



ISTD Trainee Teacher Package

ADC Reference Pack

Purpose of this information overview document

- To provide ADCs (Approved Dance Centres) with a **clear overview of the Trainee Teacher Package**
- To support tutors and administrators in delivering accurate information
- To explain the mandatory rollout from **September 2026**
- To show how **ISTD will support ADCs and trainees**



What the Trainee Teacher Package is

What the package is for

- The ISTD Trainee Teacher Package is designed to give every trainee entering an ISTD teaching qualification a **consistent, high-quality foundation**. It ensures that all learners – regardless of where they study – receive the same structured support, guidance and **professional identity** from the very start of their training.
- The package sits **alongside** the DDE (Diploma in Dance Education) **delivered by your centre** and strengthens the **overall learning experience** by providing additional resources, communications and tools that complement your teaching.



What the Trainee Teacher Package is

How it benefits your students

Provides early professional identity

Students are formally recognised as ISTD Trainee Teachers from day one, reinforcing commitment and belonging.

Improves study preparedness

Trainees receive clear, structured guidance throughout their journey, helping them feel supported and organised as they progress.

Enhances learning outside the studio

Webinars, digital tools, study content and specialist resources reinforce what you deliver in class.

Connects them to the wider ISTD community

Students gain access to networks, peer groups, regional activities and the ISTD's global teaching community.

Expands their teaching knowledge

Practical advice, teaching skills content, career preparation and business guidance help bridge the gap between study and real-world teaching.

Supports progression into Full Membership

The package helps them build confidence as future educators and ensures a smoother transition into full teaching status once they qualify.

Support for your learners from day one to qualification

How the ISTD Trainee Teacher Package complements your DDE delivery

Starting out

How ISTD supports your new trainees:

- Introduces learners to the ISTD professional community from day one
- Reinforces early commitment to training through trainee certification
- Provides access to core study resources and discounted CPD that complement your centre's teaching
- Reduces onboarding load for ADCs with consistent ISTD-led communications



Support for your learners from day one to qualification

How ISTD strengthens your programme

Mid-studies

How ISTD strengthens your programme:

- Offers practical, skills-focused content that supplements studio-based learning
- Provides trainees with additional guidance on areas such as:
 - Use of music
 - Classroom management
 - Working as a freelance teacher
- Supports students' progression and confidence, helping you maintain strong retention rates
- Creates consistency across centres by ensuring all trainees receive the same foundational support



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Preparing to graduate

How ISTD prepares trainees for their next steps:

- Helps trainees understand the business and administrative aspects of teaching
- Provides guidance on exam entry processes, creating smoother interactions with ISTD systems
- Offers access to the ISTD jobs board and transition resources, supporting employability
- Reduces the pressure on ADCs to cover every non-technical topic in limited teaching hours



Support for your learners from day one to qualification

How ISTD supports long-term success

Newly qualified

How ISTD supports long-term success:

- Encourages graduates to remain within the ISTD community as Full Members
- Offers discounted first-year Full Teaching Membership to encourage continuity
- Provides targeted and free/ discounted CPD, strengthening quality across ADC alumni
- Helps sustain a pipeline of confident, qualified teachers who reflect positively on your centre



