

Irish Board of Speech and Drama

Medal Awarding Policy

1. The Irish Board of Speech and Drama awards Performance Medals, Proficiency Medals, and Centre Medals.
2. All medals are awarded at the discretion of an Irish Board examiner, in accordance with this policy, with the authority of the Irish Board of Speech and Drama.
3. A Performance Medal is awarded to each candidate in an eligible centre who achieves Honours or higher in a solo/duologue/duet examination in Acting Performance and/or Musical Theatre.
4. A Proficiency Medal is awarded to a candidate who achieves Honours or higher in a Grade Proficiency, Public Speaking Proficiency, or Acting Proficiency examination.
5. A Centre Medal is awarded to the candidate/s in each centre achieving the highest grading band in eligible examinations and subject to the provisions below. The awarding of Centre Medals are at the examiner's discretion, and each medal winner must reach the Distinction with medal level (ie 92%). The upper limit of medals may not be awarded in every centre if the standard has not been adequately met.
6. Eligible examinations for the award of a centre medal are Communication Skills, Grade, English as a Second Language, Public Speaking, and Reading.
7. Candidates awarded a Proficiency Medal or a Performance Medal shall not be eligible for the award of a Centre Medal.
8. The number of medals awarded in each school shall be determined as follows:
 - Fewer than 20 candidates taking eligible examinations: no medal shall be awarded
 - 20–29 candidates taking eligible examinations: up to 2 medals will be awarded.
 - 30–39 candidates: taking eligible examinations: up to 3 medals will be awarded.
 - 40–49 candidates: taking eligible examinations: up to 4 medals will be awarded.
 - 50–59 candidates: taking eligible examinations: up to 5 medals will be awarded.
 - 60–69 candidates: taking eligible examinations: up to 6 medals will be awarded.
 - 70–79 candidates: taking eligible examinations: up to 7 medals will be awarded.
 - 80–89 candidates: taking eligible examinations: up to 8 medals will be awarded.
 - 90–99 candidates: taking eligible examinations: up to 9 medals will be awarded.
 - 100 candidates: taking eligible examinations: up to 10 medals will be awarded.Thereafter: The maximum number of medals awarded will increase by one medal for every additional 10 candidates.

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