

A message to our community regarding COVID-19 – May sessions postponed. A message to AMEB Qld enrollers.

Department of **Education**

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Dear AMEB Qld community,

The wellbeing of our clients and staff continue to be our primary focus as we navigate the disruption from the COVID-19 situation.

AMEB Qld is planning for changes to our service delivery over the coming weeks and months, and I would like to provide you with an update.

We are currently prioritising the development of on-line examination delivery for repertoire examinations with the aim to expand this to comprehensive examinations in the near future. I will advise as this is progressed.

However, in the interests of the safety of our community and the public, having regard to the Commonwealth Government's announcement yesterday to eliminate unnecessary travel, and the need to contain COVID-19, AMEB Qld has regrettably decided to postpone all regional and metropolitan examination sessions, until further notice.

This means the following examination sessions are postponed:

- Capricornia 16/05/20-24/05/20
- Northern and Peninsula 09/05/20-17/05/20
- Wide Bay 16/05/20- 24/05/20
- Sunshine Coast 26/04/20 10/05/20
- Brisbane Metro 2/05/20 17/05/20

What does this mean for you?

During periods where we cannot offer you an in-situ examination, and you are currently enrolled, you may:

- transfer to the **next available session** at no cost. We have identified another 8 weeks throughout the year that will enable us to progressively extend our examination sessions as required, possibly commencing in July. We will let you know when these become available in your area; or
- transfer to an online/video examination if /when it becomes available for your examination type and level later in the year at no cost; or
- seek a refund for your enrolment.

Please let us know your preference, or make any enquiries, by return email at enquiries.ameb@qed.qld.gov.au as soon as possible.

I am pleased to advise that AMEB federal Office are currently offering free online courses for Grades 1 to 3 Theory of Music until June 30 from exams.ameb.edu.au. These courses are delivered as a series of videos and PDFs and also give students access to practice questions on



the same online platform that delivers our online theory exams. To get access to a free course, simply register as an account holder, add the course to your cart, and proceed through the check-out. No payment information will be requested and access will be granted immediately.

As I have previously committed to you, in this changing landscape, I am watching and responding as information comes to hand. Please be assured I will continue to provide you with the latest information about the measures we are putting in place to address the impacts of COVID-19.

I encourage our talented candidates to continue to practice and enjoy their musical and speech and drama pursuits in preparation for their future exams.

Stay well and safe,

Yours sincerely,

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