

ACHIEVEMENT, CONFIDENCE, CREATIVITY

# RAD EXAMS



ROYAL ACADEMY  
OF DANCE

**“Seeing the beaming smiles on  
students’ faces when they come out  
of an examination is incredible!”**

Emily Dart

# CHOOSING RAD DANCE CLASSES FOR YOUR CHILD

## When it comes to your child's dance classes, you want the best possible experience for them.

At the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) we have been setting the standard for dance teaching for over a century. By choosing an RAD Registered Teacher, you're ensuring your child receives a high-quality dance education.

Our teachers are highly qualified and dedicated to providing a nurturing environment where your child can develop their creativity,

musicality, and technical skills while building confidence and having fun. Their experience also means that they understand the unique needs of dancers of all abilities and are committed to helping them achieve their potential.

With us, your child will benefit from:

- **A proven approach:** Our classes are carefully crafted to ensure a progressive and enjoyable learning experience.
- **Expert teaching:** Our teachers are highly trained and dedicated to helping your child succeed.

- **High standards of safeguarding:** All RAD Registered Teachers follow best practice in keeping dancers safe while learning.
- **Recognised qualifications:** RAD exams are respected worldwide, opening doors to future opportunities.

Trust us to give your child fulfilling, enjoyable and rewarding dance training.

# TAKING EXAMS WITH THE RAD

**The first RAD exams were held in 1921, and we've been setting standards for dance exams ever since.**

We also know how important it is that everyone should have the chance to learn, to excel and have something to show for their hard work. RAD exams allow young dancers to develop their creativity and musicality and provide them with so many opportunities to progress and achieve. And, beyond the obvious physical benefits, dance builds confidence, focus, and self-discipline that will stand them in good stead whichever way life takes them.



As an awarding body, our exams are recognised as a benchmark of excellence, can be taken in-person, or online, and are trusted around the world. With us, your child is in safe and experienced hands.

Whether dancing for fun, aiming to grow up to be a dance teacher, or to be a dancer with one of the world's great ballet companies, an RAD exam is the perfect route to success for your child.



**“I loved taking my RAD Primary ballet exam with my friend Florence. It was a very special day and I came out buzzing! I was very proud of my certificate and couldn’t wait to take it into school.”**

**Trixie, dance student, United Kingdom**

# STUDYING WITH AN RAD REGISTERED TEACHER

**To enter for RAD exams, students must study with an RAD Registered Teacher.**

You can find a local teacher on our website. All of our teachers are trained to the highest standards, must follow our Code of Conduct, and are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS), or overseas equivalent.



With continued professional development (CPD) throughout their careers, our teachers always ensure that their practice and skills are up-to-date and suited to the needs of students.

**“The Royal Academy of Dance, to me, offers the most prestigious dance exams that you can do... it is internationally recognised, you can go anywhere with your dancing.”**  
Sarah, dance student, Australia



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# WORLD LEADERS IN DANCE EXAMS

**We are committed to equality of access through our stringent quality assurance procedures so that our exam and assessment processes are accountable, transparent, and consistent.**

At the RAD, we have a large panel of examiners in over 25 countries, who all undergo a rigorous training and standardisation programme. This means that each student is judged fairly against a set of specific criteria based on the learning outcomes of that exam level.

Our Graded exams, Solo Performance Awards, Vocational exams and Discovering Repertoire qualifications are all accredited by the UK regulators, Ofqual, Qualification Wales, SQA Accreditation and CCEA, and feature on the UK qualification frameworks (QCF, CQFW, SCQF).



In addition, our exams at Level 3 are allocated points on the UCAS tariff (the UK's university admissions system). This means that candidates can use their RAD exam result to earn UCAS points when applying for courses at universities or higher education in the UK. These are also widely recognised internationally.

**“In the end I just wanted to hug the examiner because she had given me the opportunity to do one of the things I love to do best. It just made my day!”**

Annelien, dance student,  
Belgium



# EXAM OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE



**We offer many different exam options and assessments to provide a varied choice for students.**

## **Graded Exams – Primary to Grade 8**

Students perform three different dance components allowing a demonstration of multiple skills. All students who are successful at RAD exams receive a security enhanced certificate and a medal.

## **Solo Performance Awards – Grade 1-7**

Students perform three solo pieces in the exam and have the opportunity to bring in different dance genres and choreography.

## **Vocational Graded Syllabus – Intermediate Foundation – Solo Seal**

With a heavy emphasis on technique, these exams are designed for students who want to study classical ballet in greater depth.

## **Discovering Repertoire – Level 2-4**

A qualification split into three units which students can take over a period of time. Units 1 and 2 are

focused on individual performance, and unit 3 being presented as a class.

Some of the RAD syllabus is presented in the traditionally classical male or female roles though students can choose which syllabus they perform, regardless of the sex assigned at birth, or the gender with which they identify.

For those with additional needs, we have a clear process and policy for applying reasonable adjustments, allowing all students to perform to the best of their ability on their exam day.



**“My son loves exam day!  
He says it’s the best ballet  
day ever.”**  
Megan, parent, New Zealand



# UNACCREDITED ASSESSMENTS

Assessed in a class contest, our unaccredited assessments are designed to be more inclusive and adaptable to candidates with diverse learning needs. These assessments can be tailored to accommodate different learning styles and needs providing valuable practice for future exams. The assessment is intended to give a broad overview of the candidate's achievement and progress.

## Demonstration classes

Based on our pre-school dance curriculum, Dance to your Own Tune, demonstration classes involve a short performance from each student who then receives a certificate of participation as a mark of their personal achievement.



## Class Awards – Pre-Primary to Grade 8

Students perform a selection of exercises and one dance. The assessment criteria are holistic, and, except for Grade 8, the exam is run by the teacher while the examiner observes. Students receive formal certificates in recognition of their achievement.

**“My students wanted to stay longer in the exam room, as they enjoy dancing together with their friends!”**

Herlinda, teacher, Singapore



**“When you get so into a dance that  
you forget you’re being examined  
and just dance because you love it!”**

Kellie, dance student, New Zealand

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