

BALLET EXAM NOTICE 2024

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IN FULL

We look forward to guiding your dancer through their exam/class award journey this year. Graded and Vocational exams can be entered online through Google forms. Please click here to fill in the <https://forms.gle/DrA7qsEv7T7rZ75M8>. These forms need to be completed with payment before 11th May.

Graded Level	Exam Fee	Class Award Fee	Vocational Level	Non-Member	Member
Pre-Primary	-	72	Intermediate Foundation	229	227
Primary	92	77	Intermediate	242	240
Grade 1	101	82	Advanced Foundation	444	245
Grade 2	114	92	Advanced 1	447	248
Grade 3	126	103	Advanced 2	452	253
Grade 4	135	110			
Grade 5	144	119			

GRADED BALLET EXAMS - ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE

Graded Exams are expected to be sometime between **Thursday 1st August - Thursday 15th August**. We understand exams are a big undertaking with extra practise and cost, but believe they are a very beneficial part of dance, giving the student a goal to strive towards. They also ensure the student is ready to move up to their next level.

We will continue to offer the Class Award option for students. If we believe this option is best for your dancer we will be in contact during the holidays. More information about 'Class Awards' can be found on the last page of this notice. Google forms and Entries **are due on Thursday 9th May**. Please mark this date on your calendar. The amount charged includes a \$15 administration fee, this balance goes to The Royal Academy of Dance.

If paying by cash, please fill out a payment slip overleaf and hand to your teacher with payment and fill in the google form. **Direct Credit to the following bank account 060225 0424218 00**. Please include students' name & "exam fee" as a reference.

IMPORTANT:

These Exam Intensives are compulsory for all Exam & Class Awards candidates - no exceptions.

- * These will be held over Wednesday 17th July - Sunday 21st July. Times will be confirmed once numbers of entries are known and will be emailed out.
- * Extra Sunday's for Pre-Primary, Primary, Grade 1 - Sunday 16th June, Sunday 23rd June and Sunday 30th June.
- * Please make sure you can attend these dates before entering exam/class award.

* Exam intensives are charged separately at \$13.50 per hour as well as an exam day levy of \$40.00. This will be charged out separately to normal term fees and exam entry fees.

Please see the text page for vocational information

VOCATIONAL EXAMS - ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE

Vocational Exams are expected to be sometime between Sunday 18th August - Saturday 24th August.

Google forms and fees are due Wednesday 5th June. Please mark this date on your calendar. The amount charged includes a \$15 administration fee, the balance goes to The Royal Academy of Dance.

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Exam Intensive: Please pencil in **Sunday 28th July, Sunday 4th August, Sunday 11th August, and Sunday 18th August** we will have lessons on 3 of these dates, and will confirm once exam dates are confirmed.

Students are also highly encouraged to attend the vocational workshops in either Auckland or Wellington over the July winter holidays. There is a strong connection between attendance to these and fair exam marks. It is also the only chance to perform with a pianist before exams. If this is not feasible please consider booking some private lessons as an alternative via our online booking system found through the website under the 'Classes' tab.

Advanced Foundation and above please ensure RAD membership is current if you want to receive the exam discount. You should have had the membership information given to you with your Intermediate results or posted to you by the RAD. Or check out the RAD website for more information.

BAND APP

If you haven't already, please follow the invite link on the email sent out to you. This is an LDA studio App that we are utilising to enable home practice. We are finding this a very good tool to connect with our dancers and caregivers. Our teachers are filming exercises from the front and the back to enable dancers to practice along, with the app along with corrections and some handy hints. If you are unable to find your link, please email the office and we can get you sorted.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE APP

If you would like another helpful tool, the RAD syllabus app is also a good tool. You can download the app for free and purchase your level of syllabus work. This can be used as a refresher, as well as using the music to practise.

However, we ask students not to learn work ahead of class as teachers do break exercises down and create training exercises to build good technique. Please note that the format of some exercises in each level, i.e.

Transfer of Weight & Grand Allegro may differ slightly to the video. Try to avoid using "YouTube" for exercises as you may pick up bad habits from these videos.

If you have any questions on any of the above please contact the office via email. Pre Primary caregivers we will have a chat the first week of term in class, to answer any questions too.

We look forward to receiving your child's entry, and working towards a common goal. It is always so satisfying to see how far they come in the build up to exams and the confidence they gain.

Many Thanks,
Kerry Mills and the team

PAYMENT SLIP (IF PAYING BY CASH): YOU WILL STILL NEED TO FILL IN AN ONLINE ENTRY FORM

Student's Name:

Grade/Level:

Payment Type: *Cash* *Date of Payment:* / / 2024

Please turn over for Class Award information

CLASS AWARD INFORMATION

See below for more information on what a Class Award is:

A Class Award allows students to progress through the grades with less pressure of a full examination. These were introduced to LDA in 2020 and we felt they created a positive and rewarding exam experience for students, so we have kept them as an option!

Class Awards are still a recognised award and require the same amount of preparation time and effort. Below are a few points that explain how they differ from a full examination:

Teachers can be in the examination room which adds support to those who are a little more nervous

Teacher's choice to shorten the exam by omitting predetermined exercises by the RAD.

The result includes a broad explanation of how well they presented the grade. A medal and certificate are achieved and although this exam is still marked against aspects of the same examination criteria, the wording differs on the mark sheet and students do not receive a grade (Pass, Merit or Distinction) as such.

A reason for choosing the Class Award as the most appropriate exam route could be, but is not limited to, taking into account a student's level of confidence, recovering from an injury, opportunity to perform and achieve without additional pressure of a full examination, and/or cost.

Teachers will be considering both options for every student and will choose the best suited exam type to gain great results, positive experiences and provide individual achievement. We will be in touch if we believe it is the best way forward for your dancer. This option is open to everyone of all graded levels and if you want this to be your exam route even without us contacting you please email us with the subject "Class Award".