

Taking Trinity practical examinations – additional considerations for UK & Ireland public centre candidates

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The health and safety of all Trinity candidates, examiners and staff remains our priority.

In line with UK and Ireland national and local government guidance on living safely with respiratory infections, including Covid-19, we are taking a proportionate approach to the safe running of face-to-face exams.

Covid-19 remains unpredictable and we may still be required to postpone your exam session at short notice due to Covid related illnesses, or for other reasons outside of our control. If this should happen your Trinity contact will communicate your options to you directly.

You may find [Trinity's digital assessment options](#) to be a more suitable exam option. Our Digital Grades & Diplomas remain as a permanent, on-demand exam offer available year-round. You can book your Digital Grade or Diploma [directly via the Trinity website](#).

If you are feeling unwell

We request that candidates/accompanists (and parents, teachers etc) do not attend the exam if they are unwell with a respiratory illness of any nature, have a contagious illness, or have a confirmed asymptomatic Covid-19 infection. If you arrive at a venue displaying clear signs of illness it is at the examiners discretion whether to allow you to complete your exam. If you are too unwell to attend your exam please get in touch with your Trinity contact who can discuss your options and assist you with our sickness policy, into which coronavirus illness now falls. Additionally, we will be happy to provide a free transfer to a digital exam alternative. You must request this transfer no later than 30 days after your booked exam date.

Applicants and candidates using our network of public centres will find information about our sickness policy with the [music](#) or [drama](#) version of our *Information and Regulations*. We recognise that a doctor may not be able to provide a medical certificate in cases of coronavirus and therefore will be happy to instead accept a photograph of a Lateral Flow Test (available at pharmacies) with your name and date written on it, plus a note of the test serial number.

Please ensure that you have read and understand these considerations prior to your exam session.

What Trinity is doing to ensure your safety

- Ensuring that all venues have good ventilation.
- Ensuring that all venues have a regular cleaning programme.
- Ensuring that candidates keep a good distance from the examiner.
- Providing hand sanitiser and/or antibacterial wipes in the exam venue.

Considerations at the exam venue

- While candidates are no longer required to wear face coverings at exam centres, we continue to support all centre users, inc. candidates and examiners, to wear face coverings in situations where they would like to do so.
- You should only arrive for your exam at your allocated time (15 minutes before your exam time) and may be asked to wait outside if you arrive earlier than this.
- Please only come accompanied by the minimum number of people possible.
- Only one parent/teacher/chaperone may assist with set up of equipment at the beginning of the exam (in accordance with individual syllabus regulations).
- Candidates and accompanists will be a minimum of 2m from the examiner for their exam and should maintain this distance wherever possible.