

Dear Examiner,

The candidate today may present a system of fingering which differs on occasion from the AMEB technical workbook. This fingering has been specifically chosen to avoid stretching, particularly between fingers 3 and 4, one of the main causes of playing-related injury.

Fortunately, the AMEB is flexible in this regard.

The 2013 syllabus states on p28:

Fingering

The Board does not specify any particular system of fingering. Examiners may comment on inappropriate fingering if it results in technical or musical problems.

Similarly, the AMEB Piano Technical Workbook notes on p.4:

Standard and systematic fingering is indicated as a guide.

However, as suitable fingering is dependent on the physiology of the individual hand, alternative fingering is suggested in some cases. Teachers and candidates should decide on the most appropriate fingering to achieve maximum speed and fluency.

Thank you for your understanding and sensitivity today.