



# Examinations

with the Australian Teachers of Dance

# **Exams are, by far, the best way to support a dancers' long term success.**

These assessment milestones support students' dance journeys by encouraging technical correctness, setting a strong foundation for furthering their dance vision. And, truly, the sense of pride and achievement upon passing examinations has to be felt to be believed.

With over 30 years in the industry, Australian Teachers of Dancing (ATOD) has performed over 160,000 exams world-wide. We pride ourselves on creating a positive, supportive and inviting exam environment, because we believe that is the environment where students best thrive. On top of all this, our fee structure has been created with families in mind making it one of the most cost effective processes in Australia.



At my studio we offer exams. It's just like taking a normal dance class with my friends. The examiner will watch us perform the exercises we've been learning in class.

It's lots of fun.

I've arrived at the studio, bag packed and ready to go. My friends and I have been practicing our dance steps at home.







Each student gets a number pinned onto their dance clothes. This way the examiner knows who we are.



Before we head in, it's time to focus. While some students stretch, others practice the exercises. I know I am ready. I've worked hard in dance class.





The examiner has rung their bell. It's time to go in. We line up in number order outside the studio.

I'm so excited!





We greet the examiner and they asked us our names. We move to the barre to begin. Take a deep breath and try our best.





We show the examiner all the exercises we've learnt. Plies at the barre, Port de Bras in the centre and jumps from the corner. Finally, we're ready to show our dance.





We did it! The exam is complete. We curtsy to the examiner, thanking them for watching us.





I am so proud of myself. My friends and I danced the best that we could. Now it's time to go home and relax. We've worked hard and have earnt it.





Later, we receive our results. We are given a certificate and pin to celebrate our accomplishments. Now we may be able to represent our dance studio at the ATOD State Scholarships.

This has been such a great experience, I look forward to it every year.