### **NZMEB RECORDER**

In compiling this syllabus the New Zealand Music Examinations Board has endeavoured to use readily available and affordable editions as indicated in the text. The Board has used each book to the fullest extent possible, however any edition is acceptable. Editions are mentioned solely as a means of identification, and any standard edition will be accepted.

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#### **Instruments**

At present this syllabus applies only to descant (soprano) recorder

#### **Examination Music**

Entrants may not use photocopies for performance (other than for facilitating page turns) in examinations, as this is prohibited by the Copyright Act. It is recommended that entrants hand in copies of all pieces being performed to the examiner together with their examination slip when they enter the examination room.

**Accompanist:** Entrants must provide their own accompanists who remain in the room only while accompanying. A teacher may act as accompanist. Accompaniment is not required for study list pieces.

## Study List: Samples of entrant's year's work.

From Grade 1 to Grade 5 all entrants must present other pieces of their choice, as evidence of study beyond those presented for the examination. These should be at a similar level to those already in the syllabus, and may come from the syllabus or from a source other than the lists below. Examiners, at their discretion, will ask entrants to demonstrate familiarity with these pieces by performing the whole or any part of them during the examination. Entrants must bring a copy of the music to the examination room.

The following minimum requirements apply:

Grade 1 — one piece

Grade 2 to 5 — two pieces

Entrants should not play repeats in examinations, however any da capo must be played.

## **CRITERIA and DESCRIPTORS**

Level 1 - Preliminary to Grade 3

Processes are limited in range, repetitive and familiar, employing recall and a narrow range of knowledge and cognitive skills. These are applied in activities which are closely supervised by the teacher.

Examiners will use these criteria in assessing all level 1 entrants

- Comfortable and well balanced posture
- Appropriate hand and arm position.

# Beginning to acquire:

- Independent articulation of the fingers
- Systematic fingering in scales
- Accurate and prompt performance from memory of all technical work
- Performance of the technical work at the minimum tempo or faster
- Awareness of underlying pulse in the pieces
- Awareness of the dynamic range of the instrument
- Accurate and fluent performance of pieces
- Awareness and control of dynamics, tempo and articulations
- Awareness of intonation and breath support
- Awareness of clear and even tone

# **Preliminary**

## **Performance and Standard Syllabus Scales**

1. Scales Ascending and descending one octave only

C, D Major scales and arpeggios, tongued

Sustained note Any note of prescribed range held for 5 seconds,

mezzo-forte Range — Middle C to E (2<sup>nd</sup> octave above MC)

Tempo — ascending and descending minimum metronome speed 76, one note per beat

#### 2. Pieces

3 pieces — one from each list.

#### List A

Any study (unaccompanied)

#### List B

Any piece of music of at least 8 bars long in 3 beats per bar. Piano accompaniment preferred.

#### List C

Any piece of music of at least 8 bars long in 4 beats per bar **or** any music in 2 beats per bar of a minimum of 16 bars. Piano accompaniment preferred.

## Grade 1

## **Performance Syllabus Scales**

1. Scales Ascending and descending one octave only

C, D, F Major scales and arpeggios, tongued

D, E Harmonic minor scales and arpeggios, tongued

Sustained note Any note of prescribed range held for 5 seconds,

mezzo-forte Range — Middle C to F (2<sup>nd</sup> octave above MC)

Tempo — ascending and descending minimum metronome speed 96, one note per beat

#### **Standard Syllabus Scales**

1. Scales Ascending and descending one octave only

C, F Major scales and arpeggios, tongued

D Harmonic minor scales and arpeggios, tongued

Sustained note Any note of prescribed range held for 5 seconds, mezzo-forte Range — Middle C to F (2<sup>nd</sup> octave above MC)

Tempo — ascending and descending minimum metronome speed 96, one note per beat

### 2. Pieces

**Performance Syllabus** – **4 pieces in total** - 3 List pieces required — one from each list plus 1 extra list piece. Extra list pieces may be chosen from the repertoire listed below or may be chosen by the student, but need to be of a similar degree of difficulty.

