



ATAR course examination, 2026

MUSIC

Practical examination: Option 2 (composition portfolio)

Composition portfolio

Schools are required to deliver Practical (composition portfolio) examination submissions to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority by **4 pm on Tuesday, 22 September 2026**.

Materials required for the composition portfolio

The candidate must ensure that:

- all written documentation is presented in both electronic and hard copy forms
- all work is carefully and securely packaged and labelled with their WA student number
- support documents or equipment submitted do not contain the candidate's name or names of persons associated with the candidate's school or family
- visual recordings of compositions do not contain identifiable school uniforms or other items of clothing or equipment that may be identified with a school
- the composition portfolio does not contain any teacher comments or markings.

To be submitted by the school on behalf of the candidate

A clearly labelled music composition portfolio, comprising:

- a minimum of three compositions with a total combined time of 15–20 minutes
- a minimum of two compositions for an ensemble of four or more instruments/voices/parts and a maximum of one composition for a solo instrument
- a completed Composition portfolio submission form
- printed scores/digital files and recordings of all compositions
- a clearly marked electronic backup (e.g. USB drive) including all scores, the Composition portfolio submission form and any other printed materials included in the portfolio submission
- a completed *Declaration of authenticity* is returned to the Authority in the folder provided (**not** attached to or included in the individual candidate's portfolio).

Structure of the examination

The Music ATAR course examination consists of a written component and a practical (performance and/or composition portfolio) component.

Criteria for marking the practical (composition portfolio) examination

Criteria	Marks available	Percentage of practical examination
Compositional process	36	90
Composition portfolio requirements	8	10
Total		100

Instructions to candidates

1. You must follow the requirements for this examination published in the *Music ATAR course Practical (performance and/or composition portfolio) examination requirements 2026* document.