**Notes on Rockschool Music Examinations 2021**

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|  | **Live Video Exams (LVE)** | **Recorded Video Exams (RVE)** |
| **Exam Type** | LVE covers all grades and exam types, including:   * Performance Certificate, Premiere to Grade 8 * Graded Exam, Debut to Grade 8 | RVE covers below grades:   * Performance Certificate, Premiere to Grade 8 * Grade Certificate (3 performance pieces + ALL Technical Exercises from the Grade Book), Debut to Grade 5   *NB: Grade 6 to 8 Graded Exam Candidates apply to LVE only.* |
| **Exam Method** | Examiner uses Zoom video conference to do live video exams with the candidates remotely. Examiner provides standard mark sheet for each candidate. | * For Graded Certificate: there is no sight reading/improvisation/ear test/GMQ/QSP sections. * Candidates record their exams at the exam venue. The videos must not be edited or paused/stopped during the filming. Exam venue uploads the candidate videos to RSL Cloud. * Examiner provides standard mark sheets *AND* a video feedback for each candidate. |
| **Onsite Support** | RSL China Office assigns translators to the exam venue to provide remote support for the examiner (this also applies for centres where translation service is not requested). | RSL China Office provides written translations (with a fee) for:   * Mark sheet * Video feedback |
| **Comparison** | * Higher demand of interne connection and venue equipment * Exams take place during weekdays and weekends. Candidates may have to ask for school leave * A Minimum entry of 20 is required to host LVEs | * Exam Venue schedules their own candidates which offers flexibility * Candidates do not need to ask for school leave * No minimum entry requirement for a venue to host RVEs |

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| **Entry And Exam Dates** | | |  | **2021 RSL Music Exam Fees (for LVEs and RVEs)** | | |
| **Session** | **Closing Dates** | **Exams Dates** |  | **Grade** | **Exam Fee (RMB)** | **Band Exam (per candidate)** |
| A | 1 Dec. to 25 Dec. | Late Feb. to early Apr. |  | Premiere | ¥550 |  |
| Summer | 15 Apr. to 30 Apr. | 15 Jul. to 15 Aug. |  | Debut | ¥660 |  |
| B | 15 May to 10 June | 25 Aug. to 30 Sept. |  | Grade 1 | ¥750 |  |
| C | 1 Sept. to 25 Sept. | 22 Nov. to 22 Dec. |  | Grade 2 | ¥850 |  |
| **Please note:**  RSL may alter the above entry and exam dates based on the examiner booking schedules, and will email the exam venues of such changes if applicable.  Entries made after the closing date will be automatically deferred to the next exam session.  For Grade 6-8 Graded exam candidates but the venue doesn’t mee the min. entry requirement, the candidates may be scheduled to another venue or a nearby city. | | |  | Grade 3 | ¥900 | ¥750/per candidate |
|  | Grade 4 | ¥1,030 |  |
|  | Grade 5 | ¥1,110 | ¥950/per candidate |
|  | Grade 6 | ¥1,200 |  |
|  | Grade 7 | ¥1,300 |  |
|  | Grade 8 | ¥1,500 | ¥1150/per candidate |

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| Entrants are required to submit the following documents to their RSL exam centre:   1. Completed entry form with all required information 2. Two hard copies of the candidate’s profile photo 3. Payment for the examination 4. A photocopy of the candidate’s ID card or passport.   The entire examination will be conducted in English.  An entrant is the person who makes the exam entry and must be at least 18 years old. An entrant can be 1) the person to be assessed, 2) a parent or guardian of the person to be assessed, 3) a school, college or other educational institution or 4) an individual teacher entering multiple candidates.  For entrants from international schools or private schools, please contact RSL’s China Territory Manager Lillian Lan directly for entry and fee payment on [lillianlan@rslawards.com](mailto:lillianlan@rslawards.com.cn).  The candidate must ensure that he/she brings to the examination an authentic version of the Rockschool grade book, either in hard copy format or a printout of the digital version of the book from the RSL online shop (for international school candidates only). The examiner will sign the first page of the book. Photocopies of the grade book are allowed but solely to facilitate any page turning. Any candidate who fails to bring an authentic version of the grade book in either of the aforementioned formats will still be allowed to take the examination, but the result of the examination will be withheld until proof of purchase of the grade book is produced. Candidates entering for examinations at Grade 6-8 are required to show proof of identity (ID card or passport) to the examiner prior to the start of the examination. **NOTE:** from 1 May 2016, Rockschool grade materials purchased via the KR player on mobile devices are no longer supported for use in examinations in mainland China.  Please ensure that all information on the entry form is as accurate as possible.  The appointment slip will be sent to the email address provided on the entry form. Please ensure that a valid email address is provided. If the entrant has not received an appointment slip 3 weeks prior to the exam date, please contact RSL China as soon as possible on [info@rslawards.com.cn](mailto:info@rslawards.com.cn)  The candidate name supplied on the form must be the candidate’s full and real name. In the event where a person is sitting an exam on behalf of a candidate, the examination will be promptly cancelled and the exam result will subsequently not be issued. The examiner and the staff at the RSL exam centre will verify the candidate’s identity when necessary.  Examinations can be scheduled in the morning, afternoon or evening, from Monday to Sunday. If the candidate has any special requirements regarding date and time, please specify this under the Additional Information section on the entry form. RSL will try its best to meet any specific requirements but please be aware that this cannot be guaranteed.    RSL China will schedule examinations according to the examiner’s booking itinerary and the time required for the examination and appointment slips will be generated accordingly. Once appointment slips are issued, any requests for changes to the exam schedule must be made in writing and should be submitted to [info@rslawards.com.cn](mailto:info@rslawards.com.cn) within five days of receipt of the appointment slip. RSL will try its best to honour the change request but this cannot be guaranteed.  For withdrawal of entry BEFORE the appointment slips is issued, RMB150 will be charged as an admin fee.  **Changes of exam information AFTER the appointment slip is issued:**   1. The exam venue carefully considers which exam method they want to apply. The exam method is not to be altered after the appointment slips are issued. An extra admin fee will be charged on an hourly basis on any extra late requirement of exam method change *AFTER* the appointment slips are issued. 2. Requests for changes to the exam information (i.e. error in candidate name) made AFTER five days of receipt of the appointment slip will incur an additional administration fee of RMB200. 3. Rescheduling request of the exam date or time slot, change of exam type, grade and instrument made AFTER five days of receipt of the appointment slip are not supported. 4. If the candidate is no show at the exam, refund is not applicable. 100% of the exam fee will be charged for a re-sit.   **Please note:** the candidate is free to choose whether he/she would like to use an acoustic or electric instrument for a drums or piano exam. If an electric instrument is to be used, the instrument must meet all the necessary criteria to allow the candidate to demonstrate the technical requirements for that grade. RSL will not make any specific recommendation to candidates on this matter. Please refer to the syllabus guide(s) for more information on the assessment criteria for each grade.  **Useful Links:**  About RSL Video Exams: <https://www.rslawards.com/rockschool/video-exams/>  Download exams syllabus guides from RSL Official Website: <https://www.rslawards.com/>  Policies and Regulations: <https://www.rslawards.com/about-us/policies-and-regulations>  Graded Exams FAQs: <https://www.rslawards.com/music/graded-music-exams/faqs>  Free Choice Pieces for exams: <https://www.rslawards.com/music/graded-music-exams/free-choice-pieces>  **RSL China Email Address:**  [info@rslawards.com.cn](mailto:info@rslawards.com.cn)  **RSL China Territory Manager:** Lillian Lan [lillianlan@rslawards.com](mailto:lillianlan@rslawards.com.cn) |

