

DDE PLANNED EXEMPTION TABLE - SEPTEMBER 2025-2026

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
Foundation in Dance Instruction (FDI)	E	Exempt from Observing Component only	-	-	E
Level 4 Certificate in Dance Education (CDE)	-	E	-	E	-
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, BTDA, IDTA accepted)	-	-	E (in RG)	E (in RG)	-
Associate Diploma (ISTD)	-	E	E (in RG)	E (in RG)	-
Level 6 Diploma in Dance Pedagogy (DDP)	E	E	-	-	E
Licentiate (Theatre Genres only) (RAD, BBO, BTDA, IDTA accepted)	E	E	E (in RG)	E (in RG)	E
Fellowship (Theatre Genres only) (RAD, BBO, BTDA, IDTA accepted)	E	E	E (in RG)	E (in RG)	E
Diploma in Teaching Community Dance (DTCD)	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	-
<p><i>If the FDI/CDE is not awarded, the learner may still request exemptions based on individual unit achievements. Learners can do this through the Society's APEL process to have their experience considered and CPD recommendations made to assure the Society that their level of knowledge, skills and understanding meet the level previously attained.</i></p>					
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 Dance Teaching (Ballet)	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	-	-	-
RAD BA (Hons) in Ballet Education through the University of Bath	E	E	E (in IMB or CECC)	-	-
RAD Professional Dancers Graduate Teaching Diploma	E	E	-	-	-
RAD Certificate of Higher Education – Dance Education	E	-	-	-	-
RAD Diploma of Higher Education – Dance Education	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 (*please see list at the end of this document)	-	E from Observing component	-	-	E
BA (Hons) Dance from University of Gloucestershire	E	E	-	-	-
Bird College - BA(Hons) Professional Dance & Musical Theatre	E	-	-	-	-
University of Greenwich - BA Dance and Theatre Performance	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	-	-	-	-
Performers College – BIMM University BA(Hons) Musical Theatre and Dance (Via Consultancy route)	E	-	-	-	-
Creative Academy - BA (Hons) Dance (Via Consultancy route)	-	E	-	-	-
University of Northumbria – BA(Hons) Professional Practice	E	E	-	-	-
University of West London – BA(Hons) Dance	E	E (but will need to complete FTA)			

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

*** List of Greek Professional Dance Schools offering the recognized Dance Teachers' Programme**

1. National School of Dance, or State School of Orchestral Arts (K.S.O.T)
2. Niki Kontaxaki
3. Maro Marmarinou
4. Moragemou
5. Ethniki Lyriki Skini, or Greek National Opera School
6. Vasiliki Marouli
7. Aktina
8. Maria Chantzimichali-Charlafti
9. Alexandros Chantziaras
10. ChoroChronos
11. Maria Gregoriou, Choros
12. Odeion Athinon

13. Andromachi Kafantari
14. Municipality of Thessaloniki Dance School
15. Evmorfia-Fyllis Mantzari
16. Municipality of Larissa Dance School
17. Tatiana Loverdou
18. Aristeia Litou
19. Foteini Koutlogeorgiou