



Tap Grades

UPDATE FROM 1st OCTOBER 2025: The table below provides information regarding the rules on examination timings and the revised number of candidates that can entered per set for graded examinations.

Please note that exam candidates should be entered in sets of 1-5 for Pre-Primary to Primary and in sets of 1-4 for Grade 1 to 6.

Please contact the UK Exam team at ukdanceteachers@istd.org if you have any queries regarding timetabling.

Pre-Primary & Primary Class Examinations

Examination	Number of candidates	Time allowances			
		1 or 2 candidates	3 candidates	4 candidates	5 candidates: only one set of 5 candidates permitted per timetable
Pre-Primary Class Examination	1-5	15 minutes	20 minutes	25 minutes	30 minutes
Primary Class Examination	1-5	15 minutes	20 minutes	25 minutes	30 minutes

Grades 1-6

Please note that exam candidates should be entered in sets of up to 4 from Grade 1 to Grade 6.

The lower age limit is 6 years for Grade 1.

Examination	1 or 2 candidates	3 candidates	4 candidates
Grade 1	20 minutes	25 minutes	30 minutes
Grade 2	25 minutes	30 minutes	35 minutes
Grade 3	30 minutes	35 minutes	40 minutes
Grade 4	35 minutes	40 minutes	50 minutes
Grade 5	40 minutes	45 minutes	50 minutes
Grade 6	45 minutes	50 minutes	55 minutes



Tap Class Examinations

The table below provides information regarding the exam timings and the number of candidates that can entered per set for Class Examinations from **1st October 2025**.

Minimum number of students per exam set = 2 students.

Maximum number of students per exam set = 6 students.

One student is only acceptable under exceptional circumstances - in these instances teachers must contact UK Exams by emailing ukdanceteachers@istd.org.

Candidates must wear a number (secured on their dancewear), that corresponds to the number on the official timetable.

Class Examination	Group of 1 to 4 students	Group of 5 or 6 students
Class Examination 1 and 2	15 mins	20 mins
Class Examination 3 and 4	20 mins	25 mins
Class Examination 5 and 6	25 mins	30 mins

Tap Vocational Exams

There is a recommended lower age limit of 13 years for the Intermediate examination.

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Examination	1 candidate	2 candidates	3 candidates
Intermediate	55 minutes	60 minutes	75 minutes
Advanced 1	75 minutes	75 minutes	90 minutes
Advanced 2	75 minutes	90 minutes	90 minutes



Examination	Number of Candidates	Time Allowance
DDE	1	120 minutes
Licentiate	1	150 minutes
Fellowship	1	165 minutes

Tap Awards

There is no lower or upper age limit. Please contact the UK Exam team at ukdanceteachers@istd.org if you have any queries regarding timetabling.

Tap Professional Exams

Candidates should be entered in individually for professional exams. Please contact the UK Exam team at ukdanceteachers@istd.org if you have any queries regarding timetabling.

Adult Popular Tap Tests & Medals

As these examinations are intended for adults there is a minimum age requirement of 18 years.

Candidates should be entered in groups of 4 or less as shown below.

1 or 2 candidates	3 candidates	4 candidates
10 or 15 minutes	15 minutes	20 minutes