

Recognised Awards Scheme

What it is and how to apply



About the scheme

CDMT's Recognised Awards are a set of industry-designed principles for part-time and pre-vocational performing arts schools and teachers working in out-of-school settings teaching children between the ages of 4 and 16.

- **Recognised School Awards** are conferred upon pre-vocational dance, drama and/or musical theatre environments teaching students either in groups or individually in out-of-school settings
- **Recognised Teachers Awards** are conferred upon pre-vocational dance, drama, music and/or musical theatre individuals educating students either in an out-of-school setting or peripatetically.

Recognised Award holders apply for awards specific to the performing arts discipline or disciplines that they offer. Dedicated logos clearly show the training they provide.

The Recognised Awards confirm that schools and teachers appreciate the importance of:

- Adhering to appropriate Professional Policies and Procedures, including Safeguarding and Health & Safety
- Holding valid Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) certificates and adequate insurance
- Following the scheme's Code of Professional Conduct and Practice
- Having the appropriate level of relevant Teaching Qualifications and/or Professional Experience

These standards correspond with the Department for Education's Guidance for [Keeping Children Safe in Out-of-School Settings](#). By joining the Recognised Awards scheme schools and teachers demonstrate that they understand the significance of these guidelines and have a strong commitment towards the safety of their students.

Support Package

CDMT supports Recognised Award holders by providing:

- Personalised gold embossed certificates for every Recognised Award holder and promotional materials including flyers and posters
- Access to a dedicated Recognised Awards portal through the CDMT website with an exclusive updates page for participants in the scheme
- A listing on CDMT's searchable database of Recognised Award holders
- Template policies and procedures including Health & Safety, Children & Adults at Risk Protection Policy Guidelines, Code of Professional Conduct and Equal Opportunities
- Regular updates and newsletters from CDMT
- Discounted tickets to the CDMT Careers Conference
- Offers and promotions from partner organisations.

How to apply

Joining the Recognised Awards Scheme is easy, just follow the below steps:

1

Look at the requirements to become a Recognised School or Recognised Teacher and decide which category and discipline(s) you would like to apply for.

4

Await confirmation from a CDMT member of staff that your application has been successful, or provide any additional information they ask for.

2

Create an account on CDMT's dedicated Recognised Awards portal [here](#).

5

Promote your participation in the scheme using CDMT's complementary marketing materials.

3

Submit your information, upload your policies, insurance details and teacher information, and complete payment.

6

Review and submit your information, including payment, on an annual basis through the portal.

