## ANNUAL RIAM INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS - TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

### VIOLONCELLO SYLLABUS

Total duration of evam. maximum 10 minutes

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Scales:	Major scales starting on open strings C, G & D Separate bows using even rhythm (see attached sheet)	compass one octave
Arpeggios:	In the above keys	

Separate bows

STAGE I

**Sight-Reading:** A short piece of suitable difficulty

**Pieces:** 2 free-choice piece of appropriate standard

1 study (or third piece)

#### STAGE II Total duration of exam: maximum 10 minutes

**Scales:** Major scale of C compass two octaves compass one octave

Major scales of G, D & F

Separate and slurred (see attached sheet)

**Arpeggios:** In the above keys compass as for scales

Separate bows only

A short piece of suitable difficulty **Sight-reading:** 

**Pieces:** 2 free-choice pieces of appropriate standard

1 study (or third piece)

#### STAGE III Total duration of exam: maximum 12 minutes

Scales: Major scales of C & G compass two octaves Major scales of F, A, Bb & D compass one octave Minor scale of D (choice of form) compass one octave

Separate and slurred (as for Stage II)

**Arpeggios:** Of the above keys - Separate bows only compass as for scales

**Dominant 7th:** Starting on open C, G & D -Separate bows compass one octave

**Sight-reading:** A short piece of suitable difficulty

Pieces: 2 free-choice pieces of appropriate standard

1 study (or third piece)

STAGE IV	Total duration of exam: maximum 12 minutes	
Scales:	Major scales of C, D, F & G Minor scale of D (choice of form) Minor scales of C & G (choice of form) Separate and slurred (as for Stage II)	compass two octaves compass one octave
Arpeggios:	Of the above keys Separate bows and slurred 3 to a bow	compass as for scales
Dominant 7 <sup>th</sup> :	Starting on open C, G & D (in the keys of F, C & G) Separate bows	compass one octave
Diminished 7 <sup>th</sup> :	Starting on open C, G & D - Separate bows	compass one octave
Chromatic scales:	Starting on open C, G & D -Separate bows	compass one octave
Sight-reading:	A short piece of suitable difficulty	
Pieces:	2 free-choice pieces of appropriate standard 1 study (or third piece)	

STAGE V	Total duration of exam: maximum 15 minutes	
Scales:	Major scales of C, D, Eb, Bb & G Minor scales of C, D & G (choice of form) Separate and slurred (see attached sheet)	compass two octaves compass two octaves
Arpeggios:	Of the above keys Separate bows and slurred 3 to a bow	compass as for scales
Dominant 7 <sup>th</sup> :	Starting on C, D & G (in the keys of F, G & C) Separate bows	compass two octaves
Diminished 7th:	Starting on C, D & G Separate bows	compass two octaves
Chromatic scales:	Starting on C, D & G Separate bows and slurred 4 notes to a bow	compass two octaves
Sight-reading:	A short piece of suitable difficulty	
Pieces:	2 free-choice pieces of appropriate standard 1 study (or third piece)	

STAGE VI	Total duration of exam: maximum 15 minutes	
Scales:	Major scales of C & D Major scales of E, B & A	compass three octaves compass two octaves
	Minor scales of C & D (choice of form)	compass three octaves

Minor scales of E, B & A (choice of form) compass two octaves

Slurred as for Stage V and separate (see attached sheet)

**Arpeggios:** Of the above keys compass as for scales

Separate and slurred 3 notes to a bow

**Dominant 7<sup>th</sup>:** Starting on C, D, B & A (in the keys of F, G, E & D) compass two octaves

Separate and slurred 4 notes to a bow

**Diminished 7<sup>th</sup>:** Starting on C, D, B & A compass two octaves

Separate and slurred 4 notes to a bow

**Chromatic scales:** Starting on E, B & A compass two octaves

Separate and slurred 4 or 6 notes to a bow

**Sight-reading:** A short piece of suitable difficulty

**Pieces:** 2 free-choice pieces of appropriate standard

1 study (or third piece)

