

National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Level Descriptors

The Graded Examinations in Dance are accredited on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) for England, Wales and Northern Ireland as shown below:

NQF level	General Qualifications	ISTD Grade
Level 5	Higher level qualification	N/A
Level 4	Higher level qualification	N/A
Level 3 (Advanced)	A/AS level	Grade 6
Level 2 (Intermediate)	GCSE Grades A*-C	Grade 5
Level 1 (Foundation)	GCSE Grades D-G	Grade 3
Entry Level	Certificate of (Educational Achievement)	Grade 2
		N/A

The table above shows the qualifications that the children are aiming for at each grade.

UCAS points

Graded and Vocational Graded Examinations in Dance at Level 3 have now been allocated points on the UCAS Tariff.

You can find the points tariff for each examination level and attainment band using the table below:

Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Intermediate	Advanced Foundation	Points
				Distinction	70
		Distinction	Distinction		65
					60
	Distinction	Merit		Merit	55
			Merit		50
	Merit	Pass		Pass	45
Distinction			Pass		40
Merit	Pass				35
Pass					30