



## Admission to Dance Departments

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### HOW TO APPLY FOR AN AUDITION

Registration for both French and international candidates must be done online .  
You can find the registration deadline, as well as the dates of the auditions [HERE](#)

### 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.

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

### AGE LIMITS

#### Classical dance

- candidates must reach, **at minimum, the age of 15** during the year of the audition
  - candidates must reach, **at maximum, the age of 17** during the year of the audition
- For 2022 auditions, candidates must be born between 2005 and 2007

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#### Contemporary dance

- candidates must reach, **at minimum, the age of 16** during the year of the audition
  - candidates must reach, **at maximum, the age of 19** during the year of the audition
- For 2022 auditions, candidates must be born between 2003 and 2006

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

Dispensation requests must be sent via the registration platform, 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 discipline (even if the applications are not made consecutively). Candidates who have passed the 1st round at least once are permitted to apply a fourth time.

## WITHDRAWAL FROM AUDITION SESSIONS

Candidates who withdraw from audition sessions without notifying the CNSMD at least two weeks before the audition session will not be allowed to apply the following year except in cases of *force majeure*.

## CERTIFICATE OF FRENCH LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

### **Undergraduate admission (Diplôme National Supérieur 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 their own expenses, 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.**

## 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](#).