**Standard Syllabus** – **3 pieces in total** - 3 pieces to be chosen by 3 different composers. 2 pieces must be chosen from the repertoire listed below and a third piece may be chosen from the repertoire below <u>or</u> may be chosen by the student, but needs to be of a similar degree of difficulty.

#### List A

Keuning Study no.16, or27 30 Simple Studies for Descant Recorder Harmonia Hilversum Fetzen Study

no. 4 or no. 7 50 Graded Studies for Recorder (ed Adams and Harris) Faber

Faber Harris Study no. 1 50 Graded Studies for Recorder (ed Adams and Harris) Faber RodgersDo-

Re-Mi Easy Winners, Brass Wind

Feltkamp Study no 23 and 24 40 Etudes, Hargail

Kathryn Bennetts Spring Song Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM

#### List B

Arbeau No 13 First Book of Descant Solos (arr Bergmann) Faber Chedeville No 21 First Book of Descant Solos (arr Bergmann) Faber Naudot No 20 First Book of Descant Solos (arr Bergmann) Faber

Harris Sunny Spells First Repertoire for Descant Recorder(arr Bergmann) Faber
Paisible Minuet First Repertoire for Descant Recorder(arr Bergmann) Faber

Haughton Bo's Boogie Fun Club Descant Recorder (Grades 0-1) Mayhew

Mayhew The Race Fun Club Descant Recorder (Grades 0-1) Mayhew

Holborne The Honie-Suckle First Repertoire Pieces for Descant Recorder(arr Rosenberg) Boosey

Lyons Natasha's Hedgehog New Recorder Solos book 1 Useful, U60

Morley Now is the month of Maying Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM Purcell Fairest Isle (from King Arthur) Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM

Anon Gavotte Easy Pieces of the 17th and 18th Centuries Schott 4364/M.D.S de Montclair, MV Musette Easy Pieces of the 17th and 18th Centuries Schott 4364/M.D.S

Mendelssohn Jagdlied Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM Schumann Soldiers' March Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM

#### List C

Bonsor Legend The Really Easy Recorder Book Faber
Bonsor Scherzino The Really Easy Recorder Book Faber

Buckley Morning Song Ragamuffin, CMC Buckley Ragamuffin Ragamuffin, CMC

Elgar Land of Hope & Glory Winners Galore, Brass Wind

Watts Goings On Razzamajazz Repertoire (Descant Recorder) Mayhew

Wedgwood Dragonfly Easy Jazzin' About, Faber
Wedgwood Riding out West Easy Jazzin' About, Faber

Wilson Gospel Joe Creative Variations for Recorder, vol. 1 Camden CM23

### Grade 2

# **Performance Syllabus Scales**

1. Scales Ascending and descending one octave only

C, D, F, G Major scales and arpeggios, tongued/slurred

D, E Harmonic minor scales and arpeggios,

tongued/slurred Sustained note Any note of prescribed range held

for 8 seconds, mezzo-forte

Range — Middle C to G (2<sup>nd</sup> octave above MC)

Tempo — ascending and descending minimum metronome speed 80, two notes per beat

## Standard Syllabus Scales

1. Scales Ascending and descending one octave only

F, G Major scales and arpeggios, tongued/slurred

E Harmonic minor scales and arpeggios,

tongued/slurred Sustained note Any note of prescribed range held

for 8 seconds, mezzo-forte

Range — Middle C to G (2<sup>nd</sup> octave above MC)

Tempo — ascending and descending minimum metronome speed 80, two notes per beat

#### 2. Pieces

**Performance Syllabus** – **5 pieces in total** - 3 List pieces required — one from each list plus 2 extra list pieces. Extra list pieces may be chosen from the repertoire listed below or may be chosen by the student, but need to be of a similar degree of difficulty.

