

Notice Update – 18 May 2020

In view of Covid-19, the audition process has been updated. Please refer to the following pages:

- 1) Important dates to note
- 2) What shortlisted applicants will experience during the TA
- 3) What Shortlisted applicants must prepare and do for the portfolio submission

Notice Update – 11 May 2020

In view of Covid-19, the following has been updated:

- 1) Application Period extended to 23 May, 5:00 pm (SGT)
- 2) Release of the Shortlisting Outcome changed to 8 June 2020, 6:00 pm
- 3) TA Auditions from 23 June to 18 July 2020
- 4) All TA activities will be conducted online

Notice Update – 6 May 2020

Video Submission

As per our previous TAs, applicants are not required to record their 1-minute dance solo in a studio setting. Any open space with good audio and visuals is acceptable. For example, we've had video submissions recorded in the living room, balcony, and bedroom.

Applicants are allowed to modify their dance to fit to the space that is available to them. The Dance faculty is aware of the challenges that the applicants are facing due to the current situation and will be taking that into consideration when they assess all the submitted applications.

Audition for Shortlisted Applicants

In view of the current COVID-19 situation, we are currently reviewing the selection process and criteria for this year's TA. Updates will be posted on the website.

Notice Update – 27 March 2020

The Talent Academy is currently scheduled for 23-26 June 2020. However, in view of the current COVID-19 situation, these dates may change. More information will be provided as soon as possible. Applicants are advised not to make travel plans in June. Shortlisted applicants must attend and complete all scheduled TA activities. Incomplete attendance will result in disqualification.

TALENT ACADEMY 2020
Preparation Notes and Checklist for Year 1 Dance Applicants
DSA-Secondary and DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE)

No.	Items
1.	All Applicants – Important Dates to Note
2.	All Applicants – Checklist of Submission of Supporting Documents via the TA Portal
3.	All Applicants – Preparation Notes for Portfolio Submission in Dance via the TA Portal
4.	Shortlisted DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Applicants – Guide to the Entrance Tests
5.	All Shortlisted Applicants – What You Will Experience During the TA
6.	Annex A - Attire and Poses for the 4R photographs and Attire for Audition Day
7.	Annex B - Guide to uploading and compressing videos and/or documents for submission via the TA Portal

TALENT ACADEMY 2020 – Important Dates to Note

Date	For	What to Do
3 April to 23 May 2020 5:00 pm (SGT)	All Applicants	<p>Apply Online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for an account and submit the application online via the TA Portal • Application closes on 23 May 2020, 5:00 pm (SGT) • It takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete the entire application for ONE (1) artform, provided that the supporting documents and portfolio submission have been prepared in advance • Applicants are advised to submit their applications early, as the TA Portal may experience slower connectivity due to high traffic during the application period • Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Appeals for late submissions will not be considered • You are not required to submit a separate application to SOTA via MOE's DSA-Sec Portal
12 May to 5 June 2020 <i>*new</i>	All DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Applicants only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain a DSA Registration Number online. • Singapore Citizens / Singapore Permanent Residents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fill out and submit the form via this link: https://form.gov.sg/#!/5e8edfb42e0ab80011c19247 • International Students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fill out and submit the form via this link: https://form.gov.sg/#!/5ea0fc4e5ab4a3001167c64d <p>13 May - In view of the COVID-19 situation, all International Students who are not residing in Singapore are not eligible to take part in this year's DSA-Sec Exercise, and will not be able to apply for the Talent Academy. Please refer to https://go.gov.sg/nmsdsa-sec-application for more details.</p>
8 June 2020 6:00 pm (SGT)	All Applicants	<p>Log in to the TA Portal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • check the status of your Shortlisting Outcome
8 June to 14 June 2020 12:00 noon (SGT)	Shortlisted DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Applicants only	<p>Log in to the TA Portal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upload your latest 2020 results, if any • Skip this process if you do not have any latest results to upload
16 June 2020 6:00 pm (SGT)	All Shortlisted Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log in to the TA Portal and download your TA schedule • Check your TA schedule to find out your allocated audition days/dates • Check the 'announcement' tab for more information about your TA
23 June to 18 July 2020	Shortlisted DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Applicants only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the English and Mathematics entrance tests online • Make payment of S\$30.00 for the entrance tests fee • Modes of payment to be advised
23 June to 18 July 2020	All Shortlisted Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete all scheduled TA activities online comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individual auditions or portfolio presentations ○ Panel Interviews ○ Online Questionnaires <p>More information will be shared with shortlisted applicants about how the activities will be conducted.</p> <p>11 May 2020: The Talent Academy will start from 23 June. Shortlisted applicants must complete all scheduled TA activities within the stipulated time. Incomplete attendance will result in disqualification.</p>
11 September 2020 6:00 pm (SGT)	All Shortlisted Applicants	<p>Log in to the TA Portal and check the status of your final TA Outcome (Confirmed Offer, Wait List, or Unsuccessful)</p>
October 2020 (tbc)	Confirmed Offers and Wait List Applicants	Attend SOTA's Cohort and Parents' Engagement Programme
October 2020 (tbc)	DSA-Sec Confirmed Offers and Wait List Applicants only	Exercise your option and indicate SOTA during the DSA-Secondary Exercise School Preference Stage
October 2020 (tbc)	DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Confirmed Offers Applicants only	Exercise your option and indicate SOTA during the DSA Secondary Exercise School Preference Stage at the MOE Customer Service Centre
November 2020 (tbc)	DSA-Sec Confirmed Offers and Wait List Applicants only	<p>Release of the PSLE and School Posting Results at your Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must qualify for the Express stream in order to be posted to SOTA
November 2020 (tbc)	DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Confirmed Offers Applicants only	Collect your School Posting Result at the MOE Customer Service Centre
December 2020 (tbc)	Applicants who are Successfully Enrolled to SOTA	Complete your registration online

