

NATD LEVEL 4 DIPLOMA IN DANCE TEACHING

The new Level 4 Diploma will be available from September 2017. It is designed for those NATD members holding an Associate in any of the genres listed on the specification, to develop their professional teaching skills, methods and understanding at a universally recognised level.

The Associate qualification is genre specific and an internal qualification within NATD with recognition throughout the dance sector, whereas the Level 4 has comparability alongside qualifications in many professions in the public sphere.

At level 4 in the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF), it is broadly equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree programme.

The qualification is regulated by Ofqual in England, and the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessments (CCEA) in Northern Ireland. It is listed on the Register of Qualifications.

Through the Level 4 Diploma in Dance Teaching, NATD can demonstrate that its teaching qualifications are comparable to those offered by other dance organisations and also to teaching practice in the state sector. This will enable teachers to see where their qualifications sit alongside other similar qualifications used in the sector, and for potential employers within the sector to feel confident about the level of achievement attained.

The qualification is assessed through the use of a portfolio, designed to be taken at a pace chosen by the candidate, using guidance and templates available either by download from the dedicated webpage or from Head Office. There are 4 units:

- Observing Dance Teaching and Teaching Strategies
- Health, Safety and Safeguarding
- Dance Teaching Practice
- Personal Professional Development and Management