**ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE LEVELS**

Students may start with the Pre-School Curriculum, move up through Pre-Primary and Primary levelsand then into eight Graded levels. In the Graded syllabi, students are offered alternative options of an Examination, Class Award or Presentation Class.  
  
The Pre-School Dance Curriculum develops basic movement skills, musical awareness, expression and creativity. Themed classes encourage class participation, focus and confidence that prepare students for entry to the Pre-Primary levels. This curriculum is appropriate for students between the ages of two and a half and five years.  
  
Graded Syllabi, Pre-Primary and Primary levels, develop students' physical skills, stamina, creativity, expression and musicality using a range of sounds and musical styles. This strong foundation prepares students for a successful transition to ballet and other dance genres. These levels are appropriate for students between the ages of five and eight years.  
  
Graded Syllabi,Grades 1 — 8 Award, provide a broad practical dance education, progressively developing the technical, musical and performance skills of the student. They incorporate Classical Ballet, Free Movement and Character. Classical ballet is the core of the syllabus. Free Movement incorporates movements in common with dance genres such as Natural Movement, Contemporary and Classical Greek. Character is the theatrical presentation of national dance using ethnic dance and music, which has been freely adapted for the theatre. Three styles have been selected for study: Hungarian, Russian and Polish. These levels are appropriate for students from the age of six years and upwards, and can provide challenging and rewarding training to the end of high school.

**AGE REQUIREMENTS**

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| **Demonstration Classes** | **Recommended Age** |
| Level 1 | 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 years |
| Level 2 | 3 1/2 - 4 1/2 - 5 years |

Candidates are eligible to take a Graded Examination, Presentation Class or Class Award, if their age meets the minimum age requirement in the year of examination.   
From 1 January 2013, the RAD will implement a new minimum age policy for all examinations and assessments resulting in two cut off dates, by which candidates need to have achieved the required minimum age in order to enter for examinations — 1 January and 1 September.

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| **Examination, Presentation Class,  or Class Award Level** | **Minimum Age Requirement** |
| Pre-Primary in Dance | 5 years and over |
| Pre-Primary | 5 years and over |
| Primary in Dance | 6 years and over |
| Primary | 6 years and over |
| Grade 1 | 7 years and over |
| Grade 2 | 7 years and over |
| Grade 3 | 7 years and over |
| Grade 4 | 7 years and over |
| Grade 5 | 7 years and over |
| Grade 6 | 11 years and over |
| Grade 7 | 11 years and over |
| Grade 8 Award | 11 years and over |