

Shore Dance jazz students have the opportunity to participate in an AJDA Jazz exam. These are a lot of fun and give the students something to work towards during the year. While they are not compulsory, we do highly recommend them for everyone as they are a fantastic experience! Below is some information about the AJDA exams. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries.

Senior Jazz Students – Elementary Level 2 upwards:

Please note that students in Elementary Level 2 upwards must attend two jazz classes per week if they wish to sit the exam. This is due to the changes that have been made to the syllabus recently, which mean these levels are now a lot more advanced.

What happens during an AJDA jazz exam?

On the day of the exams, students will enter the Shore Dance studio with up to 7 other students from their class (groups are maximum of 8). For Intro Levels 1 and 2, the teacher will also go in with the students to support them and help count them in. The examiner will then ask them to show her each of the exercises as they have learnt during their classes. The examiner will assess their performance and they will receive a report and a certificate.

When will the AJDA Jazz exams be held?

They will be held in August (dates to be scheduled by AJDA). Please note that exams are often scheduled on week days, and may require students to be taken out of school for a few hours on the day of their exam.

How much are the exam fees?

Below are the exam fees for each level, as set by AJDA. Please note that these fees are non-refundable. The exam fees include a \$10.00 fee to help towards the costs of running the exams.

Introductory Levels 1 and 2: \$60.00

Introductory Level 3 and 4: \$65.00

Introductory Level 5: \$70.00

Elementary Level 1: \$81.00

Elementary Level 2: \$86.00

Elementary Level 3: \$91.00

Intermediate Level 1: \$110.00

Intermediate Level 2: \$115.00

When are the fees and entry form due?

Entry forms and fees must be submitted and paid by the 1st of June. Entry forms may be submitted electronically by completing the online entry form on our website

www.shoredance.co.nz. Please note, if you do not return your entry form or pay the fee by the correct date, your child will not be entered in the exam. No late entries can be accepted.

What are the uniform requirements?

The students are required to wear the regulation exam leotard (Intro levels) or a Shore Dance top (Elementary and Intermediate levels) and v waist pedal pushers (all students), which they may either purchase from the Shore Dance shop, or can hire for the exam:

- Intro Levels 1-5 students: Burgundy Faith style sleeveless leotard (\$10.00 to hire for exam day & mock exam)
- Elementary Level 1 upwards students: Shore Dance Singlet or T-shirt
- All students: Black $\frac{3}{4}$ V Waist Leggings (available to purchase from the Shore Dance shop or \$10.00 to hire for exam day & mock exam)
- Black jazz shoes (available to purchase from the Shore Dance shop)
- Black ankle jazz socks (available to purchase from the Shore Dance shop)

What preparation is required for the exam?

It is important that students come to their jazz class every week (unless they are sick).

Holiday Class

They will have an extra exam class in the second week of the July school holidays on between the 17th - 21st of July, so if you are planning on going away, please schedule your holiday for the first week of the holidays. The schedule for the holiday classes will be finalised once exam entries are in (and we therefore know how many students are sitting each exam).

Mock Exam

They will also have a mock exam before the exam (a practice exam with one of the teachers being the examiner, to practice the exact procedure of the exam – date TBA). The total cost for both the holiday practice class and the mock exam is \$15.00 per student for Intro levels 1-2, and \$20.00 per student for Intro 3 upwards.

Practicing at Home

It is very important that students practice their exam work at home. To help with this, we recommend purchasing a CD of the exam music. The cost is \$5.00.

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