TALENT ACADEMY 2020**Checklist for Submission of Supporting Documents to be uploaded via the TA Portal**

Apply online via the TA Portal between 3 April to 23 May 2020, 5:00 pm (SGT)

FOR DSA-Sec and DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) Applicants				
No.	Document Title (to be uploaded directly to the TA Portal)	Maximum File Size	Acceptable File Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	<p>Applicant's Identification Document</p> <p><u>Singaporeans</u> Birth Certificate or Citizenship Certificate</p> <p><u>Singapore Permanent Residents</u> Passport and Re-Entry Permit</p> <p><u>Foreigners</u> Studying in Singapore: Passport and Dependant or Student Pass Studying overseas: Passport</p>	1 MB	PDF	
2	<p>1 recent passport-sized colour photograph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be taken against plain white background Do not upload a full-length photograph 	2 MB	JPEG, JPG	
3	<p>Academic Results</p> <p>A. DSA-Secondary Applicants 3 April to 23 May For all applicants: Primary 5 mid-year and end-of-year results. The general office is open during the circuit breaker period and the term break. Please email the school to request for a softcopy and specify that you are applying for DSA to SOTA and the application period ends on 23 May, 5:00 pm.</p> <p>8 June to 14 June No actions required</p> <p>B. DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants 3 April to 23 May For all applicants: Grade 5 mid-year and end-of-year results. All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document.</p> <p>8 June to 14 June For Shortlisted applicants only: Log in to the TA Portal and upload your Grade 6 mid-year or any latest 2020 results (if any). All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document. You may skip this step if you do not have any latest results to upload.</p>	2 MB	PDF	
4	<p>DSA-Secondary Applicants Only (if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother Tongue Language In-Lieu Letter issued by MOE Mother Tongue Language Exemption Letter issued by MOE 	1 MB	PDF	

Note:

- It takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete the entire application for **ONE** (1) artform, provided that the supporting documents and portfolio submission have been prepared in advance
- Applicants are advised to submit their applications early, as the TA Portal may experience slower connectivity due to high traffic during the application period
- Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Appeals for late submissions will not be considered

The TA Portal opens from 3 April to 23 May, 5:00 pm (SGT). There will be no extension of deadline for submission of application. Do ensure you have ample time to complete and submit your application.

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Preparation Notes for Portfolio Submission in Dance (for all applicants) DSA-Secondary and DSA Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants

SOTA offers a holistic dance education through a mind-body approach. Ballet and Contemporary Dance form the basis of our physical training, and dance genres such as Chinese Dance, Malay Dance, and Indian Dance are introduced in Dance Contextual Studies and Dance Analysis. Composition and improvisation modules also allow students to hone and develop their creative voice.

Formal training in dance is not a pre-requisite when applying for the SOTA Dance programme. Open-mindedness, an enjoyment of movement, and an interest in learning about and through dance is preferred.

What to Submit for Dance Portfolio

Dance applicants are required to submit the following for their Dance portfolio submission via the TA Portal:

