



## About The Australian Dancing Society

*The Australian Dancing Society was founded in 1942 and is arguably the Australia's leading dancesport society in Australia. Branches are operative throughout Australia. The ADS has strong International connections. Be assured that your examination is conducted with the highest level of integrity and professionalism when conducted by an ADS member.*

*Be proud that you are completing not just a Practical Dance Test, but an ADS Practical Dance Test.*

## Why The Australian Dancing Society?

The Australian Dancing Society offers the widest range of Practical Dance Test (PDT) examinations in Australia. This enables you and your teacher to find the best suited exam for you and your needs. The PDT system contains various levels of dancing enabling you to continue to improve your dancing.

## Why Should I Use An ADS Qualified Teacher?

By studying under an ADS qualified teacher you can be assured of a higher degree of accuracy and quality of information than from someone who is not qualified. The ADS teachers exams challenge candidates knowledge and understanding of dance and ensure that each passing candidate meets a certain level of pre-set criteria. It is strongly recommended that you only learn from someone who is properly qualified. Ask your teacher about their qualifications if you are not sure.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What level of examination and how many dances do I have to do?

If you have never danced before, then you start at Bronze and work your way up. If you have completed PDT examinations before, you may wish to repeat an exam to bring yourself up to standard, before continuing on to the next level. The number of dances performed depends on the level of the examination.

### What will I receive when I pass my test?

Depending on the standard of the medal test you will receive:

- a medal
- a trophy
- and a written report by the examiner.

The written report will give you constructional comments on your exam.

### What I should I wear?

Candidates should be well-groomed and wearing appropriate clothing (your teacher will advise you). You should wear clean and well fitting shoes. (Preferably a proper dance shoe) Women may wear slacks. If you choose to wear a skirt or dress, please be certain that the length is such that the examiner may clearly see your legs and feet. A good rule is no longer than a few inches below the knee.

### Who do I dance with?

You will either be dancing with your teacher or an experienced dancer from within the studio. This enables you to have the best chance of performing well for your examination. It is permissible, however for you to dance with another student if you wish.

## What Are Practical Dance Tests?

A Practical Dance Test (PDT) is a fun and exciting way for you to become an excellent dancer. Your teacher will structure your lessons to meet a progressive series of goals. With the structured approach to your dance education in the PDT system, you will be amazed at how your dancing, your poise and your self-confidence will improve. Experts in the industry agree that a structured PDT program is the best way for students advance their dancing.

Formal examinations are conducted at different intervals during the year. This depends on the ADS recognised studio. A nationally recognised dancesport examiner will come to assess your dancing. You will perform your routines with your instructor/partner.

The examiner will grade your dancing and give you written feedback on the routines. As you successfully perform your routines, you will achieve a formal Medal or Trophy as tangible proof that you have achieved a national standard of excellence for your level.

The PDT Examinations will be conducted using the Australian Dancing Society syllabus and examiners.

Exams are a real opportunity for you! Students can work for months and months, with little public recognition of their progress. During exams, you can invite your friend and family to watch you dance, to give you moral support and to cheer you on. Once you have your report and Trophy or Medal, you can tell the whole world, I DID IT!