



**Imperial Society of
Teachers of Dancing**

Language of Assessment Policy

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Introduction

The Society is committed to ensuring that assessments remain fit for purpose, support access to learning and achievement and safeguard the integrity of the award of its qualifications. This document clarifies how the Society manages the language of assessment in accordance with its regulatory requirements.

Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that learners, teachers, and centres are aware of how the Society approaches offering assessments and qualifications in specific languages.

Policy Scope

This document is applicable to all ISTD qualifications and should be read by Centres, teachers, learners, centre invigilators, examiners and assessors who participate in the delivery, learning and assessments of ISTD qualifications, in addition to the qualification specifications and documents and the Approved Dance Centre requirements and guidance.

Language of assessment

ISTD qualifications and assessments are available in the medium of **English**.

This information is published in each qualification specification.

Some units for the ISTD Level 4 Diploma in Dance Education (DDE) are also available in **Greek** and **Italian** for Approved Dance Centres who operate in those countries. This is to support our teachers in those countries where the DDE supports a specific role in the workplace, namely teaching dance.

For any unit of the DDE which is offered in Greek or Italian, specific assessment processes and assessors are used who are bilingual, to ensure all requirements, tasks, assessment judgements and awarding decisions are made in a comparable and consistent way across the candidates. Candidates are able to choose whether they complete an assessment in English or the local language.

Practical units in the DDE (Unit 3 and Unit 4) are available in English only.

Contextual units in the DDE (Units 1, 2 and 5) are available in English, Italian and Greek.

Language of assessment is determined by the individual candidate and tutor. So candidates in Greece and Italy may choose to complete units in English, rather than their local language.

Qualifications offered in Wales

Many ISTD qualifications are regulated by Qualifications Wales, the qualification regulator in Wales, and are made available to dance teachers and Approved Dance Centres in Wales.

ISTD qualifications hold Other Regulated Status in Wales, rather than Approved or Designated qualification status. Other Regulated qualifications are regulated by Qualifications Wales, and are available to those teachers and Approved Dance Centres in Wales, and are operated in accordance to the Standard Conditions of Recognition required by Qualification Wales.

Approved and Designated qualifications have additional regulatory requirements regarding provision, maintenance, support and promotion of qualifications in Welsh.

All ISTD qualifications which are regulated in Wales are regulated to be offered in English only.

ISTD qualifications are not available in Welsh language, in line with our regulatory status. This is due to the spread of locations of our members, teachers and Centres internationally and in the UK and the demand from our members. We value all members, teachers and candidates of ISTD qualifications and seek to ensure our assessments are fit for purpose and as accessible as possible, but we acknowledge any translation of qualification materials, specifications or assessments incurs a risk to accuracy, comparability and consistency which then requires mitigation to manage. This risk needs to be balanced against the demand from the range of users. Where the range of users is particularly small for a specific language, it is not the intention of the Society to provide assessment or qualification materials in additional languages unless the risks to assessment robustness and reliability can be appropriately mitigated.