**Acknowledgement**

I am (please tick): ⬜ candidate (over 18 years old); ⬜ parent/guardian (for candidate below 18); and have fully read and understood the terms and conditions mentioned above.

Name of the candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rockschool Grade Exam and Performance Certificate Entry Form**

Complete in **BLOCK CAPITALS.**

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| **1. Entrant’s Details (Entrant must be at least 18 years old)** | | Candidate’s Photo |
| Full Name: | |
| Please“√”where appropriate  Relationship with candidate (s)  ⬜Candidate ⬜Parent/Guardian ⬜Teacher ⬜Training Centre/School | |
| Address: | | |
| Telephone No: | Mobile No: | |
| Email address (fill in a valid applicant’s email to receive the exam appointment slip): | | |

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| **2. Candidate’s Details** | | |
| Full Name (as it will appear on the certificate): | | |
| Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD)①: | Gender (M/F)②: | ①②③This information is compulsory but will be used for statistical purposes only. |
| ID Card/Passport Number③: | |

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| **3. Your Examination** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Exam 1 | | Instrument  (acoustic guitar; bass; electric guitar; drums; keys; classical piano; pop piano; ukulele or vocals) | | Syllabus Version④  Acoustic guitar: 2016 or 2019  Classical piano: 2020  Electric guitar/bass/drums/vocals: 2012  Keys: 2019  Pop piano: 2015 or 2019  Ukulele: 2017 or 2020 | | | Type of Exam  (Grade Exam or Performance Certificate) ⑤ | | Grade  (Premiere, Debut, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) | | Exam Fee (RMB) |
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| ④ Please input the correct syllabus version which can be found on your grade book on top of the *Acknowledgement* page.  ⑤ Rockschool offer two types of exams at each grade; graded examinations and performance certificates.  • Grade Exams consist of 3 performance pieces, technical exercises and unseen tests (for Recorded Video Exams – 3 pieces plus ALL technical exercises).  • Performance Certificates consist of 5 performance pieces and no other tests or exercises. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ***If you are applying for multiple examinations, please continue below:*** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Type of Exam: |  | | Instrument: |  | Syllabus Version |  | Grade: |  | | Fee: |  |
| Type of Exam: |  | | Instrument: |  | Syllabus Version |  | Grade: |  | | Fee: |  |
| **TOTAL Exams Fee (RMB):** | | | | | | | | | |  | |
| **Please Note:** Due to time zone difference, Live Video Exams will be arranged from 2:30 to 9:30pm (Beijing Time). Please list any dates / time that you **CANNOT** attend\*:  \*It is not guaranteed that we can avoid these dates | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| **4. Additional Information** |
| **Drum Candidates.** Do you require a left-handed kit? |
| Will you be bringing your own kit (Grade 6-8 only)? If **no** the exam centre will provide a drum kit. |
| **Popular Piano Candidates.** Will you be bringing your own keyboard? |
| If **no,** the exams centre can provide either a keyboard or a piano. Please indicate which you prefer: |
| **Special Needs Candidates.** Please include a supporting letter with your application explaining your requirements. |
| **All Candidates.** If there is any additional information you consider relevant, please attach a note to your application. |

Entrant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_