

GMTA THEORY TESTS INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

Georgia Music Teachers Association is dedicated to providing recognition for achievement in the study of music theory. GMTA offers its members an opportunity for their students to participate in annual theory tests and earn one or more of the following recognitions:

<u>Score</u>	<u>Designation</u>
100	Outstanding Theorist with Honors
90-99	Outstanding Theorist
80-89	Excellence in Theory
70-79	Achievement in Theory

**All other entrants will receive "Participant" certificates.*

Participating students who achieve the above distinctions will receive a certificate and have their names published in the GMTA newsletter on GMTA's website.

The theory tests are offered at 5 levels (I, II, III, IV, and V) that get progressively more difficult. Level I is the entry-level test and is offered in 3 versions that each use just a single clef: treble, bass, or alto.

You can download the entire theory curriculum/study guide from the theory test page on GMTA's website: <http://www.georgiamta.org/studentActivities-TAT.php>

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SECTION A: LOGISTICS

Testing Date(s), Location, & Time: Each local association may select one or more dates to administer the theory tests locally. (*The tests are no longer offered at state auditions.*) The GMTA Theory Tests Administrator will mail the tests to the local associations by October 1st. The deadline for local associations to return completed tests to the GMTA Theory Test Administrator for grading is around **March 15th**. (Check GMTA's website for the most updated calendar information.)

Application Deadline: Set by the local association. Register your students on GMTA's website.

Fee: \$15.00 per student (no separate teacher fee). Local associations are not allowed to charge more, as this fee is set by GMTA. Teachers will pay online when you register your students on GMTA's website.

Teacher Eligibility: MTNA, GMTA, & Local Association dues must be paid by the local association's application deadline or as required by the local association, whichever is earlier.

Application Form: Applications are now completed online on GMTA's website. Click on "Student Activities" and then click on the "Theory" link for the most up-to-date Theory Test information.

SECTION B: ELIGIBILITY

GMTA Theory Tests are open to any student currently studying with a GMTA member in good standing, regardless of age, school grade, etc.

SECTION C: GENERAL REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

1. The GMTA website (www.georgiamta.org) is the official source for all information pertaining to the administration of GMTA's Theory Tests.
2. Since 2009, the GMTA Theory Tests are only offered through participating local associations, and LAs may offer the tests as often as practicable.
3. The GMTA Auditions General Rules and Regulations state that application fees are non-refundable.
4. **Teachers and students should understand that the actual tests will be based on the published GMTA theory curriculum and will not necessarily be limited to the type and number of sample questions provided on GMTA's website or on past years' tests.**
5. Local Association requirements:
 - a. Designate one member who will be present at all its administrations of the theory tests in a testing year, e.g., 2019-2020, and should strive, if possible, to create a consistent and similar testing experience at each of its test administrations.
 - b. Report the dates of each theory test administration in advance to the GMTA Theory Test Administrator.
6. Test Logistics
 - a. No copies of the test may be made available to teachers or students until after all participating Local Associations have administered the tests, except for those persons who administer the tests.
 - b. Each student must be given a minimum of 60 minutes, but no more than 75 minutes, to complete the Written part of the test. This time is in addition to the time set aside for the Ear Training part of the test.
 - c. Students are responsible for providing their own pencils at the exams and may not bring any study aids into the testing area.
 - d. An approved scratch paper form will be included with the theory tests, and a sample form can be downloaded from the theory section of GMTA's website. Local Associations must provide enough copies for each student taking the tests. The scratch paper will include empty staves, a picture representation of a keyboard, and blank space. If students use the scratch paper, they must write their names on it and turn it in with their tests. Nothing on the scratch paper will count either towards or against a student's grade.
 - e. Students may take more than one level in a given year, e.g., 2019-2020, but they may not take more than one level at any single administration of the tests. In other words, a student may not take more than one level on one day. Each test/level a student takes requires a separate application and fee.
7. In any year, each level may have no more than 3 new types of questions, *i.e.*, a type of question that hasn't appeared on previous years' tests. However, this limitation does not apply to simply altering instructions, nor does it mean that each level will have new questions. Simply put, this limitation is on the test creators to ensure that the current year's tests will substantially resemble past tests. As always, it is important for students to read the instructions carefully to

be sure they understand what is being asked, even if the instructions initially appear to resemble an instruction on past years' tests.

8. DEADLINES: (These are approximate. Always check GeorgiaMTA.org for the exact dates.)

10/1	Postmark deadline for GMTA Theory Test Administrator to mail testing packets to Local Associations
3/15	Postmark deadline for Local Associations to mail completed tests to GMTA Theory Test Administrator for grading
5/1	Postmark deadline for GMTA Theory Test Administrator to return graded tests & certificates to teachers