

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE SYLLABUS

THEORY OF MUSIC

The Examination will be based on the The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, "**Structured Learning, Book 2, The Intermediate Certificate**", and the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association "**Examination Books, grade 1-to-6**", published by the Northern Ireland Branch.

In addition, the Preliminary and Elementary Certificate Syllabus requirements should be fully understood and are examinable, together with the following :-

- Orchestral Instruments - Classification and the simple idea of how sound is produced by various instruments.
- Rhythm, Melody and Harmony.
- Motive, Phrase, Anacrusis.
- Metrical Accent, Syncopation.
- Tempo, Simple, Compound and Asymmetric Time.
- Development of the Great Staff, Clef Signs, Note and Rest Values, Pitch, Accidentals.
- The principle of integrated tuning of Pipes and Drums.

PLAYING

The required exercises are contained in the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association "**Structured Learning, Book 2, The Intermediate Certificate**", Pages 2-19-1 to 2-19-9.

ON THE PRACTICE CHANTER:

- Play correctly Exercises 1 to 22 contained in RSPBA Structured Learning Book 2, pages 2.19.1 to 2.19.9.
- Display the ability to sight read and play with a high degree of accuracy, any four-part March, Strathspey, Reel, any part(s) of which may be selected by the Examiner from the manuscript.

ON THE BAGPIPE:

- Display the ability to set the Chanter Reed and tune the Drone to a high degree of accuracy.

- Play a selection of tunes to include a **Slow Air/March, Compound Duple Time March, Simple Duple Time March, Strathspey and Reel**. Each of the last four tunes to be offour or more parts. **Ground and First Variation of a Piobaireachd**.
- Display a sound knowledge of the care and maintenance ofthe Bagpipe and a competent ability to correctly adjust reeds.

MUSIC WRITING

- Write out from memory a Simple Duple **March, Strathspey and Reel**, each of four or more parts. The number of partsto be written may be determined by the Examiner.

***** End of Intermediate Syllabus *****