



# RAD BALLET EXAMS

@ ZONA DANCE COMPANY





# ROYAL ACADMEY OF DANCE

- Around the world, RAD exams are recognised for their quality, and each year, nearly a quarter of a million candidates across the globe choose to take their dance exams with us.
- They offer a wide range of exams and assessments to motivate and reward students of all ages and abilities. Our focus is on creativity and musicality, providing opportunities to progress and achieve. It's not just professional or young dancers who take our exams; age is no barrier to success. At any stage of your life or career you can develop your fitness, musicality and artistry. Our candidates range in age from 2 to 60+!
- Registered Teacher with RAD – Only a registered teacher can enter student with the exam – Jessica Peoples & Caitlin Clancy are both certified registered teacher with the RAD

# RAD EXAMINATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC

- We have temporarily put in place the following measures to allow us to **adapt our exams model** during the continuing pandemic and to help us provide examination sessions:
- We will be limiting extensive examiner travel. International travel will be reviewed by the Director of Examinations to try and ensure the safety of candidates, teachers, examiners and exam day staff/assistants.
- Teachers and exam organisers must have a risk assessment in place for their examination session.
- We will be using some examiners who are local to the country/region in which exams are taking place.
- Filmed exams will remain an option for teachers and candidates until December 2022
- Where teachers have face-to-face examinations planned, we advise that they also have a 'plan B' to film, in case of emergencies. That way the work spent on planning the examination day is not wasted.
- Sessions may not follow normal patterns as organisers react to lockdowns, quarantines or closures – your local office will advise about options in your area.
- All the format and administrative adaptations previously circulated, e.g. CD permitted for vocational levels, soft ballet shoes permitted for all vocational levels (see document in [Members' Area](#) for a full list) will be in place until December 2022, to help teachers with reduced studio and preparation time for their candidates.
- Reasonable adaptations of exam procedures (to allow for social distancing) are permitted.

# TYPES OF EXAMS

NAME OF AWARD	WHAT?	WHO?	ASSESSED?	WHERE?*
Demonstration class (Dance to Your Own Tune)	free content, led by teacher	candidates age 2.5 to 5 years	no, the examiner only observes	AEC or RAV
Solo performance award (Grades 1-5)	3 solo dances, at least 2 from exam syllabus	from age 5	yes, as per award criteria	AEC or RAV
Class award (Pre-Primary in Dance to Grade 8 and Discovering Repertoire)	class award syllabus (a selection of exercises and one dance), led by the teacher	from age 5, Discovering Repertoire from age 12	yes, a broad indication of standard rather than a detailed breakdown	AEC or RAV
Examination (graded, vocational and Discovering Repertoire)	candidates perform the exam syllabus	from age 5, Discovering Repertoire from age 12	yes, as per exam criteria	AEC or RAV
Solo Seal	candidates perform three variations and a virtuoso finale for a panel of judges and an audience	from age 15	yes, by an RAD examiner and a dance professional approved by the Artistic Director	RAV or theatre venue





# PREPARATION

- Students should attend each class now until the exam, we are offering hybrid classes for those not able to travel into the studio
- Practice outside of class – links on the resource page
- Mock exam session – each class/grouping will have a mock exam in February to practice




# EXPECTATIONS AND ETHOS

- Our goal is to provide students with an enjoyable experience of goal setting and achievement
- RAD exams are highest standard of skills – over 150,000 students taking class world wide
- We expect to prepare each student for a successful exam – we will be putting great effort into making sure each individual feels confident and excited for the experience

# ON THE DAY

- The exams take place at Zona Dance Company
- Examiner – Marking scheme –(Class Award vs. Exam Award)
- The room prep – mirrors covered, windows covered – no observations
- Music is played by an assigned person
- Students will arrive prepared – 15 min warm up session with one of our staff
- Grouping of 4-8 children go into studio
- Class award: Jessica or Caitlin will conduct class in front of an examiner, the teachers will be in the room to help the children through the process
- Exam award: The students will enter the exam room in the groups and conduct their exam directed by the examiner
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLouywuk5js>



# UNIFORMS

- All classes have specific dance uniform – it consists of
  1. Leotard
  2. Tights
  3. Shoes

Skirts are not worn for exams with the exceptions of Pre-Primary and Primary ballet (pink)

If you have not purchased your uniform you must do so – the dancers need to practice in them to become comfortable in the uniform



# FOR CLOTHING GO TO ZONA DANCE WEBSITE... OR ALTERNATIVE THESE LINKS

## PRE & PRIMARY BALLET

<https://www.danceworld.ie/dancewear-c1/childrens-dancewear-c15/exam-regulation-c17/roch-valley-cap-sleeved-skirted-leotard-p91>

## GRADE 1 – COLOUR IS LAVENDAR

<https://www.danceworld.ie/dancewear-c1/childrens-dancewear-c15/exam-regulation-c17/freed-of-london-rad-chloe-cap-sleeved-leotard-p17>

## Grade 2 – Colour is CHERRY/PLUM

<https://www.danceworld.ie/dancewear-c1/childrens-dancewear-c15/exam-regulation-c17/freed-of-london-sleeveless-leotard-p87>

## Grade 3 & 4 – Colour Mulberry

<https://www.danceworld.ie/dancewear-c1/childrens-dancewear-c15/exam-regulation-c17/roch-valley-sleeveless-girls-leotard-p89>

# QUALIFICATIONS FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> LEVEL EDUCATION

- **How UCAS points are allocated for RAD exams**
- Graded and vocational graded examinations in dance at RQF Level 3 are allocated points on the UCAS tariff.
- This means that candidates who have achieved a pass or higher in Grades 6, 7, 8, Intermediate or Advanced Foundation, can use their RAD exam result towards their points tariff when applying to a relevant course at a university or higher education in the U
- **Points apply to:**
- Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) and Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) qualifications awarded from November 2010 onwards (January 2011 in Australia, Canada and South Africa)
- Qualifications accredited by SQA Accreditation awarded from January 2012 onwards, including SCQF qualifications
- earlier qualifications, accredited on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and awarded from 2001-10 with the exception of Intermediate (as this was at Level 2 on the NQF).

# FEES & DEADLINE & EXAM DATES

- Dead line to register and pay for exam is Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of January
- Fees should be paid at reception (cash or card)
- If you are not able to attend exam on the day – There have been concerns about non-attendance of exam on the day due to isolation, the RAD has made it available for anyone who may not be able to attend on the day of the exam to video their exam submission (we filmed exams last year)
- If this become the case – I will arrange a filming date for anyone who may need to miss the live exam.
- Exams are scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of March
- Exams will likely be held during school hours – note from RAD with excuse can be provided for your child's school

# RESOURCES

## **RAD WEBSITE**

<https://www.royalacademyofdance.org/exams/policies-and-guidelines/>

## **ZONA DANCE WEBSITE**

<https://www.zonadance>

## **BALLET BUN TUTORIAL**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yG7Hcozrf8>

## **Practice links:**

Pre-Primary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gziD9sWU-KY>

Primary

Grade 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qi8K-rQvNbQ>

Grade 2 <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9JSHk9pc9mABdLA5mVyO2m4s5Xxgy29k>

Grade 3 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dKcbF80G\\_M&t=10s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dKcbF80G_M&t=10s)

Grade 4 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kclhs0zKsk4&t=1021s>

Grade 5 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NyanGHnkfBY>

Grade 6 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ISmCGsjpD6c&t=733s>

Grade 7 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixT\\_OLbZTWw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixT_OLbZTWw)



# QUESTIONS???

- Please type your questions into the chat box
- Also visit <https://www.zonadanceco.com/faq>

