

EXAMINATION CONDITIONS OF ENTRY 2026
SOUTH AFRICA, REST OF AFRICA
AND MAURITIUS

ROYAL ACADEMY
OF DANCE

(Updated December 2025)

The Royal Academy of Dance currently offer three modes of examinations as follows:

- **AEC and RAV** 'face to face' exam sessions (in studio with examiner present) in most regions/centres in South Africa.
- **Specials:** for schools throughout Africa who wish to host a session outside set session dates or where sessions have not been set. Note that every special will be considered on an individual basis taking into account permitted and feasible travel during the pandemic.
- **Filmed:** available 'on demand' throughout 2026.

Minimum time for a 'face-to-face' examination visit

Requirements to host AEC sessions in main city areas, outlying towns and neighbouring countries differ and the following should be noted:

- **Main City Areas:** The minimum time for an examination visit to an individual studio/school is three hours (excluding breaks). Teachers who are unable to provide the minimum number of hours are encouraged to join with other studios/schools in their vicinity.

Also note that the RAD studio in Bramley, Johannesburg, is available for all levels of examinations within AEC sessions. A minimum time does not apply, however, a venue surcharge of R60 per candidate is applicable (over and above exam fee). Limited and controlled examination rehearsals will be accommodated when possible.

- **Outlying Towns:** A minimum of five hours' examining time is required for the visit to take place. This applies to centres where travel time exceeds 1½ hours and where the examiner is required to stay overnight.
- **Kenya and Mauritius:** A minimum of 3 hours examining time is required for examinations to be held in individual studio/schools. You are urged to contact our examinations manager well in advance of any intended tour as further conditions apply.

◀ *5 days (30 hours of examining time)*
Academy pays all expenses

◀ *3 days and under 5 days (examining time)*
Host schools/studios responsible for travel and accommodation costs

◀ *Under 18 hours (examining time)*
Regrettably examinations will not take place

- **Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe:** A minimum of 3 hours examining time is required for examinations to be held in individual studio/schools. You are urged to contact our examinations manager well in advance of any intended tour as further conditions apply.

- ◀ *3 days (18 hours examining time)
Academy pays all expenses*
- ◀ *9 hours and under 18 hours (examining time)
Host school/studio responsible for travel and accommodation costs*
- ◀ *Under 9 hours (examining time)
Regrettably examinations will not take place*

Specials

Special examinations can be arranged for dates outside published session dates. They are subject to a booking/admin fee of R2,020.00 and in addition the host school is responsible for the examiner's travel and accommodation costs where applicable. A minimum of four hours of examining time is required for special exams in main city areas and five hours in outlying towns.

Filmed

Filmed exams can take place at any time that is convenient for teacher and student/s. One of the attributes of filmed exams is that the minimum requirement is one candidate – however, if your entry is less than 4 hours, the entry will be held until there is accumulated exam footage (various studios) to submit to an examiner (at least 4 hours of footage). This may mean a longer wait for results and certificates.

Information and guidelines for filmed examinations available from exams@rad.org.za

RAV sessions

As RAV sessions are 'controlled' by RAD personnel we are only able to offer these in Johannesburg and Cape Town at present. These sessions are primarily (but not exclusively) for vocational levels.

**ALL ENTRIES WHETHER FACE-TO-FACE OR FILMED MUST BE DONE
ONLINE. EXAMINATION PAYMENTS TO BE MADE BY NO LATER THAN
APPLICABLE CLOSING DATE/S AND PROOF OF PAYMENT TO BE
EMAILED TO: exams@rad.org.za**