**Standard Syllabus** – **3 pieces in total** - 3 pieces to be chosen by 3 different composers. 2 pieces must be chosen from the repertoire listed below and a third piece may be chosen from the repertoire below <u>or</u> may be chosen by the student, but needs to be of a similar degree of difficulty.

### List A

Keuning Study no.23, no. 26 or no. 30 Simple Studies for Descant Recorder Harmonia Kalmus/M.D.S

Boismortier Study no. 13 50 Graded Studies for Recorder, Faber Trad. Hornpipe Easy Winners Brass Wind OFB25/M.D.S

Kathryn Bennetts Pip's Pedal Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM

### List B

Bizet Prelude from L'Arlésienne Winners Galore, Brass Wind
Coombes Staccato Polka Simply a Rag, Brass Wind 0312
Coombes A Little Jazz Waltz Simply a Rag, Brass Wind 0312

Praetorius Ballet Amazing Solos, Boosey

Playford The Red House The Dancing Master, Easy Pieces of the 17th and 18th Centuries
Playford The British Toper The Dancing Master, Easy Pieces of the 17th and 18th Centuries
Chedeville No 20 The Dancing Master, Easy Pieces of the 17th and 18th Centuries Schott

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4364/M.D.S

Naudot No 19 First Book of Descant Solos (arr Bergmann), Faber

Telemann Andante and Pastourelle First Repertoire for Descant Recorder (arr Bergmann) Faber

M. Praetorius Volte Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM Trad. Provençal Marcho di Rei Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM

List C

Cowles Ohm Sweet Ohm Power Up! Fentone F870

Farnaby Fayne Would I Wedd Elizabethan Ayres & Dances, Schott ED 10037

Lennon/McCartney Yesterday Easy Winners, Brass Wind
Menken A Whole New World Easy Winners, Brass Wind
Russell-Smith Pure Silk Jazzy Recorder I, Universal
Wedgwood Let's get Real Easy Jazzin' About, Faber

Bonsor The Merry Go Round The Really Easy Recorder Book, Faber
Bonsor Caribbean The Really Easy Recorder Book, Faber

Humperdinck Evening Prayer Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM Miles Abigail's Song Creative Variations for Recorder, Camden

### Grade 3

### **Performance Syllabus Scales**

1. Scales Ascending and descending one octave only

D, F, G, A Major scales and arpeggios, tongued/slurred

D, E, G, A Harmonic minor scales and arpeggios,

tongued/slurred A Melodic minor, tongued/slurred

C Major in 3rds, tongued

C Chromatic scale, tongued

Sustained note Any one note of G major scale held for 10 seconds, mezzo-

forte Sustained scale C major, tongued. Each note equals 2 beats

Breathe every 8 beats or 4 notes

Range — Middle C to A (2<sup>nd</sup> octave above MC)

Tempo — ascending and descending minimum metronome speed 80, two notes per beat Sustained scale 60, one note per two beats

## Standard Syllabus Scales

1. Scales Ascending and descending one octave only

D, G Major scales and arpeggios, tongued/slurred

D, G Harmonic minor scales and arpeggios,

tongued/slurred A Melodic minor, tongued/slurred

C Major in 3rds, tongued

C Chromatic scale, tongued

Sustained note Any one note of G major scale held for 10 seconds, mezzo-

forte Sustained scale C major, tongued. Each note equals 2 beats

Breathe every 8 beats or 4 notes

Range — Middle C to A (2<sup>nd</sup> octave above MC)

Tempo — ascending and descending minimum metronome speed 80, two notes per beat Sustained scale 60, one note per two beats

### 2. Pieces

**Performance Syllabus** – **5 pieces in total** - 3 List pieces required — one from each list plus 2 extra list pieces. Extra list pieces may be chosen from the repertoire listed below or may be chosen by the student, but need to be of a similar degree of difficulty.

