

## **Access Routes FAQs (For Prospective Higher Education providers)**

### **1. How do I go about getting my institution recognised as an Approved Provider?**

- Application for recognition as an Approved Provider of the Royal Academy of Dance's (RAD) Access Routes offering can be made by letter addressed directly to the *Director of Education* of the Royal Academy of Dance.

#### **Your application would need to include the following information:**

- Details of the dance/dance teaching degree/s you offer, including:
  - Programme Specification/s
  - Module Outlines?

### **2. What are the benefits of my institution becoming an Approved Provider?**

- The Access Route provides a unique opportunity for students to work towards eligibility for RAD Registered Teacher Status (RAD RTS), adding value to and enhancing their undergraduate studies.
- Access Route students receive free student membership to the RAD.
- The Access Route is delivered by highly qualified, experienced teachers.
- The Faculty of Education has over 20 years experience of delivering high quality blended learning programmes.
- The RAD has an international reputation for developing and upholding professional standards in dance teacher education and training
- The RAD professional qualifications are highly regarded by employers and professional bodies across the world, and provide an excellent gateway for career progression and employability.
- Students enrolled on the Access Route join a vibrant international learning and teaching community.
- After successful completion of the Access Route, if graduates choose to apply to RAD RTS they join an international network of professionals and gain a range of membership benefits.

### **3. What happens if our degree content changes?**

- You would need to notify the *Director of Education* and include details of your revised programme/s changes to:
  - modules offered;
  - content of modules;
  - name of programme
  - validating university.
- Following review of your updated programme, the RAD would be in contact should any amendments be required to the content of the Access Route delivered for your institution.
- Any major amendments to the programme content and/or programme title would require a new Heads of Agreement to be drawn-up and signed.

#### **4. What are RAD's expectations of an Approved Provider?**

- Signed and dated Heads of Agreement, detailing the expectations of the provider and the Royal Academy of Dance.
- To work together with the Royal Academy of Dance to coordinate the promotion and delivery of the Access Route leading to RAD RTS.
- To provide the information necessary for the Royal Academy of Dance to:
  - Confirm students as registered on their programme of study;
  - Submit an Annual Statement, identifying those students who have successfully completed the relevant undergraduate degree;
  - Secure the consent of each student under applicable law, prior to submitting such information to the RAD;
  - Confirm eligibility for RAD RTS for those graduates who successfully complete the Access Route in addition to their Undergraduate degree.
- *To acknowledge that fees will be charged by the RAD directly to each Access Route student.*

#### **5. How long does the Heads of Agreement run for?**

- The Heads of Agreement are signed for a period of three years, following which a new agreement can be entered into if both parties agree.

#### **6. How do I let students know about the Access Route?**

- You can advertise the Access Route using all your normal marketing channels.
- The RAD can supply you with information regarding the Access Route.

#### **7. Can I advertise my institute as an Approved Provider?**

- *Approved Providers can advertise that they are working in partnership with the RAD and use the RAD's logo on their website and marketing materials.*
- *Use of the RAD's logo must be in line with the RAD's branding guidelines.*

#### **8. What are the costs for becoming an Approved Provider?**

- *There are no financial charges to becoming an Approved Provider.*