



# Skill Maps

# DRUMS

## INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 1

Taaqademy's music teachers are carefully chosen for their musical ability, teaching aptitude, live performance experience and music qualifications - pretty much in that order. We can confidently claim to have some of the country's top musicians with us. As a result, we use a proprietary method of '**Skill Maps**' to bring structure and focus

to our classes, enabling our musicians to **avoid cookie-cutter methods** when working with students. Skill Maps provide **detailed specifics** on what students should be able to accomplish at every level while allowing our teachers to use their own **unique approaches**, songs, techniques and shortcuts to get students there!

## DRUMS INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 1: AREAS COVERED



**RUDIMENTS**



**DRUM KIT EXERCISES**



**RHYTHM NOTATION**



**SONG LEARNING**



**LIVE PERFORMANCE**



**MUSIC EXAMINATIONS**

**DETAILS ON PG.2**



## RUDIMENTS

- Ability to play the five-stroke roll
- Ability to play the seven-stroke roll
- Ability to play the nine-stroke roll



## RHYTHM NOTATION

- Counting the two variations of sixteenth notes (1e&, 1&a)
- Sight-reading snare drum exercises and fills, using the two sixteenth-note variations



## DRUM KIT EXERCISES

- Ability to play the Intermediate Rock Drum Beat Matrix
- Ability to play the Basic Samba Ostinato Pattern, with the emphasis on foot technique
- Ability to play Intermediate Tom Tom beats



## SONG LEARNING

- Completion of at least 3 songs from RSL Grade 3



## LIVE PERFORMANCE

- Completion of 1 Taaqademy Live, either as a solo or band performance, to move to the next skill level



## MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

- Completion of RSL Grade 3 in Drums, to move to the next skill level

## HOW LONG WILL THIS TAKE?

This question gets asked a lot! Allow us to give you a simple rule-of-thumb:

- At this level, if you **consistently** practice an avg. **30min - 1 hr. per day**, you can expect to have covered the above in **4 - 6 months (16 - 24 classes)**.
- If you practice around **2 hrs. per week**, this could **add 1 - 2 months**.
- If you practice **<1 hr. per week**, you could take **10 months!**