

Music/Music Tech – Course Outlines

NPA Music Level 6

The NPA in Music Performing (SCQF level 6) will give you the opportunity to further develop your skills in the area of performing and the technical skills related to performing. This can be on any instrument and in any musical style or genre. There are no specific entry requirements but you should have performing skills broadly equivalent to SCQF level 4 to access the award. You need to successfully complete three Units in order to achieve the award. You will also be responsible for tracking your own progress and performance log.

- 1) Live Performance (of 20 minutes)
- 2) Performing Music on One Instrument or Voice (SCQF level 6/Grade 4)
- 3) Performing Music on One Instrument or Voice (SCQF level 5/Grade 3)

Music National 5 (level 5)

The course aims to enable candidates to broaden their knowledge and understanding of music and musical literacy by listening to music and identifying level-specific music concepts, signs and symbols. Candidates will create original music using compositional methods and perform music.

Candidates demonstrate their performing skills on two instruments by presenting a prepared programme of music at level 5 (grade 3). The overall performance will be 8 minutes in length and worth 50% of the overall grade.

The question paper is worth 35% of the overall grade. This assesses candidates' knowledge and understanding of music concepts and music literacy.

The assignment is worth 15% of the overall grade and allows candidates to explore and develop musical ideas to create music. It has two parts: composing one piece of music and reviewing the composing process.

Music Higher (level 6)

The course aims to enable candidates to broaden their knowledge and understanding of music and musical literacy by listening to music and identifying level-specific music concepts, signs and symbols. Candidates will create original music using compositional methods and perform music.

Candidates demonstrate their performing skills on two instruments by presenting a prepared programme of music at level 6 (grade 4). The overall performance will be 12 minutes in length and worth 50% of the overall grade.

The question paper is worth 35% of the overall grade. This assesses candidates' knowledge and understanding of music concepts and music literacy.

The assignment is worth 15% of the overall grade and allows candidates to explore and develop musical ideas to create music. It has two parts: composing one piece of music and reviewing the composing process.

Music Tech National 5

The course is for learners with a broad interest in music technology and 20th and 21st century music. The course is practical and experiential in nature. 70% of the course is a folio of two projects creating and recording sounds for film, gaming, podcasting, or audiobooks. 30% of the course looks at understanding different genres of music and how sound is recorded and edited.

Music Tech Higher

The course is for learners with a broad interest in music technology and 20th and 21st century music. The course is practical and experiential in nature. 70% of the course is creating a large scale project which involves recording and editing different instruments and sound. 30% of the course looks at understanding different genres of music and the development of technology and recording.