

ACTING DIPLOMA – LEVEL 4

Successful Learners have the right to append ANEA (Acting) after their names.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

The Associate Diploma in Acting is designed to:

- provide a progressive training programme for actors
- provide professional development and specialised training for actors
- provide a standard of training that is recognised by wider agencies
- provide a relevant and challenging syllabus that encourages a high standard of knowledge, research and performance

Learners must already have achieved the Grade 8 Acting examination and be at least 17 years of age.

The examination consists of:

- A **practical** session of approximately one hour's duration at which two examiners are present.
- There is **no** written paper.
- 75 marks are required to pass.

Learners must submit a clear copy of the 3 selections to be performed to the NEA Office with their Entry. This is to enable examiners to have copies prior to the examination.

THE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION

Marks awarded at this Level:

Taking into consideration technique, communication and interpretation throughout each section:

Diploma	Technique and Interpretation				Discussion
Associate Diploma	45	10	15	10	20

Learners should:

1. Present a programme of three contrasting scenes, each arranged for one character only from different periods. One scene should be in dialect. (Time limit – 4 minutes for each scene)
2. Read at sight a speech from a play.
3. Perform an improvisation which will be set by the examiners at the time of the examination. (Time will be given for preparation and 3 minutes for performance).
4. Take redirection on one of the pieces performed.
5. Discuss in depth with the examiners:
 - the pieces chosen
 - the background, period and styles of their pieces
 - knowledge of the plays from which their pieces are taken
 - the technical and vocal skills required to perform effectively