**Standard Syllabus** - **3 pieces in total -** 3 pieces to be chosen by 3 different composers. 2 pieces must be chosen from the repertoire listed below and a third piece may be chosen from the repertoire below  $\underline{or}$  may be chosen by the student, but needs to be of a similar degree of difficulty.

#### List A

Da Costa	Monday Blues	Concert Repertoire for Recorder, Faber
Gariboldi	Study no. 22	50 Graded Studies for Recorder, Faber
Wiedmann	Study no 28	50 Graded Studies for Recorder, Faber
Wilson	Fawlty Towers	Theme Winners Galore Brass Wind 0

J. S. Bach Bourrée (unaccompanied) Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM

Peter Bowman Winter Solstice Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM

List B

HandelNo 4Second Book of Descant Recorder Solos (arr Bergmann), FaberHaydnNo 15Second Book of Descant Recorder Solos (arr Bergmann), Faber

Dieupart Menuet en Rondeau First Repertoire Pieces for Descant Recorder (arr.Rosenberg), Boosey

Telemann No 10 First Repertoire Pieces for Descant Recorder (arr.Rosenberg). Boosey

Bennett Moody Judy First Repertoire for Descant Recorder (arr Bergmann),
Faber Haydn Partie: First or Third Mvmt First Repertoire for Descant Recorder (arr Bergmann),
Faber Beethoven Maigesang Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM
Susato Basse danse bergeret Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM

List C

Bart Consider Yourself Easy Winners, Brass Wind

Britten No 30 First Book of Descant Recorder Solos (arr Bergmann), Faber
Bergmann No 34 First Book of Descant Recorder Solos (arr Bergmann), Faber

Coombes Simply a Rag Simply a Rag, Brass Wind 0312 Coombes March on a Ground Simply a Rag, Brass Wind 0312

Conte At Sunset First Repertoire for Descant Recorder (arr Bergmann), Faber

Cowles Smooth Connections Power Up! Fentone F870

Norton No 6 Microjazz for Descant Recorder, Boosey
Norton No 9 Microjazz for Descant Recorder, Boosey

Prokofiev March Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM Peter Thompson Stepping-out Piper Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 1, ABRSM

Russell-Smith Fred'n'Ginger Jazzy Recorder I

Wilson Joe's New Words Creative Variations for Recorder(vol 1), Camden

#### **CRITERIA and DESCRIPTORS**

Level 2 - Grades 4 and 5

Processes are moderate in range, established and familiar, employing basic operational skills using readily available information. These are applied in directed activities which are supervised by the teacher. Learners have some responsibility for quantity and quality.

Examiners will use these criteria in assessing all level 2 entrants.

- Comfortable and well balanced posture and comfortable relationship with the instrument.
- Appropriate and comfortable hand and arm position.
- Technical facility, sufficient to allow:
- Developing independence of the fingers
- Rhythmic stability
- Systematic fingering in scales and arpeggios
- Developing controlled co-ordination of the hands and tongue
- Controlled, clear, even legato and tone
- · Accurate and prompt performance from memory of all technical work at the minimum tempo or faster
- A developing sense of pulse to allow accurate performance of rhythmic figures
- Accurate and fluent performance of pieces with appropriate breath control and tone
- Awareness and control of dynamics and tempo
- The ability to articulate legato and staccato textures as required
- Awareness of phrasing
- Generally secure intonation and breath support and there is a developing awareness of fine pitch discrimination.
- A developing ability of vibrato

### Grade 4

### **Performance Syllabus Scales**

1. Scales Ascending and descending one octave only

Bb, D, A, F Major scales and arpeggios, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-tongued

C, G, D, A Harmonic minor scales and arpeggios, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-

tongued G, A, C Melodic minor, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-tongued

