenor trombone
- B^b and F trombone
- B^b euphonium
- E^b bass tuba
- B^b bass tuba

Band candidates on Bass Trombone should prepare all technical work for the relevant grade as presented in *Trombone & Euphonium Technical work & Orchestral excerpts* (AMEB, 2020).

Band candidates on Tuba in C should prepare all technical work for the relevant grade as presented in *Tuba Technical work & Orchestral excerpts* (AMEB, 2020).

For further details, please refer to the current AMEB Band Syllabus (digital download).

Syllabus developments

Syllabus reviews

A review of the Cello syllabus is currently underway, with a new syllabus scheduled for release in November 2026.

A review of the Singing for Leisure syllabus is currently underway, with a new syllabus scheduled for release in November 2026.

Notice of withdrawal from examination

From 1 January 2026 the following syllabus will no longer be available for examination:

- Viola (old syllabus), last published in the 2023 *Manual of syllabuses*.

From 1 January 2030 the following syllabus will no longer be available for examination:

- CTMusA, ATMusA and LTMusA (Teaching – old syllabus), last published in the 2023 *Manual of syllabuses*.

AMEB AWARD

We are pleased to announce the launch of the AMEB Award – a development program that supports and acknowledges the efforts of developing musicians, dancers, actors and performers of all ages and stages. Participants expand their creative horizons and ultimately grow as a performer by undertaking three main Award requirements: an AMEB Qualification, Performances and Contribution Activities.

The AMEB Award is available in the Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, the Northern Territory, and Victoria. For more information about the AMEB Award – <https://www.ameb.edu.au/award>.

To enrol visit SCORE – <https://score.ameb.edu.au>.

If you are based in Western Australia, you can participate in the SCSA endorsed WA AMEB Award. For more information please visit the AMEB WA website – <https://www.uwa.edu.au/ameb/wa-award-program>.

ROCKSCHOOL, PAA AND CREATIVE QUALIFICATIONS UPDATES

Two new Associate Awards have been added to the Rockschoool suite. These qualifications are high-level performance-based exams aimed at learners who have already achieved their Grade 8. Enrolments can be made through SCORE. New repertoire grade books for Electric Guitar, Bass and Drums have been released, adding even more repertoire choices for teachers and candidates. The two Creative Qualifications, vlogging and podcasting, have been withdrawn and are no longer offered.

ONLINE

AMEB Federal Office website

The AMEB Federal Office website showcases all we have to offer across music, speech & drama, performing arts and more. Visit us online to buy AMEB publications, access tips, information and videos, or browse our exam page, to find an exam or syllabus to suit you.

Visit www.ameb.edu.au.

AMEB Online Shop

All AMEB publications are available for purchase from the AMEB Online Shop. Free shipping is available for orders over \$125.00 AUD, with express post options also available. In addition, all AMEB syllabuses, a number of past exam papers, and study resources, including Recorded Accompaniments, are available for purchase as digital downloads from www.ameb.edu.au/shop.

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