

## What do I need for my exam?

Good news – generally all you’ll need to buy to prepare for a Rockscool exam is the Grade book for your instrument and grade. Before you start, you’ll need to read the syllabus for your instrument, which includes important information and requirements.

Depending on your exam, there are some other free resources you may need to check, or documents you’ll need to submit as you prepare for your exam, which you can read about below.

### What Grade books can I use?

Below is a list of the current Rockscool Grade books that can be used in exams:

- **Drums** – 2018, 2024
- **Guitar** – 2018, 2024
- **Bass** – 2018, 2024
- **Acoustic Guitar** – 2019
- **Vocals** – 2021
- **Piano** – 2019
- **Keys** – 2019
- **Ukulele** – 2020

Older Grade books can be used as Free Choice Pieces in exams.

Rockscool Classics books (available for Drums, Guitar, and Bass) are another source of Grade book pieces, though you’ll still need your own copy of the Grade book.

### Preparing for a Grade 6-8 exam?

- **Photo ID:** You’ll need to bring your Photo ID (or a completed [Photo ID form](#)) to your exam, or provide it with your exam recording. Check your AMEB state office requirements if you’re preparing for a video exam.

### Performing any Free Choice Pieces (FCP)?

- When choosing a FCP, first check the [Free Choice Piece guidance](#) for your instrument to check if it’s suitable.
- **Sheet Music:** So that the examiner can fully assess your performance, you’ll need to provide sheet music that reflects the piece you’re performing.
- **Translated lyrics:** If you’re a Vocals candidate performing a FCP in another language, the examiner will need a copy of the lyrics translated into English.

- **Backing track:** This is optional for FCPs, but if you'd like to play with a backing track, you'll need to provide the audio file, downloaded and ready to play in the exam. You cannot stream any audio in the exam room.

### Submitting your exam as a video recording?

- **Video exam guidance:** Before you record your exam, check out the guidance on our [Video Exams page](#) to make sure your exam can be assessed and you're covering everything.
- **Technical Work Guidance:** If you're preparing a Graded Certificate, you'll need to perform a selection of the technical work for the grade. Technical Work lists for each instrument can be downloaded on [this page](#).