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RECOMMENDED TUNE LIST for PDQB Piping Exams

This tune list is not set in stone. Candidates are free to submit other tunes of equivalent standard they enjoy playing and know well. Non-piping material and hymn tunes are not acceptable however. If in doubt contact the College about this. The suggested tunes below are all from College of Piping publications or distributions. These books are highly recommended and affordable. They can be bought online at college-of-piping.co.uk. The College discourages photocopying of music and students are encouraged to buy the appropriate books. Note that the same tunes can be used for different certificate levels provided they are of the required standard.

R Wallace, Principal, January 2007

Level 1

Two tunes to be played from memory on the practice chanter

Scots Wha Ha'e	Tutor 1
Brown Haired Maiden	Tutor 1

Level 2 (Practice Chanter)

Five tunes to be played from memory on the practice chanter. At least one tune should be in compound time. The music is to be presented to the examiner and played in accordance with the written score. The music does not have to be written out by the candidate. Select from:

High Road to Gairloch	Tutor 1
Highland Laddie	Tutor 1
The Thistle of Scotland	Tutor 3
Carles Wi' the Breeks	Tutor 1
Steam Boat	Essential Tunes 1 (compound time)
Bonnie Dundee	Tutor 3 (compound time)

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Level 2 (Bagpipe)

Candidates must submit five tunes comprising:

- (1) 2 parts of a Slow Air
- (2) 2 parts of a March in 3/4 or 4/4 time
- (3) 2 parts of a March in 6/8 or 9/8 time
- (4) 2 parts of a Strathspey
- (5) 2 parts of a Reel

*The music is to be presented to the examiner and played **on the bagpipe** in accordance with the written score. Select from:*

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| 1. Scots Wha Ha'e | Tutor 1 |
| My Home | Tutor 3 |
| 2. Green Hills | Tutor 1 |
| The Thistle of Scotland | Tutor 3 |
| 3. Bonnie Dundee | Tutor 3 |
| Steamboat | Essential Tunes 1 |
| 4. Inverness Rant | Tutor 1 |
| 5. Piper o' Drummond | Tutor 1 |

Level 3

Candidates must be prepared to play eight tunes on the bagpipe. Their list must comprise:

- (1) 2 parts of a Slow Air
- (2) 4 parts of a March in Simple Time
- (3) 4 parts of a March in Compound Time
- (4) 4 parts of a Strathspey
- (5) 4 parts of a Reel
- (6) 4 parts of a Hornpipe
- (7) 4 parts of a Jig
- (8) One ground of a Piobaireachd and its first variation singling and doubling.

Select from:

Slow Airs

Mist Covered Mountains	Essential Tunes 1
My Home	Tutor 3
Mairi Bhan Og	Essential Tunes 2

2/4 Marches (simple time)

79th Farewell to Gibraltar	Tutor 1
25 th KOSB's Farwell	Essential Tunes 2
Detroit Highlanders	Glasgow Collection

6/8 Marches (compound time)

Cock o' the North	Essential Tunes 2
Blue Bonnets	Tutor 1
Piobaireachd o' Donald Dubh	Essential Tunes 1

Strathspeys

Lady Loudon	Tutor 3
Dorrator Bridge	Tutor 3
Captain Colin Campbell	Donald MacLeod Bk.3

Reels

Lexie MacAskill	Tutor 3
Rejected Suitor	Tutor 3
Sound of Sleat	Donald MacLeod Bk. 2

Hornpipes

Jolly Beggarman	Tutor 3
Mason's Apron	Tutor 3

Jigs

Paddy's Leather Breeches	Tutor 3
Jig of Slurs	Tutor 3

Piobaireachd

Company's Lament	Tutor 4
Glengarry's Lament	Tutor 4
MacIntosh's Banner	Tutor 4
Lament for Alasdair Dearg	Tutor 4

Level 4

*The candidate must submit two competition 2/4 marches of four parts, two 6/8 marches of four parts, two competition strathspeys of four or more parts, two competition reels of four or more parts, two competition hornpipes of four or more parts, two competition jigs of four or more parts and **one** piobaireachd which has taorluath and crunluath variations. Select from:*

6/8 Marches

Cock o' the North	Essential Tunes 2
Blue Bonnets	Tutor 1
Piobaireachd o' Donald Dubh	Tutor 1
Dovecote Park	Essential Tunes 2

Piobaireachd

Company's Lament	Tutor 4
Glengarry's Lament	Tutor 4
MacIntosh's Banner	Tutor 4
Lament for Alasdair Dearg	Tutor 4

2/4 Marches

Mrs MacDonald of Dunacht	Tutor 3
Willie Gray's Farewell to the Glasgow Police	Tutor 3
Lady Lever Park	D MacLeod Bk.1
John MacMillan of Barra	D MacLeod Bk.1

Strathspeys

Lady Loudon	Tutor 3
Dorrator Bridge	Tutor 3
Capt. Colin Campbell	D MacLeod Bk. 3
Duncan Johnstone's Strath.	Glasgow Collection

