

Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts- Central Conservatory of Music NAFA Chinese Instruments Graded Exams Information 2023

About

The Central Conservatory of Music (CCOM) is the leading music institution in China. To promote traditional Chinese music and culture, CCOM has carried out Chinese Instruments Graded Examinations in many countries and regions since 1989. In line with the mission to make music education universal, CCOM aims to provide professional and the highest examination standards for amateur Chinese instrumentalists around the world by utilizing a structured approach of learning and fine traditions.

Main Examination and Registration Information

Examinable Instruments include: Guzheng | Erhu | Dizi | Pipa | Ruan | Yangqin | Liuqin | Suona | Sheng | Percussion (Snare Drum)

Examination Grades: 1 – 9, Performance Grade. (Total of 10 grades)

**There is no Performance Grade for Percussion.*

Registration period: 14th August 2023, 10:00 – 8th September 2023, 18:00 via

www.nafa.edu.sg/nafa-ccom

- Payment to be made online.
- Withdrawal from examination due to medical circumstances or act of God may be made 17th November. **No refunds** will be given but the candidate may register to retake for the same examination grade and instrument in the following year.
- Valid reason and documentation is expected to be provided to NAFA-CCOM via email nafacom@nafa.edu.sg.

Video submission period: 20th November 2023, 09:00 – 1st December 2023, 18:00

- Late submissions will not be entertained.

Additional Information

All examinations are to be recorded and submitted online. Please see under Exam information for recording rules and regulations.

Performance Grade candidates registering for the Performance Grade examination are required to attach a photocopy of their Grade 9 certificate jointly issued by NAFA and CCOM for verification.

Candidates who attained a DISTINCTION for the Performance Grade may be considered for exemption from the music audition when applying for admission to the NAFA School of Music's Chinese Instrumental Studies.

2023 Chinese Instruments Graded Examination Fees

Grade	Total Exam Fee Payable (incl. 8% GST)
1	\$66
2	\$76
3	\$85
4	\$106
5	\$132
6	\$162
7	\$202
8	\$262
9	\$353
Performance Grade	\$464

Examination Requirements

Candidates are to prepare a total of 3 pieces:

- 1) 1 Technical Study (Memorisation **NOT** needed)
- 2) 2 Solo Pieces (Memorisation needed for **BOTH** pieces)

Examiners will select one of the 2 Solo Pieces for judging. Candidates must upload **BOTH** Solo Pieces.

Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the examination.

Note: All pieces are to be chosen from the official CCOM Examination Syllabus (Overseas Version).

*Candidates **above the age of 18** are allowed to apply for exemption from memorisation, but must provide documentation for verification of age. Candidates should state and show clearly in their recordings the documentations for verification of age.

Accompanying musician(s) or accompanying track are **NOT** allowed for the examination.

All repeat signs are to be disregarded. At places where there are "1st ending" and "2nd ending", the Candidate may proceed directly to "2nd ending" in the first play through.

Video Requirements

Candidates are to ensure the following video requirements are fulfilled:

1. Candidate's face must be visible in the shot. (Must match the identification document as provided)
2. No editing, cuts or pauses are allowed for the recording. (One shot recording)
3. All required pieces (1 Technical Study + 2 Solo Pieces) **must be completed and uploaded before the deadline.**
4. Alternative versions or arrangements of the examination pieces are **not allowed**. Pieces must be taken from the **NAFA Chinese Instruments Graded Exam Syllabus 2023** (see below).

Video sequence to be followed:

1. The Candidate **MUST NOT LEAVE THE CAMERA FRAME** once entered.
2. **The Candidate must not have any earphones or additional aids throughout the video.**
3. Candidate must ensure that their face is visible in the shot.
4. State their registered name and show the registered Identification Document.
5. Announce their programme, clearly stating the title of the pieces chosen and the sequence in which they will play it in.
6. The Candidate must also show the purchased hard copy of the NAFA Chinese Instruments Graded Exam Syllabus 2023 Book to the camera.
7. Proceed to their performing spot with their instrument(s) ready.
8. Play through all 3 pieces, with the Candidate's body and face clearly in the shot. (The Candidate may sit slightly slanted for ease of playing posture, as long as the playing is visible as a whole).

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Examination Syllabus

Please purchase the NAFA Chinese Instruments Graded Examination Committee recognised syllabus from the following suppliers. Failure to produce certified examination syllabus during the examination registration will result in disqualification from the graded examination.

See Lian Enterprises

149 Rochor Road #03-28

Fu Lu Shou Complex

Singapore 188425

Tel/Fax: 6337 4734

Please contact See Lian Enterprises for price listing.

Certification and result slips

As of 2022, all NAFA-CCOM Examination Certification must be collected from NAFA before **April 2024**. **Candidates will be notified via email for date of collection.**

Review of Results/Re-examination

- Please note that there will be no disclosure of examination results by phone or by email.
- There will be NO review of results and NO re-examination. The examiners' decision is final.

Contact Us

Please feel free to contact us if you have any enquiries at:

Email: nafacom@nafa.edu.sg

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