

Frequently asked questions

Examinations

Which dance genres fall under which branch in amateur exams?

Theatre branch

Core genres:

- Ballet (BT)
- Tap (T)
- Theatre Craft (TC)
- Contemporary Modern Jazz (CMJ)

Associated non-core genres:

- Acrobatic Dance (ACRO)
- Musical Theatre (MTA)
- Musical Theatre Acting Awards (MAA)
- Dance Exercise (DE)
- General Dance Programme (GD)
- Schools & General (GC)

Ballroom branch

Core genres:

- Ballroom (B) - Includes Waltz, Quickstep, Foxtrot, Tango, Viennese Waltz
- Latin (L) - Includes Rumba, Samba, Paso Doble, Jive, Cha Cha Cha
- Classical Sequence (CSQ)

Associated non-core genres:

- Modern Sequence (MS)
- American Smooth – AS
- Club Dancing (CD)
- Dance Fusion Award (DF)
- Salsa (SA)
- Mambo (MB)
- Merengue (MR)
- Argentine Tango (AT)
- Charleston (CH)
- East Coast Swing (ECS)

Freestyle branch

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Core genre:

- Freestyle (F)

Associated non-core genres:

- Street Dance (SDN)
- Rock 'n' Roll (RR)
- Line Dancing (LD)
- Cheerleading (CR)
- Belly Dancing (BD)
- Couples Line Dancing (CL)
- River Dance (RD)
- Latin Line Dancing (LL)

After requesting an examination, where can I get the correct report form I need?

You can request any report form you need by heading over to the Members Area – Examinations - [Request a form](#).

What is the minimum fee to request an examination?

The fees for each daily session must meet a minimum level, which is **£425 for an in-person examination session** or **£225 for a live stream examination session**. A surcharge will be applied for sessions that do not reach this minimum fee. Special examination fee: If only professionals are entered and the total examination fees are under £200, a special examination fee of £134 (in-person) or £100 (live stream) is required.

Can I join another schools' examination session?

Yes, you can. However, you'll be responsible for submitting a request form for your session and liaising with the other schools' principal to attend their session.

What are the examination fees in the UK?

UK examination fees **can be downloaded in PDF format directly from [our website](#)**.

How do I check which dates are available for IDTA exams?

You can check available examination dates [here](#). Please bear in mind that the available dates are constantly being updated. If the date you want is available, please request an examination as soon as you can but make sure to include other alternative dates.

How do I request an examination for my students?

Step 1: Download the respective examination request form available in the Members Area in the Examinations section.

- Theatre Examination Request form [here](#).
- Ballroom Examination Request form [here](#).

Step 2: Fill out the form and send it to ukexaminationrequests@idta.co.uk at least 6–8 weeks prior to the requested date. If there are any reasonable adjustments needed, you'll need to download a reasonable adjustments form for each applicable student (download it [here](#) or from the Members Area in the Examinations section). Then, you'll need to send it to reasonableadjustments@idta.co.uk (please follow the 6-8 weeks notice).

Step 3: We'll send an automatic email to acknowledge we received your request. A further confirmation email will be sent once the session and respective examiner are confirmed.

Step 4: In case you don't yet have the necessary report form for your examination, please request them via the Members Area. We'll then post them to you so you can fill out your students' details on the top section of the form.

When should I contact my examiner?

After you received a confirmation email from IDTA with the details of the assigned examiner, you can then liaise directly with them for the following:

- Travel arrangements.
- Dietary requirements.
- Timetable.

Please liaise with your examiner at least 2 weeks ahead of the examination.

When will you confirm my examination date?

After you send us the examination request, we'll send an automatic email to acknowledge we received your request. A further confirmation email will be sent once the session and respective examiner are confirmed.

Can I cancel my examination?

You can cancel your examination **up two weeks prior to the date of the examination**. If you need to cancel after this notice period, a fee of £150 may be applied. To cancel your examination, please contact head office.

Once an examiner has been allocated, can I make any changes to my examination?

Any changes in Intermediate and above examinations or any Professional examinations, you will have to contact our examinations department at head office at 01273685652 – option 2 - or examinations@idta.co.uk.

Any other changes, please liaise directly with your assigned examiner.

When will I hear back about my examination results?

The timeframe for processing results varies depending on the time of year.

- During **quieter times** of the year, the aim is to process examinations **within 4–6 weeks** of Head Office receiving the examination reports.
- During **peak periods** (Easter, June/July, and Christmas/New Year), the average processing time is around **8–10 weeks** from the date of the examination until the awards are dispatched.

Principals are advised not to arrange a presentation date until they know their awards have been dispatched.