

TALENT ACADEMY 2022
Preparation Notes and Checklist for Year 1 Dance Applicants
DSA-Secondary Non-MOE (Grade 6 Applicants)

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TALENT ACADEMY 2022**Checklist for Submission of Supporting Documents to be uploaded via the TA Portal**

Apply online via the TA Portal between 8 April 12:00 noon to 17 May 2022, 5:00 pm (SGT).

No	Document Title (to be uploaded directly to the TA Portal)	Maximum File Size	File Type
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 residing in Singapore</u> Passport and Dependant or Student Pass</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 • <u>Do not</u> upload a full-length photograph 	2 MB	JPEG, JPG
3	<p>Academic Results</p> <p>A. DSA-Secondary Applicants <u>8 April to 17 May</u> For all applicants: Primary 5 End-of-Year results.</p> <p><u>June (date to be confirmed)</u> For Shortlisted applicants only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log in to the TA Portal and upload your Primary 6 mid-year result • Please make a photocopy of your results before returning your report book to your primary school. If you did not make a copy, you may request for one from your school. The General Office is open during the school term break. <p>B. DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants <u>8 April to 17 May</u> For all applicants: Grade 5 end-of-year results and any latest results if any. All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document.</p> <p><u>June (date to be confirmed)</u> For Shortlisted applicants only: Log in to the TA Portal and upload your Grade 6 mid-year or any latest 2022 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 portfolio submission and all supporting documents 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 towards the close of the application period
- Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Appeals for late submissions will not be considered
- The TA Portal opens from 8 April 12:00 noon to 17 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)

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

Item	Description
(A) 1-minute solo dance video	<p>(A) 1-minute solo dance video</p> <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</p> <p>² A jump would be from two legs and landing on either one or two legs</p>
(B) Dance Exercise 1 video	<p>(B) Dance Exercise 1 video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• View and Learn the Dance Exercise 1 via this link: https://www.sota.edu.sg/admissions/talent-academy/ta-dsasec-da-exercises• Record a video of you performing the dance exercise <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Record the solo dance and the dance exercise 1 in a studio setting, or any open space/room• Record the videos in a single take (no editing). Videos <u>cannot</u> be professionally produced• Save the 2 videos into 1 folder• Upload the folder to Google Drive• Privacy Setting: ensure that it is set to '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: ensure that it is set to 'Anyone with the link'• Paste the shared link on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' field
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting documents, portfolios, and photographs submitted for shortlisting will be retained for the school's records.• Certificates, achievement records, testimonials, recommendation letters are not required.

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Entrance Tests – Information for DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) applicants

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

Only shortlisted applicants are required to take the tests. More information will be shared with 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

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.

Convert word document to pdf document

- a. www.freepdfconvert.com
- b. <https://smallpdf.com/word-to-pdf>

Compress / Resize pdf documents

- a. http://www.ilovepdf.com/compress_pdf

Merge individual pdf documents into 1 document

- b. http://www.ilovepdf.com/merge_pdf