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Distribution List

**WARNING ORDER –
RCSU (PAC) LEVEL TESTING 2021**

- Refs: A. SharePoint Common Training Calendar 2020
B. SharePoint Intranet ‘Library/03 – Regionally Directed Activities/Music’
C. A-CR-CCP-910/PG-001 Military Band – Music Proficiency Levels QSP
D. A-CR-CCP-911/PG-001 Pipe Band – Music Proficiency Levels QSP

SITUATION

1. The RCSU (Pac) music program supports the development of military, and pipes and drums bands in BC. To ensure cadets are able to progress through the Music Proficiency Level System, level testing is offered.

MISSION

2. RCSU (Pac) will organize and deliver the Theory Classes and Testing on Feb 6, and Performance Level Testing to take place on 13 and 14 February 2021. Corps/Squadrons are encouraged to register their cadets to aid in their growth and to allow them to achieve the qualification standards set out in Refs C, and D.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

3. Dates and Locations. Theory Classes will be offered for Military Band cadets on 6 Feb 21 from 0830-1200 hrs. Tests will be delivered virtually following the course.

Theory Course	Date	Time	Serial
Military Band Basic	6 Feb 21	0830-1200 hrs	MilTheory Basic - D
Military Band One	6 Feb 21	0830-1200 hrs	MilTheory One – D
Military Band Two	6 Feb 21	0830-1200 hrs	MilTheory Two – D
Military Band Three	6 Feb 21	0830-1200 hrs	MilTheory Three – D
Military Band Four	6 Feb 21	0830-1200 hrs	MilTheory Four – D
Military Band Five	6 Feb 21	0830-1200 hrs	MilTheory Five - D

4. Performance testing will be offered for both Military Band and Pipe Band. Registered cadets will be sent a specific time to arrive for their test.

Theory Course	Date	Time	Serial
Testing Day 1	13 Feb 21	0830-1600 hrs	Virtual Music Test 1
Testing Day 2	14 Feb 21	0830-1600 hrs	Virtual Music Test 2

5. Should there be significant interest in performance testing, an additional 2 days may be added on 20 and 21 Feb 21.

6. Technology Limitations. Unfortunately due to limitations of performance in a web-based environment the following levels cannot be tested:

- a. Bagpipe Level 3-5 – consumer grade microphones can't provide an accurate picture of tone and tuning;
- b. Military Percussion Level 2-5 – unless the cadet has access to a mallet percussion instrument; and
- c. Glockenspiel Level 2-5 – unless the cadet has access to drumsticks and a practice pad.

7. Cadets who wish to complete these instruments can email the Reg Trg O (RDA-D) to make arrangements should in person training be allowed to resume.

8. Registration. Participating corps and squadrons must ensure all cadets have a current email address listed on the "Contact Information" page in Fortress. Please note the following for percussion specifically:

- a. Military Band drummers must register under "PERCUSSION" or "GLOCKENSPIEL" – there is no Bass Drum or Snare Drum Level for Military Band Musicians; and
- b. Pipe Band drummers must register under Snare Drum, Tenor Drum, or Bass Drum.

9. Required Materials. Participating corps and squadrons are to provide their cadets with the current version of the Music Instrument Level. These are accessible through SharePoint at Ref B. All are up and available.

10. Joining Instructions. Instructions will be sent directly to cadets at their Primary Contact Email in Fortress, as well as the Corps/Squadron inbox for information.

11. Food & Transportation. As these clinics will be held virtually, no meals or transportation are required.

12. Contact Information. The OPI for the Band Clinics is the Reg Trg O (RDA-D) (Backfill). They can be reached at RCSUPac.Music@cadets.gc.ca.

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