national centre for circus arts

Part 1 and 2 Audition Criteria (2026 Entry)

PART 1 (Video)

Candidates at part 1 of the audition are assessed on:

Technique:

Co-ordination

Flexibility

Balance

Core and control

Strength and power

Placement and line

Confidence

Fitness

Range of movement

Creativity:

Imaginative response Curiosity and risk taking Groundedness and fluidity

PART 2 (In-Person Audition Day)

Candidates at part 2 of the audition are assessed on:

Creativity:

Imaginative response
Curiosity and risk taking
Groundedness and fluidity
Development of ideas through improvisation

Solo / Performance:

Expressiveness
Sense of style
Quality of movement (if relevant to the performance)
Stage presence
Connection with the audience
Innovation and originality

Audition Approach:

Ability and willingness to follow instruction Engagement with and openness to tasks Demonstrates willingness to collaborate

Individual Discussion: (selected candidates only)

Relevance of the programme to the candidate's aspirations and needs

Understanding of the programme

Motivation and commitment to the programme and profession