

# NEW Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA)

*From September 2013*

Following a review of the scheme in 2012, the government has confirmed that from 2013:

- Funding for the DaDA scheme will remain at approximately £14m per year
- Students who are the most talented and likely to succeed in the industry will be eligible to apply for means-tested support towards fees and living costs.
- New students who are offered awards will be funded to the end of their courses
- Arrangements for DaDA students who received their awards for courses starting prior to 2013 will remain unchanged.

Income assessment of the Awards means that support for students from low income households will be increased. For example, a student whose annual household income is under £30,000 will pay no fees for their course. If their household income is under £21,000 they will also receive up to a maximum of £5,185 per annum in a grant to help with living costs. Details of the levels of support available are published on the DfE website at the following link:

[www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/youngpeoplestudentsupport/a00203099/dada-scheme](http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/youngpeoplestudentsupport/a00203099/dada-scheme)

## *Features of the new scheme:*

- It is anticipated that about the same total number of students will receive DaDA awards on the revised scheme as received them on the original scheme.
- New students from low income households will receive more support than before, those from middle income households about the same, and those from higher income households will contribute more than at present.
- All funding awarded is in the form of a grant (not a loan) so does not need to be repaid in the future.
- A student's contribution to fees will be the same irrespective of which DaDA provider s/he chooses to study with.



## *The DaDA Awards*

*First introduced in 1999, the Dance and Drama Awards offer annual scholarships to exceptionally talented performing arts students studying at some of the country's leading providers of vocational training in dance, drama and musical theatre.*

*Funded by the government through the Education Funding Agency (EFA), DaDAs offer reduced tuition fees and assistance with living costs for the duration of the course.*

*Students graduating from DaDA funded courses comprise a high percentage of all new entrants to the British performing arts industry.*

*The performing arts industry contributes over £3.5bn annually to the British economy.*

*Leading exponents of the dance, acting and musical theatre industries consider the DaDA awards a critical influence on the development of the performing arts in the United Kingdom.*

## Applying for a DaDA

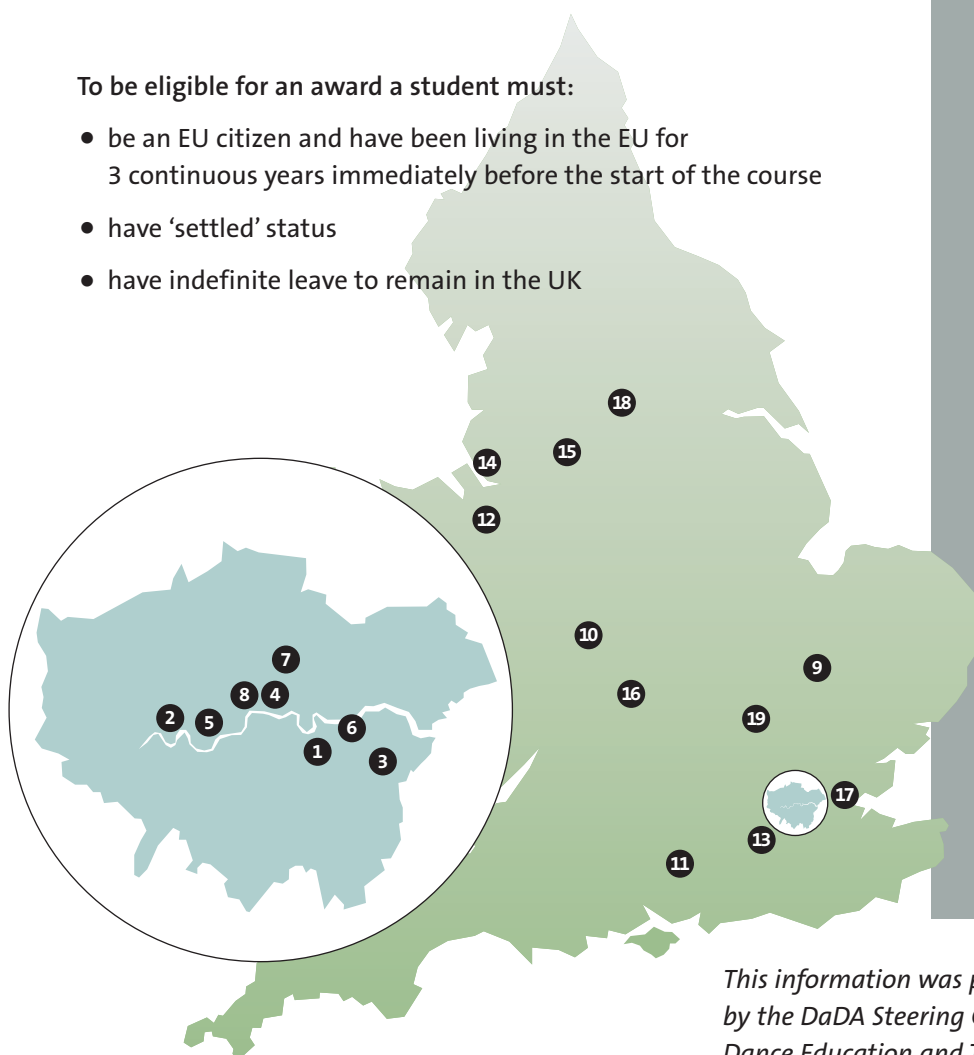
Nineteen providers have been selected to offer DaDAs to students, in order of talent, in accordance with the level of support as determined by income assessment. Students intending to apply for an award should contact a vocational DaDA school directly to enquire if it has any DaDA funding available. The nineteen providers are all quality assured by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and the eligible courses are validated by Trinity College London. Most have additional accreditation with either the Council for Dance Education and Training and/or Drama UK.

DaDAs are only available to students studying for the following Trinity College London (TCL) qualifications:

- Level 6 Diploma in Professional Acting
- Level 6 Diploma in Professional Dance
- Level 6 Diploma in Professional Musical Theatre
- Level 5 Diploma in Professional Acting
- Level 5 Diploma in Professional Dance (Ballet or Contemporary Dance)

To be eligible for an award a student must:

- be an EU citizen and have been living in the EU for 3 continuous years immediately before the start of the course
- have 'settled' status
- have indefinite leave to remain in the UK



## Providers with DaDA funding from 2013

### London

- 1 ALRA
- 2 Arts Educational Schools London
- 3 Bird College
- 4 Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts
- 5 English National Ballet School
- 6 Millennium Performing Arts
- 7 Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts
- 8 Urdang Academy

### Outside London

- 9 Cambridge Performing Arts
- 10 Elmhurst School for Dance
- 11 Guildford School of Acting (GSA)
- 12 The Hammond School
- 13 Laine Theatre Arts
- 14 Liverpool Theatre School
- 15 Northern Ballet School
- 16 Oxford School of Drama
- 17 Performers College
- 18 SLP Leeds
- 19 Tring Park School for the Performing Arts

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