

## Grades - Examination & Class Performance Awards Age Limits

MINIMUM allowable examination ages are as follows:

|                  | JAZZ     | TAP      | CLASSICAL |
|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| PRE-PRIMARY      | 4 years  | 4 years  | 5 years   |
| PRIMARY          | 5 years  | 5 years  | 6 years   |
| GRADE I          |          |          | 7 years   |
| BRONZE STAR      | 12 years | 12 years | 12 years  |
| SILVER STAR      | 13 years | 13 years | 13 years  |
| GOLD STAR        | 14 years | 14 years | 14 years  |
| BAR TO GOLD STAR | 15 years | 15 years | 15 years  |

These age limits are set to ensure Safe Dance practice is followed.

The ADA Syllabus technique and dance combinations are designed around the physical capabilities and maturity of the students. Each grade is designed to take approximately 1 dance year to reach the technical and physical standard required.

## Majors - Examination (MEL) & Assessments (MAP)

MINIMUM allowable examination ages are as follows:

|                | JAZZ     | TAP      | CLASSICAL |
|----------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| PRE-ELEMENTARY | 16 years | 16 years | 16 years  |
| ELEMENTARY     | 17 years | 17 years | 17 years  |
| INTERMEDIATE   | 18 years | 18 years | 18 years  |
| ADVANCED       | 19 years | 19 years | 19 years  |

These age limits are set to ensure the candidate training to be a teacher has gained maturity and experience to begin this path.

It is important to note that in order for the study cycle to be complete, applicable to each style separately, success at the Pre-elementary level is a prerequisite to proceeding to the Elementary level, which is a prerequisite to proceeding to the Intermediate level, which in turn is a prerequisite to proceeding to the Advanced level.

ADA recommends all candidates spend as much time as possible sitting in and assisting with as many classes as possible, under the tutelage of an experienced teacher.

Candidates in regional areas must turn 16 years within 3 months of the session occurring in their area.