



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **HKEAA Launches Booking Service for Online Examination Facilities and Onsite Invigilation for Candidates sitting ABRSM Online Theory Examinations**

From May 2021 onwards, the ABRSM Grade 1 to 5 Theory examinations will be held online, rather than being paper-based. To facilitate candidates sitting for the online examinations, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) will launch a booking service of its online examination facilities, providing computer equipment and appropriate examination environment, in addition to onsite invigilation.

According to ABRSM's requirements, candidates must arrange for all necessary equipment needed for the online theory examination, including installing the designated examination software and arranging a computer with webcam and Internet access. They should sit the examination in a quiet and well-lit room, where books of any kind (or books are closed/placed out of reach of the candidate), notes, or any representation of a piano keyboard are not allowed. For details, please visit the ABRAM website:

[hk.abrsm.org/media/65419/abrsm-system-requirements\\_online-music-theory-from-2020-20oct.pdf](http://hk.abrsm.org/media/65419/abrsm-system-requirements_online-music-theory-from-2020-20oct.pdf)

Ms Daphne Lui, Head of International and Professional Examinations said, 'The Grade 1 to 5 ABRSM theory examinations moving online gives candidates more flexibility in choosing the time and place for taking the examination. We understand that some candidates may have difficulty in finding a suitable examination environment, therefore we will open up online examination facilities at our assessment centres for candidates in need. We will also arrange invigilators to monitor the conduct of the examination.'

The next round of Grade 1 to 5 ABRSM online theory examinations will be held from 26 May to 23 June. As a pilot scheme which will be run on 3 and 13 June respectively, HKEAA will rent out some of its online examination facilities at the San Po Kong Assessment Centre to candidates. The booking fee for online examination facilities for Grade 1 to 3 examinations is HK\$312 while for Grade 4 to 5 examinations, the booking fee is HK\$335. We will closely monitor the situation and provide more seats and dates options for candidates in due course. The online examination facilities can be reserved on the HKEAA webpage starting from 12:00 noon, 23 April: [www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/IPE/abrsm/ptexam/](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/IPE/abrsm/ptexam/)

To safeguard candidates' health, candidates renting the online examination facilities will be placed one workstation or around 1.8 meter apart from each other. All candidates must follow the precautionary measures for international and professional examinations, which are detailed at [www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/ipe/IPE\\_Precationary\\_Measures\\_Eng.pdf](http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/ipe/IPE_Precationary_Measures_Eng.pdf)

The booking service only covers online examination facilities and onsite invigilation. Candidates should register for the ABRSM online theory examinations via the ABRSM website ([hk.abrsm.org](http://hk.abrsm.org)) according to its requirements.

For enquiries about the booking service, please contact the HKEAA International and Professional Examinations Division (Tel: 3628 8787, email: [ie2@hkeaa.edu.hk](mailto:ie2@hkeaa.edu.hk)).

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