F, G Major scale in 3rds, tongued

C, E, G Chromatic scale, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-

tongued Sustained note Any one note of G major scale held for 10 seconds, mezzo-

forte

Sustained scale Any one of the major scales, tongued. Each note equals 2

beats Breathe every 8 beats or 4 notes

Range — Middle C to B<sub>b</sub> (2<sup>nd</sup> octave above MC)

Tempo — ascending and descending minimum metronome speed 92, two notes per beat

Sustained scale 60, one note per two beats

## Standard Syllabus Scales

1. Scales Ascending and descending one octave only

D, A Major scales and arpeggios, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-tongued

D, A Harmonic minor scales and arpeggios, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-

tongued A, C Melodic minor, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-tongued

G Major scale in 3rds, tongued

C, G Chromatic scale, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-

tongued Sustained note Any one note of G major scale held for 10 seconds, mezzo-

forte

Sustained scale Any one of the major scales, tongued. Each note equals 2

beats Breathe every 8 beats or 4 notes

Range — Middle C to B<sub>b</sub> (2<sup>nd</sup> octave above MC)

Tempo — ascending and descending minimum metronome speed 92, two notes per beat Sustained scale 60, one note per two beats

Blue Peter Theme

Morning Piper

Get Up and Go

Serenata

Reverie

In the Mood

A Little Latin

Ragtime Razzle

Catwalk: No. 13

#### 2. Pieces

List A

Ashworth & Hope

Peter Thompson

Bonsor

Bonsor

**Bonsor** 

Norton

Lawrance Russell-Smith

Russell-Smith

**Performance Syllabus** – **5 pieces in total** - 3 List pieces required — one from each list plus 2 extra list pieces. Extra list pieces may be chosen from the repertoire listed below or may be chosen by the student, but need to be of a similar degree of difficulty.

**Standard Syllabus** – **3 pieces in total -** 3 pieces to be chosen by 3 different composers. 2 pieces must be chosen from the repertoire listed below and a third piece may be chosen from the repertoire below <u>or</u> may be chosen by the student, but needs to be of a similar degree of difficulty.

Easy Winners, Brass Wind

Da Costa	Yes, but No	Concert Repertoire for Recorder, Faber
Harris	Study no. 34	50 Graded Studies for Recorder, Faber
Sally Adams	Fred's frolic. No. 29	50 Graded Studies for Recorder, Faber
Hinke	Study no. 24	50 Graded Studies for Recorder, Faber
Watts	Coffee Bean Carnival!	First Repertoire for Descant Recorder, Faber
Kathryn Bennetts	Waltz for Anna	Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 2, ABRSM
List B		
Anon	Two Masque Dances	The Recorder Player's Collection, Book 5, Kevin Mayhew
Handel	Aria	The Recorder Player's Collection, Book 5, Kevin Mayhew
Hook	Allegretto	Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 2, ABRSM
Loeillet	Vivace and Allegro	First Repertoire Pieces for Descant Recorder (arr Rosenberg), Boosey
Mozart	Allegro	Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 2, ABRSM
Purcell	The Triumphing Dance	The Recorder Player's Collection, Book 5, Kevin Mayhew
Telemann	Rigaudon and Menuet	The Recorder Player's Collection, Book 5, Kevin Mayhew
List C		
Lichner	Zu Hause	Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 2, ABRSM

Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 2, ABRSM

Jazzy Recorder 2, Universal

Jazzy Recorder 2, Universal

Jazzy Recorder 2, Universal

Winners Galore, Brass Wind

Jazzy Recorder, Universal

Jazzy Recorder, Universal

Microjazz for Recorder

### Grade 5

### **Performance Syllabus Scales**

1. Scales Ascending and descending one octave only

Bb, A, F, E Major scales and arpeggios, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-tongued C, G, A, B Harmonic minor scales and arpeggios, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-

tongued G, B, C Melodic minor, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-tongued