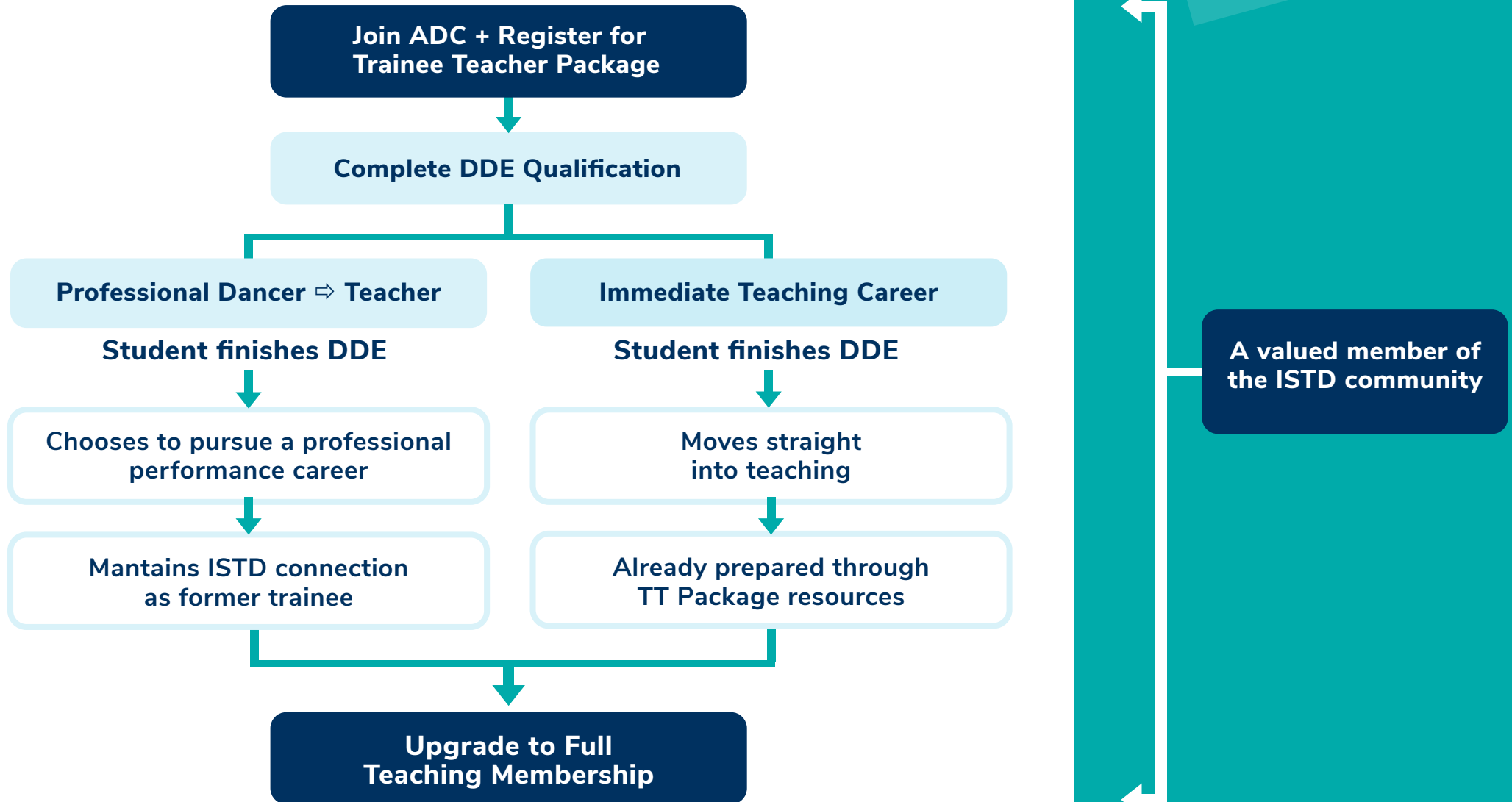
The career journey beyond the DDE

Supporting trainees wherever their path leads

- The Trainee Teacher Package has been designed to support every trainee teacher, no matter what direction their career takes after completing the DDE.
- ADCs can reassure students that this package prepares them not only for qualification, but for the wider journey ahead – whether they continue straight into teaching or follow a performance pathway first.



ISTD teaching journey map



What trainees receive

	Professional identity and trainee certification	Digital resource hub and syllabus materials	Targeted trainee communications
Pathway to Full Membership	Discounts (CPD, shop, partners)	Community groups and networking	Career preparation tools
			



Mandatory sign up

Mandatory from September 2026

The ISTD Trainee Teacher Package will be compulsory for all new DDE students enrolling from September 2026 onwards.

This ensures every trainee receives the same high-quality support, resources and communications throughout their qualification, regardless of where they train.



Annual Fee: £99 per trainee

This fee provides trainees with full access to:

- ISTD trainee registration and certification
- The digital resource hub and study support material
- Targeted communications throughout their training
- Discounts on CPD, syllabus products and partner offers
- Webinars, mentoring opportunities and community groups
- Career development support and guidance

This one-off fee provides up to **5 years of access** to the full Trainee Teacher Package.



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Why this mandatory approach benefits ADCs:

- Ensures all trainees receive key information and resources directly from ISTD
- Reduces admin load by standardising support and communications
- Enhances student preparedness and retention
- Strengthens the overall quality and consistency of ISTD teacher training across centres



What ADCs need to do

- Ensure trainees understand mandatory status
- Use ISTD-provided assets when communicating with students
- Register using the normal process and the DDE student will be automatically enrolled as a Trainee Teacher



Promotional resources for ADCs

ISTD provides a full suite of promotional tools to help you introduce the Trainee Teacher Package to your learners.

Student-facing resources

These materials help you introduce the package clearly and consistently to your trainees:

- Student slide deck (shareable PDF document)
- Student editable welcome copy (for email, website or handouts)
- Trainee Teacher Package FAQs
- Social media graphics
- Case studies (once available)

All assets are hosted in the ISTD portal and updated regularly.

