

DDE PLANNED EXEMPTION TABLE 2024

Please note that the ISTD can approve exemptions for up to 50% of the DDE qualification (3 units). For courses that have more than 3 units that can be exempted, the learner should decide which units they wish to be exempted from.

ISTD Qualifications					
Awarded Qualification	DDE Unit 1	DDE Unit 2	DDE Unit 3	DDE Unit 4	DDE Unit 5
Certificate in Foundation in Dance Instruction (FDI)	E	Exempt from Observing Component only	-	-	E
Level 4 Certificate in Dance Education (CDE)	-	E	-	E	-
Certificate in Diploma in Dance Instruction	E	Exempt from Observing Component only	E	-	-
Level 4 Diploma in Dance Education - OLD DDE	-	E	-	E	E
Vocational Graded Examination in Dance: Intermediate (RAD, BBO, BTDA, IDTA accepted)	-	-	E	-	-
Associate (RAD, BBO, BTDA, IDTA accepted) with no teaching experience	-	-	E (in RG)	E (in RG)	-
Associate Diploma	-	E	E (in RG)	E (in RG)	-
Level 6 Diploma in Dance Pedagogy	E	E	-	-	E
Licentiate (Theatre Genres) (RAD, BBO, BTDA, IDTA accepted)	E	E	E (in RG)	E (in RG)	E
Fellowship (Theatre Genres) (RAD, BBO, BTDA, IDTA accepted)	E	E	E (in RG)	E (in RG)	E
Diploma in Teaching Community Dance	E	E	-	-	E



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Unit Achievement	DDE Unit 1	DDE Unit 2	DDE Unit 3	DDE Unit 4	DDE Unit 5
DDI Unit 1	-	Exempt from Observing Component only	-	-	-
DDI Unit 2	E	-	-	-	-
DDI Unit 3	-	-	E	-	-

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Old DDE Units 1 and 2 <i>both must be moderated</i>	-	E	-	-	-
Old DDE Unit 3	-	-	-	-	E
Old DDE Unit 4	-	-	-	E	-

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FDI Unit 1	-	Exempt from Observing	-	-	-
FDI Unit 2	E	-	-	-	-
FDI Unit 3	-	-	-	-	E
CDE Units 1, 2, 3	-	E	-	-	-
CDE Units 6 and 7	-	-	-	E	-



Other Dance Exam Boards & Qualifications

Awarded Qualification	DDE Unit 1	DDE Unit 2	DDE Unit 3	DDE Unit 4	DDE Unit 5
RAD Certificate in Ballet Teaching Studies	E	E	E (in IMB or CECC)	-	-
RAD Diploma in Dance Teaching Studies	E	E	E (in IMB or CECC)	-	-
RAD BA (Hons) in Dance Education (Distance Learning) – through the University of Bath	E	Exempt from Observing component	E (in IMB or CECC)	-	-
RAD BA (Hons) in Ballet Education	E	E	E (in IMB or CECC)	-	-
RAD PGCE Dance Teaching with QTS (PGCE: DT)	E	E	-	-	E
RAD Professional Dancers Postgraduate Teaching Certificate	E	E	-	-	-
BTDA Level 4 Certificate in Dance Teaching	-	E	-	-	-
BBO Level 4 Diploma in Dance Teaching	E	E from Observing component	E in RG	-	-
BBO Level 5 Diploma in Dance Teaching	E	E	E in RG		
BBO Level 6 Diploma in Dance Teaching	E	E	E in RG		E
IDTA Level 4 Diploma in Dance Teaching	E	E	-	-	-
RSL Level 4 Diploma in Dance Teaching	-	E	-	-	-
SiDI Healthy Dance Practice Certificate	E	-	-	-	-



Vocational Schools & Colleges

Name of qualification	DDE Unit 1	DDE Unit 2	DDE Unit 3	DDE Unit 4	DDE Unit 5
Trinity College London National Diploma in Professional Dance/Musical Theatre (Level 6 NQF) - through recognised ISTD centres only; KS Dance.	E	-	-	-	-
Trinity College London Certificate in Safe and Effective Dance Practice (Level 5 NQF)	E	-	-	-	-
Trinity College Level 6 Diploma in Dance Teaching and Learning (Children and Young People)	E	E	-	-	E
Diploma in Dance Teaching and Learning (DDTAL)	E	E	-	-	E
University of Nicosia BA in Dance	E	E - from Observing. E – from Assisting and some components of Teaching Practice dependent on module choices	-	-	-
Dance Teachers Programme from Greek Professional Dance School (Rallou Manou Professional Dance School, Professional Dance School Anna Petrova, Niki Kontaxaki Dance School)	-	E from Observing component	-	-	E
BA (Hons) Dance from University of Gloucestershire	E	E	-	-	-
Bird College - BA(Hons) Professional Dance & Musical Theatre (via Consultancy route)	E	-	-	-	-
Preston College - BA (Hons) Dance Performance, Teaching & Choreography (via Consultancy route)	E	E	-	-	E
Preston College and Dance Projection - RSL CAPA Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts (Dance) (via Consultancy route)	E	-	-	-	-

Higher Education/ Postgraduate Teaching Qualifications

Awarded Qualification	DDE Unit 1	DDE Unit 2	DDE Unit 3	DDE Unit 4	DDE Unit 5
Award in Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTTLS)/ Level 3 Award in Education and Training – through various providers	-	E from observations component	-	-	-
Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTTLS)/ Level 4 Certificate in Education and Training (CET) – through various providers	-	E	-	-	E
Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DDTLS)/ Diploma in Education and Training (DET) – through various providers	-	E	-	-	E
Certificate in Education in Post Compulsory Education (Cert-Ed)	E	E	-	-	E
PGCE Primary Education (with Dance)	E	E	-	-	E
PGCE Primary Education (without Dance)	-	E	-	-	E
PGCE Secondary Education with QTS (with Dance)	E	E	-	-	E
PGCE Secondary Education with QTS (without Dance)	-	E	-	-	E
PGCE Post Compulsory Education and Training (Dance)	E	E	-	-	-

Key

E= Exempt from unit

E in RG= Exempt from unit in relevant genre

- = No exemption