

London College of Music Examinations

# Electric Guitar

## **Requirements for Recorded Exams:**

Steps, Grades, Recital Grades

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## **1. Overview**

The following exam alternatives provide the opportunity for the assessment of musical performance, whereby candidates upload a video file of their performance, rather than attending an examination venue. Performances are assessed by trained LCME examiners, using the same standards and criteria as are used for face-to-face, live exams. This offers candidates a reliable, independent, regulated assessment of their performance standard, while benefitting from the flexibility allowed by the submission process.

## 2. Recorded Exam Requirements

A recorded submission alternative for candidates who have entered for graded exams.

### 2.1 Step & Grades 1-5

#### Component 1: Technical Work

(20 marks)

Candidates play the technical work listed in the *Technical Work and Spoken Test Questions* document (available for download from the LCME website).

#### Component 2: Rhythm Playing

(30 marks)

Candidates give a pre-prepared rhythm performance. Prior to the exam recording, candidates should select and prepare one chord chart from the *LCME Electric Guitar Handbook 2019* (also available for download on the LCME website). The musical style is left to the candidate's discretion.

#### Component 3: Lead Playing

(30 marks)

Candidates give a pre-prepared lead performance. Prior to the exam recording, candidates should select one of the chord progressions from the *LCME Electric Guitar Handbook 2019* and download the relevant backing track from *lcmebooks.org*. Candidates should perform their improvisation over the backing track for their selected chord progression.

#### Component 4: Spoken Tests

(20 marks)

Candidates respond orally to all questions listed in the *Technical Work and Spoken Test Questions* (available for download from the LCME website).

#### Weighting for examination components

Technical Work	Rhythm Playing	Lead Playing	Spoken Tests
20 %	30 %	30 %	20 %

#### Assessment

Performances are assessed according to the same standards and criteria as for LCME's graded exams. Refer to the details listed under Performance, in the section *How marks are awarded* in the relevant syllabus.

#### Regulation

LCME's recorded exams are regulated in England by Ofqual, and by the corresponding authorities in Wales (Qualifications Wales) and Northern Ireland (CCEA). They have been placed on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) at Levels 1, 2 and 3.

#### Submission

Please see *submission guidelines*

## 2.2 Grades 6-8

### Component 1: Technical Work

(20 marks)

Candidates play the technical work listed in the *Technical Work and Spoken Test Questions* document (available for download from the LCME website).

### Component 2: Rhythm Playing

(20 marks)

Candidates give a pre-prepared rhythm performance. Prior to the exam recording, candidates should select and prepare one chord chart from the *LCME Electric Guitar Handbook 2019* (also available for download on the LCME website). The musical style is left to the candidate's discretion.

### Component 3: Lead Playing

(20 marks)

Candidates give a pre-prepared lead performance. Prior to the exam recording, candidates should select one of the chord progressions from the *LCME Electric Guitar Handbook 2019* and download the relevant backing track from *lcmebooks.org*. Candidates should perform their improvisation over the backing track for their selected chord progression.

### Component 4: Spoken Tests

(20 marks)

Candidates respond orally to all questions listed in the *Technical Work and Spoken Test Questions* (available for download from the LCME website).

### Component 5: Specialism

(20 marks)

#### Option 1: Slide/bottleneck playing or Finger-tapping or Fingerstyle (or flatpicking)

Candidates perform a single unaccompanied piece or series of excerpts (lasting about two minutes in total). This may be an existing guitar piece, a self-composition or an arrangement. The main feature of the performance should be either slide/bottleneck playing, finger-tapping or fingerstyle (or flatpicking).

#### Option 2: Rhythm guitar playing or Improvisation

Candidates can choose to perform either another rhythm playing chord chart (see component 2) or improvise over another chord progression (see component 3).

### Weighting for examination components

Technical Work	Rhythm Playing	Lead Playing	Spoken Tests	Specialism
20 %	20 %	20 %	20 %	20 %

### Assessment

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## **Submission**

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## 2.3 Recital Grades

### Exam components

The requirements for each exam component are the same as for the equivalent graded exam (see Section 4: Exam requirements) unless specified otherwise below.

### Component 1: Rhythm Playing

Candidates perform two rhythm guitar charts. These are to be selected from the relevant exam handbook and prepared in advance. Alternatively, candidates can select rhythm charts from the appropriate grade of the Rhythm Guitar Playing series of books, available to download from *lcmebooks.org*.

### Component 2: Lead Playing

**Step & Grades 1-5:** Candidates choose and play lead guitar over one track from the appropriate grade of the Improvising Lead Guitar series of books, available to download from *lcmebooks.org*.

**Grades 6-8:** Candidates choose and play lead guitar over two tracks from the appropriate grade of the Improvising Lead Guitar series of books, available to download from *lcmebooks.org*. Alternatively, in place of one of these tracks, candidates can choose to perform a lead solo over one of the lead guitar charts from the appropriate grade exam handbook using one of the specially-recorded backing tracks available from *lcmebooks.org*.

### Weighting for examination components

	Rhythm Playing	Lead Playing
Step, Grades 1-5	60 %	40 %
Grades 6-8	50 %	50%

### Regulation

Recital Grades in Electric Guitar are not currently regulated by Ofqual

### Submission

Please see *submission guidelines for recorded exams* on the LCME website.