

NZMEB was formed in 2006, and in this time has grown its entrant and teacher base considerably. The board is really grateful for the support it has received from teachers around the country over this time.

As part of the ongoing review process, the Board decided to implement a web based entrant management system, and with the completion of most syllabuses we have restructured the office administration.

The sad decision was made to disband the position of national administrator. Serena Jones has been a hard working member of our team and we will all miss her friendly help.

The Development Team will now provide the administration. The office will not be manned as often as has been in the past, but please leave a message on the 0800 number and we will answer your query as soon as possible. Emails will continue to be checked as usual.



Exams

Theory exams are now complete for 2012. The October exams are marked and teachers should now be receiving report mark sheets. Certificates from the August practical session are now being sent out. Theory certificates will follow shortly. Second session practical examinations have started, Dunedin requested earlier dates and we were pleased to be able facilitate this.

Diplomas

With a healthy number of diploma entrants the decision was made to bring Professor Max Olding OAM, over from Australia to work with our local examiners. As the only music examinations board with NZQA accreditation we continually review our moderation processes.

The board has decided that examiners may choose to award the Performance Certificate (if the entrant has not already achieved it) when an entrant entered for an associate diploma does not meet the standard for Level 5, but does make the standard for the top of Level 4. It is hoped that this move will encourage entrants in their musical endeavours. There is good academic precedence for this move within the tertiary system.

Fees 2013

These are now on the website as are the closing dates and session dates for 2013. Given the global economic situation the Board at NZMEB has decided to continue with the \$99 exams fees for Preliminary, Grades One and Two. Grade Three has a minimal increase.

Order of entrants

As a new initiative from examiners we are asking teachers to enter their entrants for exams in the order they would like them to be examined. This enables you as a teacher to have input into the structure of your exam day as much as is possible. Once the day sheets and report forms are complete teachers may not rearrange the order of their entrants without consulting the NZMEB office.

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