

Q. What grants are available?

A. Individual grants range from £381 to £3,798 for Centre for Advanced Training (CAT). These are means tested by the Department for Education (DfE).

RELEVANT INCOME	MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GRANT	PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION
Up to £31,139	£3,798	Nil
£31,140 to £35,292	£3,417	£381
£35,293 to £39,444	£3,037	£761
£39,445 to £43,569	£2,658	£1,140
£43,597 to £47,748	£2,278	£1,520
£47,749 to £51,899	£1,899	£1,899
£51,900 to £56,053	£1,520	£2,278
£56,054 to £60,205	£1,140	£2,658
£60,206 to £64,357	£761	£3,037
£64,358 to £68,506	£382	£3,416
£68,507 or more	Nil	£3,798

above figures are based on income from 2019-20



Q. How do I qualify for a grant?

A. In order to qualify for a DfE grant, students should:

- Be successful at CAT audition;
- Be between 11 & 16 years during the year of entry onto the CAT;
- Be in full-time education/home educated;
- Have been a resident in the British Isle for a minimum of 3 consecutive years.

Q. Will the grant cover the fees entirely?

A. Parents will not have to make a contribution to fees if the total family income before tax is £31,139 or less (after deducting £2,156 for any dependent children including the grant applicant) in the tax year ending 5th April 2020

Q. What is the cost per year?

A. The current cost per year is £3,798 and means tested grants are available. This fee will be either a combined DfE grant and parental contribution, full DfE grant with no parental contribution OR full parental contribution with no DfE grant.

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Q. What is "relevant income"?

A. Relevant income is the figure used to calculate how much grant a student is eligible for. The total relevant income is arrived at by adding the amounts for the income of both parents and dependent children, with any other adjustments required and by making the following deductions:

- An allowance of £2,156 for current school year, in respect of each child or other relative living in the household, including the CAT applicant and who is wholly or mainly financially dependent upon the parents.
- The amount of covenant take out prior to 15th March 1988, paid by a parent to a dependent child.



Q. Are maintenance payments included in the income?

A. Only if parents are making or receiving maintenance payments in compliance with a Court Order, a separation agreement or under arrangements made by the Child Support Agency. Voluntary payments will not be included in the income.



Q. What income is considered?

A. Declarations of income refer to the preceding financial year e.g. for entry onto the CAT in September 2021 the relevant financial year is 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021. As a general rule, definitions of income follow as closely as possible those used by HM Inspector of Taxes for income purposes and parents must declare gross income before tax from ALL sources. Non-taxable social security benefits are not included in the income. If your income is likely to be significantly different from previous year, please get in touch as we may be able to explore an alternative way of assessing your grant eligibility.

Please note

The above information is based on last years grant information. Although we do not expect this to change for dancers joining the CAT in September 2021, we would advise that these notes be used as a guide only. If you have any questions regarding the grant please email: cat@swindondance.org.uk