STAGE VII Total duration of exam: maximum 20 minutes

Scales: Major scales of E, F, F# & G compass three octaves

Minor scales of E, F, F# & G (both forms) compass three octaves

Separate and slurred one octave to a bow (see attached sheet)

**Arpeggios:** Of the above keys compass as for scales

Separate and 3 notes to a bow

**Dominant 7<sup>th</sup>:** Starting on E, F, F# & G (in the keys of A, Bb, compass two octaves

B & C)

Separate and slurred 4 to a bow

**Diminished 7<sup>th</sup>:** Starting on E, F, F# & G compass two octaves

Separate and slurred 4 notes to a bow

**Chromatic scales:** Starting on E, F, F# & G compass three octaves

Separate and slurred 12 notes to a bow

**Double stops:** C major in broken 6ths (see attached sheet) compass one octave

**Sight-reading:** A short piece of suitable difficulty

**Pieces:** 2 free-choice pieces of appropriate standard

1 study (or third piece)

STAGE VIII Total duration of exam: maximum 20 minutes

Scales: Major scales of C-E inc - compass three octaves

Minor scales of C-E inc (both forms) compass three octaves

Separate and slurred one octave to a bow (as for Stage VII)

**Arpeggios:** Of above keys compass as for scales

Separate and slurred 3 notes to a bow

**Dominant 7th:** Starting on C, C#, D, Eb and E (in the keys of F, compass three octaves

F#, G, Ab and A)

Separate bows and slurred 4 notes to a bow

Diminished 7<sup>th</sup>: Starting on C, C#, D, Eb and E compass three octaves

Separate and slurred 4 notes to a bow

**Chromatic scales:** Starting on C, C#, D, Eb and E compass three octaves

Separate and slurred 12 notes to a bow

**Double stops:** F major in 3rds (one octave) and C major in 6ths (one octave)

Broken chords

**Sight-reading:** A short piece of suitable difficulty

Pieces: 2 free-choice pieces of appropriate standard

1 study (or third piece)

STAGE IX **Total duration of exam: maximum 25 minutes** 

**Scales:** compass three octaves Major scales of C#, F#, Ab, A and Bb

Minor scales of C#, F#, Ab, A and Bb (both forms) compass three octaves

Separate and slurred one octave to a bow

**Arpeggios:** Of the above keys compass as for scales

Separate and slurred 3 notes to a bow

Dominant 7<sup>th</sup>: Starting on C#, F#, Ab, A and Bb (in the keys of compass three octave

F#, B, Db, D and Eb)

Separate bows and slurred 4 notes to a bow

Diminished 7th: Starting on C#, F#, Ab, A and Bb compass three octaves

Separate and slurred 4 notes to a bow

Chromatic scales: Starting on C#, F#, Ab, A and Bb compass three octaves

Separate and slurred 12 notes to a bow

**Double stops:** One major key of your choice, broken chords, in compass two octaves

3rds, 6ths & 8ths

**Sight-reading:** A short piece of suitable difficulty

**Pieces:** 2 free-choice pieces of appropriate standard

1 study (or third piece)

STAGE X Total duration of exam: maximum 30 minutes

Major scales of G-B inc. **Scales:** compass three octaves compass three octaves

Minor scales of G-B inc. (both forms)

Separate and slurred 4, 6 & 8 to a bow (even)

**Arpeggios:** Of the above keys compass three octaves

Separate and slurred 6 notes to a bow

**Dominant 7ths:** Starting on G, Ab, A, Bb & B (in the keys of C, compass three octaves

Db, D, Eb & E)

Separate and slurred 4 notes to a bow

**Diminished 7<sup>th</sup>:** Starting on G, Ab, A, Bb & B compass three octaves

Separate and slurred 4 notes to a bow

**Chromatic scales:** Starting on G, Ab, A, Bb & B compass three octaves

Separate and slurred 12 notes to a bow

**Double stops:** 2 keys of your choice in 3rds, 6ths and 8ths compass two octaves

Separate bows (not broken)

**Sight-reading:** A short piece of suitable difficulty

**Pieces:** 2 free-choice pieces of appropriate standard

1 study (or third piece)

# RIAM INTERNAL ASSESSMENTS BOWINGS FOR SCALES

