

bbodance Dance Awards

Dance Awards give the candidate an opportunity to perform a series of dances choreographed by their Teacher. These build in length and complexity according to the Dance Award Level.

Suggested Grade of study for each Award	Dance Awards (per Level and non-regulated)	Level Attained	Number of Dances to Perform	Max. Length of Each Dance (½ minute can be added for a Song & Dance)
Introduction	Nursery Award	Nursery Rhyme Nursery Character	1 1	1 minute 1 minute
Pre-Primary Primary	Primary Dance Award	Bronze Silver Gold	1 1 2	1 ½ minutes 1 ½ minutes 1 ½ minutes
Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3	Level 1 Dance Award	Bronze Silver Gold	1 1 2	1 ½ minutes 1 ½ minutes 1 ½ minutes
Grade 4 Grade 5 Intermediate Foundation	Level 2 Dance Award	Bronze Silver Gold	1 1 2	2 minutes 2 minutes 2 minutes
Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 Intermediate	Level 3 Dance Award	Bronze Silver Gold	1 2 3	2 minutes 2 minutes 2 minutes
Advanced 1 Advanced 2	Level 4 Dance Award	Bronze Silver Gold	1 2 3	2 minutes 2 minutes 2 minutes

Nursery Awards

- Nursery Rhyme – present a nursery rhyme using mime and movement
- Nursery Character – present a short story through mime and dance

Suggested dance styles for Dance Awards from Primary Level and above

- Classical
- Character
- Contemporary
- Disco / Freestyle
- Jazz
- Modern (inc. Lyrical)
- National
- Song & Dance
- Street
- Tap

Guidelines

1. Where 2 or more routines are required, they can be of the same or mixed genres, but styles **must not** be mixed within a single dance
2. Candidates may enter into the Awards system at an appropriate Level of Achievement
3. The choice of music is at the Teacher's discretion
4. Props may be used in all Awards if desired
5. Skirts may be worn if this will enhance the dance, for example in National or Character dance styles
6. The Teacher must send the Examiner information via email how the set is being examined (see 'Entering Candidates' section below) prior to the session
7. Marks awarded:

Nursery Dance Awards	SYYA and Successful
Primary - Level 4 Dance Awards	SNYA, Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction*

Entering Candidates

SETS

Nursery Dance Awards	1 - 6 candidates
Primary - Level 4 Dance Awards	1 - 4 candidates

In a SET they perform either:

- a. The same dance at once and in unison (i.e. candidates cannot perform certain parts of a dance individually)
- b. The same dance but individually
- c. Different dances but in the same dance genre

Candidates must wear numbered badges to enable the Examiner to easily identify them.

All candidates entered as a SET will receive an individual report and mark, plus a badge and certificate.

GROUPS – 5 or more candidates performing the same group dance. It is the teacher's responsibility to arrange the timetable according to the Level and number of candidates in each group.

Candidates are not required to wear numbered badges for group Examinations.

All candidates entered as a GROUP will receive the same report and mark, plus a badge and certificate.

Criteria

The criteria that the Examiner will be looking for are as follows:

- a. Coordination
- b. Elevation
- c. Extension
- d. Footwork
- e. Interpretation
- f. Musicality
- g. Performance Quality
- h. Posture
- i. Placing
- j. Spatial Awareness