

## 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