



ADVANCED CERTIFICATE SYLLABUS

A candidate for Advanced Level should have, or be able to demonstrate in writing and through practical demonstration an understanding of the elements of dress and drill as practised by pipe bands in competition and associated performances as sanctioned and approved by Pipe Bands Australia and state branches. Instruction is based on the Pipe Band College Dress and Drill Training Manual 1995 (www.pipebands.asn.au/pdf/DrillDressManual.pdf)

The course of instruction in preparation for examination at Advanced Level covers –

Theory

- The planning, training, preparation and performance of a pipe band in traditional and contemporary settings
- A thorough knowledge and understanding of all permissible pipe band formations
- A well-developed understanding of the structure of pipe band music and the relation and connect between music, movement and mace
- The role and responsibilities of a Dress and Drill adjudicator in pipe band competitions and the relationship with, and responsibilities of, other contest officials
- A thorough knowledge and understanding of Pipe Bands Australia Contest Regulations

Practical

- The various diagrams and course layouts required for pipe band competitions including associated drill movements required to complete the competitions within the context of relevant rules.
- A comprehensive knowledge of foot and mace drill
- A demonstrated and advanced ability to perform the duties of drum major, including leading a pipe band in competition.
- A demonstrated ability to identify the measures, parts and changes of tune.
- The ability to demonstrate and explain reasons for preparation of a band for dress inspection..

Candidates for the Advanced Level examination are to make application through their state branch secretary on the official form and accompanied by the prescribed fee. The Vice-Principal will arrange a suitable examination time and make necessary arrangements for examination in Theory, Oral and Practical elements. A result of 75 per cent or more in each element is required to receive the certificate. Where a pass is not gained, that element maybe re-sat within 12 months otherwise the entire examination must again be sat.