F, D Major scale in 3rds, tongued

E, G, Bb Chromatic scale, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-

tongued Sustained note Any one note of G major scale held for 10 seconds, mezzo-

forte

Sustained scale Any one of the major scales, tongued. Each note equals 2

beats Breathe every 8 beats or 4 notes

Range — Middle C to C (3<sup>rd</sup> octave above MC)

 $\label{tempo-model} Tempo -- ascending \ and \ descending \ minimum \ metronome \ speed \ 92, \ two \ notes \ per \ beat$ 

Sustained scale 60, one note per two beats

### Standard Syllabus Scales

1. Scales Ascending and descending one octave only

A, F Major scales and arpeggios, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-tongued

A, B Harmonic minor scales and arpeggios, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-

tongued B, C Melodic minor, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-tongued

F Major scale in 3rds, tongued

E, G Chromatic scale, tongued / slurred / slurred pairs / two-slurred, two-

tongued Sustained note Any one note of G major scale held for 10 seconds, mezzo-

forte

Sustained scale Any one of the major scales, tongued. Each note equals 2

beats Breathe every 8 beats or 4 notes

Range — Middle C to C (3<sup>rd</sup> octave above MC)

Tempo — ascending and descending minimum metronome speed 92, two notes per beat

Sustained scale 60, one note per two beats

### 2. Pieces

**Performance Syllabus** – **5 pieces in total** - 3 List pieces required — one from each list plus 2 extra list pieces. Extra list pieces may be chosen from the repertoire listed below or may be chosen by the student, but need to be of a similar degree of difficulty.

**Standard Syllabus** – **3 pieces in total -** 3 pieces to be chosen by 3 different composers. 2 pieces must be chosen from the repertoire listed below and a third piece may be chosen from the repertoire below <u>or</u> may be chosen by the student, but needs to be of a similar degree of difficulty.

#### List A

Boismortier Rondeau No. 40 50 Graded Studies for Recorder, Faber Harris Oswald's Frolick No. 44 50 Graded Studies for Recorder, Faber

Jan Nykl Study in Bb No. 12 35 Studies for Soprano Recorder, Bärenreiter Jan Nykl Study in Eb No. 13 35 Studies for Soprano Recorder, Bärenreiter

Duschenes, M No. 8 or No. 9

12 Etudes, Berandol

### List B

J. S. Bach Bourée 1 and Bourée 2 arr. Robinson Suite No. 2: The Seven Dances BWV 1067 for Descant

Recorder, Peacock Press

BeethovenCapriccioConcert Repertoire for Recorder, FaberMozartTo ChloeConcert Repertoire for Recorder, Faber

Telemann Aria 3: Vivace and Aria 5: Vivace 4th and 6th mvts from Partita No. 5 in E minor, TWV 41:e1

Any reliable edition

Marcello 2<sup>nd</sup> Mvt Allegro, Sonata in D minor Op.2 No. 2 Bärenreiter

#### List C

Bonsor Nice 'n' Easy No. 2 Jazzy Recorder 2, Universal
Russell-Smith Blue for a Girl Jazzy Recorder 1, Universal
Chopin Mazurka Op. 30 No. 1 arr. Bullard Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 2, ABRSM Peter
Debussy The little Shepherd Time Pieces for Descant Recorder, Vol. 2, ABRSM Peter
Bailey Scoobie du wup Jazz Incorporated Vol. 2, Bailey

Bailey Riff Raff Rock Jazz Incorporated Vol. 2, Bailey
Bailey Blue Waltz Jazz Incorporated Vol. 2, Bailey

Turner Fan Fare No. 1 Six Bagatelles for Descant Recorder, Forsyth
Turner Caccio No. 6 Six Bagatelles for Descant Recorder, Forsyth

As this recorder syllabus is a work in progress you are welcome to submit your chosen repertoire programme for approval. Send to office@nzmeb before the date of entry of your chosen exam session. Technical Work must be from the NZMEB Syllabus.