



AUSTRALIAN PIPE BAND COLLEGE – DRESS & DRILL

INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE SYLLABUS

A candidate for Intermediate 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 Intermediate Level covers:

- The role of the drum major as they relate to the responsibilities for dress, drill and discipline within the structure of a pipe band.
- The responsibilities and functional role of a drum major relative to dress, drill and discipline when attending a pipe band contest.
- The functional aspects of the duties of band representative on the day of contest.
- The responsibilities of drum major relative regarding personnel management within the broader parameters of the activities of a pipe band as they relate to the role.
- The various formations permissible for pipe band performance covering all aspects of musical contests and marching competitions including competitive street parades,
- The various diagrams and course layouts required for pipe band competitions, including the associated movements and evolutions required to complete the competitions within the context of the relevant rules, whether it be a static musical contest or marching element.
- The procedures associated with the preparation and execution of a massed band performance as they relate to the presence of a senior drum major and assistant drum major duties.
- The structure and performance of a pipe band tune as it relates to the pipers and drummers contribution to the performance of a pipe band on both the contest and public arena and as it affects the performance of a drum major in the execution of duties when the band is on parade.

Candidates for the Intermediate 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 may be re-sat within 12 months otherwise the entire examination must again be sat.