1. 1-minute solo dance video
2. 2 photos

Item	Description
1-minute solo dance video	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recording of you performing a <u>solo</u> dance of your choice (any genre of dance). • If the dance choreography requires a dance partner, only you will be assessed. • Include at least one kick¹, one jump² and travelling across the floor* • Attire: Appropriate dance practice gear, or plain form fitting top and shorts (refer to Annex A). <p>You will be assessed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of movement of joints • Coordination • Performance and musicality <p>* If the dance choreography or the genre of dance chosen does not have a kick, jump and/or travelling across the floor, you may include the movements separately at the end of your 1-minute solo recording.</p> <p>¹ A kick would need to show the highest either of your legs can kick to ² A jump would be from two legs and landing on either one or two legs</p> <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dance should be recorded in a studio setting, or any open space/room • It should be recorded in a single take (no editing); cannot be professionally produced • Upload video to Google Drive • Privacy Setting: 'Anyone with the link' • Paste the shared link on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' field
2 photos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 recent 4R full-length photos of you: 1 frontal photo and 1 profile photo (refer to Annex A). <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the 2 photos into 1 folder • File type: .pdf, .jpg, .jpeg • Name the folder with your name • Folder size should not exceed 10mb • Upload the folder to Google Drive • Privacy Setting: 'Anyone with the link' • Paste the shared link on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' field
Note	<p>Supporting documents, portfolios, and photographs submitted for shortlisting will be retained for the school's records.</p> <p>Certificates, achievement records, testimonials, recommendation letters are not required.</p>

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Preparation Notes for Audition in Dance (for shortlisted applicants)

DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants - Guide to the Entrance Tests

You may refer to the local Primary 6 or PSLE assessment books for the following subjects to familiarise yourself with the topics and exercises.

Due to Covid-19, more information will be provided to shortlisted candidates on how the tests will be conducted.

Test	Information
English Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 45 minutes to complete the test● Choose 1 topic out of the 5 topics given● Write an essay on the topic you have chosen● The essay should be between 200 and 300 words
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour to complete the test● No calculator or Graphic Display Calculator is allowed● Candidates must complete 13 problem-solving questions that carry a total of 60 marks● The topics that will be covered are as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Whole Numbers, Fractions and Decimals○ Measurement○ Data Analysis○ Geometry○ Distance, Speed and Time○ Ratio and Percentage○ Algebra

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Preparation Notes for Audition in Dance (for shortlisted applicants) DSA-Secondary and DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants

What Shortlisted Applicants Will Experience During the Talent Academy

If shortlisted, you will be required to participate and complete the following compulsory activities online:

1. Online Questionnaires
2. Panel interview
3. Entrance tests (for DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) applicants only)
4. Dance Auditions:
 - a. Demonstrate movement combinations (an instructional video and a movement combination video will be provided prior to the audition for you to learn)
 - b. Participate in a basic Improvisation task (this will be given on the day of your audition)
 - c. Artform interview (a survey will be sent prior to the audition for us to get to know you better)

Note: Although pre-audition video submitted can be in any genre of dance, all shortlisted applicants will undergo the above-mentioned components in the Talent Academy.

How to Prepare for Dance Audition

Preparation for the Audition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn and follow guidelines provided in instructional video.• Memorise movement combinations from movement combination video.• Practise the movement combinations and be ready to show them during the audition.• Respond to the online survey.
On the Dance Audition Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come with an open mind; be ready to perform and be willing to try the activities prepared for you in the audition.• Be dressed in the appropriate dance gear and be neatly groomed.
Attire (Also in Annex A)	<p>Female</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leotard (any colour) *• Convertible ballet tights or leggings (cut out at the soles)• Ballet/dance slippers **• A towel and something to keep warm (e.g. a tracksuit)• Hair should be pulled away from the face and neatly tied into a bun <p>Male</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Form-fitting sleeveless top (any colour)• Opaque coloured tights / bicycle shorts• White socks (lightweight sport socks – above ankle, below calf muscle)• Canvas ballet flats / dance slippers• A towel and something to keep warm (e.g. a tracksuit)• Hair should be neatly groomed <p>*In the event where the applicant does not own a leotard, please be attired in a form-fitting sleeveless top and leggings or bicycle shorts. **In the event where the applicant does not own ballet / dance slippers, socks are advised as the alternative footwear.</p>

Annex A

**Attire and Poses for the 4R photographs
Attire for Audition Day**

In Ballet Attire (Frontal and Profile poses)



In form-fitting attire (Frontal and Profile poses)



Annex B

Guide to uploading and compressing videos and/or documents for submission via the TA Portal

1. How do I upload videos and files to Google drive?

You may refer to the [Google Support page](#) for assistance

Direct Link:

<https://support.google.com/drive/answer/2424368?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

Google Search Engine

In google search engine, type the following keywords: How to upload files or folders to google drive

2. How do I upload videos to YouTube?

You may refer to the [YouTube Support page](#) for assistance

Direct Link:

https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=en&ref_topic=7505892

Google Search Engine

In google search engine, type the following keywords: How to upload video to YouTube

3. How do I convert, compress or merge documents to PDF?

There are many free online websites you can use. Below are a few suggestions. Please note that SOTA is not affiliated to any of these sites. The links below will bring you to an external website not hosted by SOTA.

a. Convert word document to pdf document

1. www.freepdfconvert.com
2. <https://smallpdf.com/word-to-pdf>

b. Compress / Resize pdf documents

1. http://www.ilovepdf.com/compress_pdf

c. Merge individual pdf documents into 1 document

2. http://www.ilovepdf.com/merge_pdf