Reels

Lexie MacAskill	Tutor 3
Rejected Suitor	Tutor 3
Sound of Sleat	D MacLeod Bk. 2
Thompson's Dirk	D MacLeod Bk. 4

Hornpipes

P/M George Allan	D MacLeod Bk. 4
Motley Crew	Glasgow Collection
Jolly Beggarman	Tutor 3
Mason's Apron	Tutor 3

Jigs

Jig of Slurs	Tutor 3
Lord Dunmore	Essential Tunes 1
Paddy's Leather Breeches	Tutor 3
Stool of Repentance	Seumas MacNeill Bk. 1

Level Five

Four piobaireachd, one of each showing standard, fosgailte, breabach and a mach crunluath movements, four competition marches, four competition strathspeys, four competition reels, four competition hornpipes, and four competition jigs are required. Select from:

Piobaireachd (standard crunluath)

Massacre of Glencoe	Kilberry Bk./ Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.6
Lament for the Old Sword	Kilberry Bk./ Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.3
Hector MacLean's Warning	Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.2

Piobaireachd (fosgailte)

The Groat	Kilberry Bk./Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.1
Wee Spree	Kilberry Bk./ Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.7
Too Long in this Condition	Kilberry Bk./ Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.7

Piobaireachd (breabach)

MacFarlane's Gath.	Kilberry Bk./ Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.7
Lament for Donald of Laggan	Kilberry Bk./ Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.8
Clan Campbell's Gath.	Kilberry Bk/ Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.7

Piobaireachd (a mach)

Catherine's Lament	Kilberry Bk./ Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.5
Black Donald's March	Kilberry Bk./ Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.3
Carles Wi' the Breeks	Binneas/ Piob. Soc. Bk.8

Competition 2/4 Marches

John MacDonald of Glencoe	Seumas MacNeill Bk.1
Donald MacLean's	
Farewell to Oban	Seumas MacNeill Bk.2
John MacMillan of Barra	D MacLeod Bk.1
John MacFadyen of Melfort	Seumas MacNeill Bk.1

Competition Strathspeys

Maggie Cameron	Seumas MacNeill Bk.1
Duncan Johnstone's Strath.	Glasgow Collection
Lady MacKenzie of Gairloch	D MacLeod Bk.1
Cabar Feidh	D MacLeod Bk.1

Competition Reels

Traditional Reel	D MacLeod Bk.3
Cockerel in the Creel	D MacLeod Bk.6
Fiona MacLeod	D MacLeod Bk.5
Major Manson	Seumas MacNeill Bk.2

Level Five (cont'd)

Competition Hornpipes

Crossing the Minch

Piper's Controversy

Man from Skye

Mason's Apron

D MacLeod Bk.6

D MacLeod Bk.6

D MacLeod Bk.4

Tutor 3

Competition Jigs

Donald MacLennan's

Tuning Phrase

The Curlew

Judge's Dilemma

Banks of the Allan

D MacLeod Bk.3

D MacLeod Bk.1

D MacLeod Bk.3

Seumas MacNeill Bk.1

Level Six

Six piobaireachd are required and the tunes must show a variety of crunluath types. Piobaireachd should be taken from Binneas is Boreraig, the Piobaireachd Society's Collection Books 1-15, or from the Kilberry Book.

Candidates must also submit six competition march, strathspey and reels, six jigs and six hornpipes. Good ceol beag will be found in Donald MacLeod's books, the Glasgow Collection, in Seumas MacNeill's books and in the new John MacColl book. Some competition light music suggestions for this level are as follows:

Marches

Mrs John MacColl	Glasgow Collection
Knightswood Ceilidh	D MacLeod Bk. 4
Edinburgh Volunteers	D MacLeod Bk.1
Arthur Bignold	John MacColl
Jeannie Carruthers	John MacColl
74 th Farewell to Edinburgh	Seumas MacNeill Bk.1

Strathspeys

Islay Ball	Seumas MacNeill Bk.1
John Roy Stewart	D MacLeod Bk.1
Cameronian Rant	D MacLeod Bk.1
Inveraray Castle	Seumas MacNeill Bk.2
Duncan Johnstone's Strathspey	Glasgow Collection
Susan MacLeod	D MacLeod Bk. 4

Reels

Brown Haired Maid	D MacLeod Bk.5
Pretty Marion	D MacLeod Bk.2
Thompson's Dirk	D MacLeod Bk.4
Smith of Chilliechassie	D MacLeod Bk.1
Lexie MacAskill	Tutor 3
Rejected Suitor	Tutor 3

Hornpipes

Barlinnie Highlander	Glasgow Collection
Jim Tweedie's Sea Legs	Seumas MacNeill Bk.1
Dr MacInnes's Fancy	D MacLeod Bk.3
Stornoway Hornpipe	D MacLeod Bk.4
Joe McGann's Fiddle	Seumas MacNeill Bk.2
Mason's Apron	Tutor 3

Jigs

Biddy from Sligo	D MacLeod Bk.3
Abercairney Tom	Glasgow Collection
Alexander MacAskill	Seumas MacNeill Bk.2
Echoes of Oban	Seumas MacNeill Bk.1
Old Woman's Dance	D MacLeod Bk.2
John Paterson's Mare	D MacLeod Bk.1