

Dear Principal,

As you are aware, the Leaving Certificate Music practical performance tests are due to take place in schools from Tuesday 6 April until Friday 9 April.

In the event that a candidate is unable to present for the test due to illness or as a result of a COVID related absence such as being a close contact, it will be possible for an application for a late test to be submitted to the SEC as in any year. Applications for a late test must be submitted on or before Tuesday 13 April. The relevant application form is available [here](#). Applications for a late test must be accompanied by relevant medical documentation in case of illness or written confirmation from the school in the case of COVID related absences.

The late practical performance tests will take place on evenings or at the weekend from Friday 7 May to Friday 14 May. There will be no further opportunity for candidates to present for the practical performance test outside of this assessment window. However, it should be noted that they will nonetheless have the opportunity to sit the written examination (forfeiting the mark for the practical component) and will also have the opportunity to receive an Accredited Grade in this subject.

If a student had withdrawn their entry for the Leaving Certificate Music examination and now wants to reenter for the practical performance test and the written examinations, the school should send an email to practicals@examinations.ie on or before Tuesday 30 March so we can put in place the necessary arrangements for the examinations.

This information should be brought to the attention of school management, teachers, students and parents at the earliest opportunity.

Many thanks for your ongoing cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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State Examinations Commission