

Diploma Examinations Eligibility Criteria

The Central Council of the Irish Board of Speech & Drama has reviewed and revised the eligibility criteria for entry to the Diploma of Associate (Teaching) and the Diploma of Licentiate (Teaching) examinations. These eligibility criteria are effective for **all new candidates from 1 September 2011**:

To be eligible for entry for the **Diploma of Associate (Teaching)**, a candidate must:

- be at least 19 years of age
- have obtained at least a H4 in the Irish Leaving Certificate Examination
- have studied speech and drama for at least three years
- submit with the entry form a letter from a recognised Speech and Drama teacher confirming that the candidate has been studying Speech and Drama for at least three years.

Documentary evidence of eligibility **MUST** be submitted with a candidate's entry form. Details of how this is to be done may be found on the current Entry Form.

To be eligible for entry for the **Diploma of Licentiate (Teaching)**, a candidate must:

- be at least 20 years of age
- have obtained at least a H4 in the Irish Leaving Certificate Examination
- hold the Irish Board of Speech and Drama Diploma of Associate (Teaching)
- have studied speech and drama for at least three years

Documentary evidence of eligibility **MUST** be submitted with a candidate's entry form. Details of how this is to be done may be found on the current Entry Form.

Eligibility criteria for **Diploma of Associate (Acting Performance)**, **Diploma of Associate (Musical Theatre)** and **Irish Board Fellowship** remain as printed in the Irish Board Syllabus.