

# **Specification Supplement**

**This document supports the following syllabus:**

- Rock & Pop Syllabus 2015-2017

## Qualification Summary: Grade Exams in Rock & Pop

Regulated titles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TCL Graded Examination in Rock and Pop (Initial) (Entry 3)</li><li>• TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Rock and Pop (Grade 1)</li><li>• TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Rock and Pop (Grade 2)</li><li>• TCL Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Rock and Pop (Grade 3)</li><li>• TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Rock and Pop (Grade 4)</li><li>• TCL Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Rock and Pop (Grade 5)</li><li>• TCL Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Rock and Pop (Grade 6)</li><li>• TCL Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Rock and Pop (Grade 7)</li><li>• TCL Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Rock and Pop (Grade 8)</li></ul>																																											
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Objective	Trinity’s grade exams in Rock & Pop provide a framework for progress and enjoyment in musical performance. They assess musical performance, technical ability and responses to set musical tests through live practical assessment. They offer learners of any age the opportunity to measure their development as performers against a series of internationally understood benchmarks, taking them from beginner level to the point at which they can progress to higher education in music.																																											
Total Qualification Time	<p>The time it takes each candidate to prepare for the exam is dependent on where the learning is taking place and on the needs and experience of the individual candidate. The total qualification time (TQT) is a guide and is split as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Level</th><th>GLH</th><th>ILH</th><th>TQT</th></tr><tr><td>Initial</td><td>8</td><td>32</td><td>40</td></tr><tr><td>Grade 1</td><td>12</td><td>48</td><td>60</td></tr><tr><td>Grade 2</td><td>18</td><td>72</td><td>90</td></tr><tr><td>Grade 3</td><td>18</td><td>102</td><td>120</td></tr><tr><td>Grade 4</td><td>24</td><td>126</td><td>150</td></tr><tr><td>Grade 5</td><td>24</td><td>156</td><td>180</td></tr><tr><td>Grade 6</td><td>36</td><td>184</td><td>220</td></tr><tr><td>Grade 7</td><td>48</td><td>222</td><td>270</td></tr><tr><td>Grade 8</td><td>54</td><td>266</td><td>320</td></tr></table> <p>GLH = guided learning hours ILH = independent learning hours TQT = total qualification time</p>				Level	GLH	ILH	TQT	Initial	8	32	40	Grade 1	12	48	60	Grade 2	18	72	90	Grade 3	18	102	120	Grade 4	24	126	150	Grade 5	24	156	180	Grade 6	36	184	220	Grade 7	48	222	270	Grade 8	54	266	320
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Assessment methods	Trinity’s grade exams in Rock & Pop are individually assessed by an external examiner selected, trained and moderated by Trinity. Examiners provide marks and comments for each component of the exam using the published assessment criteria.																																											

Attainment levels	<p>The exam is marked out of 100. Candidates’ results correspond to different pass/below pass bands as follows.</p> <table><tr><th>Mark</th><th>Band</th></tr><tr><td>87-100</td><td>Distinction</td></tr><tr><td>75-86</td><td>Merit</td></tr><tr><td>60-74</td><td>Pass</td></tr><tr><td>45-59</td><td>Below pass 1</td></tr><tr><td>0-44</td><td>Below pass 2</td></tr></table>	Mark	Band	87-100	Distinction	75-86	Merit	60-74	Pass	45-59	Below pass 1	0-44	Below pass 2							
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Recognition and UCAS points	<p>Trinity College London is an awarding organisation recognised by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) in England and Northern Ireland, and by Qualifications Wales. Trinity’s grade exams in Rock &amp; Pop are regulated by these authorities within the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF), and are recognised by other education authorities in many countries around the world.</p> <p>In the UK, Grades 6-8 are also eligible for UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) points for those applying to colleges and universities, as follows:</p> <table><tr><th rowspan="2">Qualification</th><th colspan="3">UCAS points</th></tr><tr><th>Pass</th><th>Merit</th><th>Distinction</th></tr><tr><td>Grade 6</td><td>6</td><td>10</td><td>12</td></tr><tr><td>Grade 7</td><td>10</td><td>12</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td>Grade 8</td><td>18</td><td>24</td><td>30</td></tr></table>	Qualification	UCAS points			Pass	Merit	Distinction	Grade 6	6	10	12	Grade 7	10	12	16	Grade 8	18	24	30
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Minimum age and other entry requirements	<p>These qualifications are open to all candidates, with no age restrictions or other limitations. There is no requirement to have passed lower grade levels, theory exams or other qualifications; however, the grades represent a system of progressive mastery and the outcomes for each level assume mastery of the outcomes of previous grades.</p> <p>Trinity is committed to making its exams accessible to all, and each candidate is treated individually when considering how assessments can be adapted for those with special needs.</p>																			
Progression	<p>While for some learners grade exams in Rock &amp; Pop represent personal goals and objectives, they can also be used as a progression route towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• music courses at conservatoires and universities, for which Grade 8 is often specified as an entry requirement</li><li>• employment opportunities in music</li></ul>																			
Exam centres	<p>Exams can be taken at one of Trinity’s public exam centres, which are available throughout the world. Details of these are available on our website, and candidates should contact their local Trinity representative for more information.</p> <p>In the UK, schools and private teachers with sufficient candidates may apply to enter under the Examiner Visit Scheme. Further details are available on our website.</p>																			