



LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

INFORMATION - 2026

LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

An external faculty of the University of West London

UK

PHYSICAL, DIGITAL LIVE & RECORDED EXAMINATIONS are conducted three times per year in **Spring (March/April), Summer (July/August) & Winter (November/December) sessions** in Speech & Drama & Allied subjects & Music & Allied Subjects including Theory of Music from Early Learning Stages, Pre Grade to DipLCM, ALCM, LLCM & FLCM.

THEORY OF MUSIC EXAMS is held in SUMMER (June) and WINTER (NOVEMBER) sessions ONLY.

➤ **THEORY OF MUSIC DIPLOMAS is held in SUMMER session ONLY.**

UNIVERSITY OF WEST LONDON UK

Offers entrance from AS level to Honours Degree with exemptions for Diplomas in DipLCM, ALCM, LLCM & FLCM.

London College of Music Examinations are awarded by The University of West London, which is recognized by [Ofqual](#) (the Office of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulator) and the corresponding organisations in Wales ([Qualifications Wales](#)) and Northern Ireland ([CCEA](#)) to offer regulated qualifications.

London College of Music graded examinations in most subjects are accredited by Ofqual (formerly the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, QCA). The resulting mapping of LCME onto the QCF (Qualifications and Credit Framework) means that candidates applying to UK universities through the UCAS system can increase their points tariff if they have been awarded a Pass or higher result at Grades 6-8 in an accredited subject.

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ATTAINMENT LEVELS

Diploma in Performance Subjects - consistent with a Level 1 (1st year) undergraduate presentation.

ALCM in Performance Subjects - consistent with a Level 2 (2nd year) undergraduate presentation.

ALCM in Teaching Subjects - consistent with that of a Level 2 (2nd year) undergraduate module.

LLCM in Performance Subjects - consistent with a Level 3 (Final year) undergraduate showcase. Bachelor's Level.

LLCM in Teaching Subjects - consistent with that of a Level 3 (Final year) undergraduate module Bachelor's Level.

FLCM in Performance - equivalent to that of a Masters' Level presentation.

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2026 DATES (ASIA)

NOTE: These dates could defer, please contact IIMSD office to confirm

PRACTICAL EXAMS 2026

SESSION	CLOSING DATE	PRACTICAL EXAM DATES
Spring	15 December 2025	March / April
Summer	1 April 2026	August / September
Winter	27 August 2026	November / December

THEORY EXAMS 2026

SESSION	CLOSING DATE	THEORY EXAM DATE
Spring	No Exams	No Exams
Summer	1 April 2026	Saturday 13 June 2026 10.00 am (Step, Grades, DipMusLCM, AMusLCM Paper 1) 2.00 pm (AMusLCM Paper 2, LMusLCM Paper 2)
Winter	1 September 2026	Saturday 28 November 2026, 10.00 am (Step, Grades)

Procedure to apply for a Grade/Diploma Examination

- Kindly submit the duly completed entry form together with the fees / cheque / bank slip before the closing date. Please do not post your entries as there is delay in the post always. Kindly scan & email or courier.
- **Re-entry/Half Fee entries** - Candidates applying for half fee permit due to medical reason should submit **Medical Certificate & Attendance notice** with the entry form. Please contact IIMSD office before submitting your entry.
- **All Programme Notes/Music Pieces/Essays/Video files for Diplomas in SPEECH & DRAMA or MUSIC** must be **submitted via email to 'iimsd_ferdi@yahoo.com'** at the time of submission of **entry for the Exam**. (Printed copy is not required). Hard copy should be handed over to the examiner at the centre at the time of examination.
- All LCME syllabuses are available at: <http://lcme.uwl.ac.uk/subjects> - **Please check frequently for updates.**

EXAMINATION FEES

EXAMINATION FEES WILL BE NOTIFIED ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE EACH SESSION'S CLOSING DATE

Examination fees are payable as follows,

- *Cash payment at the IIMSD Office & receipt can be obtained.*
- *Pay by cheque in favour of; 'International Institute of Music, Speech & Drama (Pvt) Ltd.'*
- *Cash deposits;*

Name of Account	- International Institute of Music, Speech & Drama (Pvt) Ltd.'
Name of Bank	- Hatton National Bank, Bambalapitiya Branch
Account Number	- 039010236365

You can deposit Exam fees at any HNB Branch in the island. All entry forms could be photocopied from the entry forms enclosed in the Activity book 2026.

LONDON COLLEGE OF MUSIC EXAMINATIONS - IILCM

AGE LIMIT FOR PRIZES 2026: MUSIC GRADES

- CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST MARK IN EACH GRADE WITHIN THE AGE LIMIT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PRIZE.

MUSIC GRADES - PRACTICAL & THEORY	AGE LIMIT FOR PRIZES (As at Dec 31 st 2025)	YEAR OF BIRTH (As at Dec 31 st 2025)
Early Learning Group Entry – <i>per candidate</i>	6 yrs & under	2019 & after
Early Learning Individual Entry - Stages 1 to 3 (Piano)	6 years	2019
Early Learning Individual Entry - Stages 1 & 2 (ONLY Keyboard)		
Pre Preparatory (Piano) Early Learning Stage 3 (ONLY Keyboard)	7 years	2018
Step 1	8 years	2017
Step 2 Preliminary (Violin, Cello) Step - (Theory of Music)	9 years	2016
Grade 1 Preliminary Level Leisure Play & Piano Duet	10 years	2015
Grade 2 Elementary Level Leisure Play & Piano Duet	11 years	2014
Grade 3 Transitional Level Leisure Play & Piano Duet Key Stage 3 Certificate	13 years	2012
Grade 4 Pre Intermediate Level Leisure Play	14 years	2011
Grade 5 Intermediate Level Leisure Play & Piano Duet	15 years	2010
Grade 6 Upper Intermediate Level Leisure Play	17 years	2008
Grade 7 Advanced Level Leisure Play & Piano Duet	18 years	2007
Grade 8 Proficiency Level Leisure Play	20 years	2005

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AGE LIMIT FOR PRIZES 2026: SPEECH GRADES

- **CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST MARK IN EACH GRADE WITHIN THE AGE LIMIT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PRIZE.**

DRAMA & COMMUNICATION GRADES	AGE LIMIT FOR PRIZES (As at Dec 31 st 2025)	YEAR OF BIRTH (As at Dec 31 st 2025)
Early Learning Group Entry - per <i>candidate</i>	5 yrs & under	2020 & after
Early learning Individual Entry	5 years	2020
Step 1	6 years	2019
Step 2	7 years	2018
Step 3	8 years	2017
Grade 1 (except Music Theatre)	9 years	2016
Grade 1 (Music Theatre only)	9 years	2016
Grade 2 (except Music Theatre)	11 years	2014
Grade 2 (Music Theatre only)	11 years	2014
Grade 3 and PPC Preliminary	13 years	2012
Grade 4	15 years	2010
Grade 5 and PPC Intermediate	16 years	2009
Grade 6	17 years	2008
Grade 7	19 years	2006
Grade 8	20 years	2005
Group Performance - Entry	9 yrs & under	2016 & after
Group Performance - Introductory	13 yrs & under	2012 & after
Group Performance - Intermediate	16 yrs & under	2009 & after
Group Performance - Advanced	20 yrs & under	2005 & after