



AUSTRALIAN PIPE BAND COLLEGE – DRESS & DRILL

ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATE SYLLABUS

A candidate for Elementary 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 for in preparation for examination at Elementary Level covers:

- The roles of the drum major as they relate to the responsibilities for dress, drill and discipline within the structure of a pipe band.
- The accepted definition and translation into practical performance of all basic drill movements of a pipe band.
- An aptitude for the capable performance of basic drill movements of a pipe band.
- The responsibilities of the drum major regarding personnel management within the pipe band structure and duty of care attached to the reasonable performance of those duties and responsibilities.
- The performance of basic mace movements, including flourish, that can be used when leading a pipe band on parade and on the competition field.
- The various diagrams and course layouts available for use in pipe band competitions and particularly those contained in regulations and in trial rules as they apply.
- The uniform requirements of a pipe band member and the manner in which they must be worn.
- The structure and performance of a pipe band tune as it relates to the drum major's contribution to the performance of a pipe band

Candidates for the Elementary 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.
