



Admission to Dance Departments

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HOW TO APPLY FOR AN AUDITION

Pre-registration for both French and international candidates must be done online . You can find the pre-registration deadline as well as the dates of the exams [HERE](#).

After pre-registration, each candidate is sent an application form which must be completed and returned by post to the LYON CNSMD.

ENTRANCE EXAM AUDITIONS

Each candidate is required to present a medical certificate indicating that he or she is fit to dance at an advanced level.

The auditions are not open to the public.

Contemporary dance

The 1st round of the audition start with a 1h30mn class, followed by a presentation in front of a jury.

The 2nd round consists of a solo, taught to the candidates by one of the CNSMD's teachers, and presented in front of a jury.

Classical dance

The 1st round of the audition start with a 1h30mn class, followed by a presentation in front of a jury.

The 2nd round consists of a variaton, taught to the candidates by one of the CNSMD's teachers, and presented in front of a jury.



WHERE DO THE AUDITIONS TAKE PLACE

The auditions take place at 6 quai Saint-Vincent 69001 Lyon, on the 3rd floor.

AGE LIMITS

Classical dance

- minimum 15 (the candidate must be aged 15 or over on the 1st October of the year during which they audition)
- maximum 18 (the candidate must be under 18 on the 1st October of the year during which they audition)

Contemporary dance

- minimum 16 (the candidate must be aged 16 or over on the 1st October of the year during which they audition)
- maximum 20 (the candidate must be under 20 on the 1st October of the year during which they audition)

Candidates who are under or over the age limits and would still like to apply can ask for a dispensation.

Dispensation request must be sent by email at derogation.danse, along with a detailed curriculum vitae.

The request will be examined by the Director of Choreographic Studies who will take the decision to grant the dispensation or not.

APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS

Candidates may not apply more than three times for the same specialisation (even if the applications are not made in consecutive years). Any subsequent applications must be made within five years of the candidate's first attempt. Candidates who have passed the 1st round at least once are permitted to make a fourth application.

WITHDRAWAL FROM AUDITION SESSIONS

Candidates who withdraw from audition sessions without notifying the CNSMD by registered post with recorded delivery in the two-week period preceding the audition session will not be allowed to apply the following year except in cases of *force majeure*.

Applications withdrawn in due time are still counted as one of the three maximum applications.



CERTIFICATE OF FRENCH LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

Undergraduate admission (Diplôme National Professionnel de Danseur)

Candidates admitted at undergraduate level (DNSPD) who are not citizens of French-speaking countries must prove their competence in French on arrival at the conservatory at the beginning of term by means of an official certificate indicating a level of at least **A2** on the Common European Framework reference scale defined by the Council of Europe.

Students who do not fulfill these obligations are placed on leave to obtain at own expense the required language certificate; they retain the benefit of their admission for one year and may resume their studies subject to meeting these obligations upon their return from leave.

FEES

The registration fee is set each year by a Ministry of Culture's decree ([Légifrance article 11&12](#)).
The fee is not refundable!

As of today, the CNSMD doesn't have any indication regarding the tuitions fees for non-Europeans in 2019.

We will update this page with new information once they become available.

VISA

Candidates from foreign countries can check the [France-visas website](#) for more information about visas.

Candidates who are admitted as students are need to validate their VLS-TS (Visa Long Séjour valant Titre de Séjour) within 3 months of their arrival in France on [the dedicated website](#).