

AN COIMISIÚN LE RINCÍ GAELACHA.

An tÚdaras Scrúdaíthe-Examination Authority
Scrúdaíthe Teastais agus Diplomáí Rinceoirí.

Dancers Certificate and Diploma Examinations

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Grade Examinations Scheme:

The purpose of the Grade Examinations Scheme is to provide a structured framework within which dancers can progress towards an achievable goal. The syllabus has been designed to provide a strong foundation in Irish Dance by developing a candidate's physical skills, stamina, expression, musicality and an appreciation and knowledge of the traditional dances and culture. It provides a worthwhile sense of achievement for individuals whether they dance solely for health, recreation or competitive reasons or hope to pursue a career in Irish Dancing.

Grade examinations are unlike competitions in that each candidate is individually examined and receives a detailed written assessment of their performance and knowledge of the grade being attempted. They are open to both male and female candidates regardless of age and ability.

The scheme consists of an optional Preliminary Grade followed by a further 12 grades with each grade becoming increasingly more demanding on the candidate's skill, knowledge and ability. Each Grade must be passed and certificate awarded before a candidate may attempt the next level. A dancer who successfully completes all Grades will be awarded "The Diploma of the Irish Dancing Commission".

All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1st 2018.

All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to the exam.

Financing of Exams:

There is no cost to Teachers or Representative Bodies organising examinations. All exams should be self-financing with necessary costs such as examiners' fees, hall charges, administrative expenses, etc, being met from the examination fees paid by the candidates. Teachers or Representative Bodies organising Grade examinations will retain 60% of the profit with An Coimisiún receiving the balance.

Rules & Regulations

1. Only Basic Steps may be danced in the Preliminary grade and Grades 1, 2 & 3.
2. The number of bars of music to be danced to for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes is **40**.
3. St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Garden of Daisies, Job of Journeywork, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains, and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional style and manner.
4. The same set dance **must not** be performed in more than one of the Grades from 9 to 12 inclusive.
5. A dancer must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1 - the Preliminary grade is optional. However, a candidate may **only** attempt a maximum of 3 consecutive Grades at any one sitting.
6. Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as per "Ár Rincí Foirne" as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12 inclusive.
7. Dance costumes should not be worn.
8. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to the exam.
9. Grade 11 may only be attempted by candidates at least 16 years of age.
10. Grade 12 may only be attempted by candidates at least 17 years of age.
11. A special application form and certificate/diploma will apply for Grades 11 and 12.
12. All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1st 2018

Grades and Required Dances

(Céilí Dances are underlined and in italics)

Grade	Rincí	Dances
Prelim	Ríl Éasca nó Port Eadtrom Dúbalta	Easy Reel or Easy Light Double Jig
1	Bun Ríl <u>agus</u> Bun Port Dúbalta	Basic Reel and Light Double Jig
2	Bun Port Luascach agus Port Singil	Basic Slip Jig and Single Jig
3	Tús Ríl agus Bun Port Trom	Primary Reel and Basic Heavy Jig
4	Tús Port Luascach agus Lá Féile Phádraig	Primary Slip Jig and St Patrick's Day
5	Ríl Cruaidh, Bun Cornphíopa agus <u>Ballaí Luimní</u>	Advanced Reel, Basic Hornpipe and the <u>Walls of Limerick</u>
6	Port Luascach, Cruaidh, An Londubh agus <u>Ionasaí na hInse</u>	Advanced Slip Jig, The Blackbird and the <u>Siege of Ennis</u>
7	Port Trom Cruaidh, Gáirdíní na Nóiníní agus <u>An Ríl Ceathrair</u>	Advanced Heavy Jig, Garden of Daisies and the <u>Four Hand Reel</u>
8	Cornphíopa Cruaidh, Greas Giúrnála agus <u>Pléaracha naBandain</u>	Advanced Hornpipe, Job of Journeywork and the <u>Humours of Bandon</u>
9	Dhá rince Leithleach, ceann acu in am 6/8 agus an ceann eile in am 2/4 nó 4/4 (Nach Rincí traidisiúnta iad) agus <u>Caip an Chúil Aird</u>	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time and the <u>High Cauled Cap</u>
10	Dhá rince Leithleach, ceann acu in am 6/8 agus an ceann eile in am 2/4 nó 4/4 (nach rincí traidisiúnta iad) (éagsúil ó iad i nGrád 9) agus <u>an Port Ochtair</u> .	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (different from those in Grade 9) and the <u>Eight Hand Jig</u>
11	Ríl, Port Luascadh, Port Trom, Rí na Síog, móide dhá rince leithleacha nua a roghnóidh an scrúdaitheoir as liosta cúig rince a sholáthróidh an Iarrthóir (éagsúil ó iad i nGrád 9 & 10) agus <u>An Cor Octair</u> agus <u>Port an Fhómhair</u> .	Reel, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig, King of the Fairies, plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of 5 submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9 & 10) and the <u>Eight-Hand Reel</u> and <u>Harvest Time Jig</u>
12	Port Eadtrom Dúbalta, Port Singil, Cornphíopa, Triúr Captaen Mara, An Marcach Chuig an Aonach, móide dha rince leithleach nua a roghnóidh An scrúdaitheoir as liosta cúig rince a soláth-Róidh an Iarrthóir (éagsúil ó iad i nGrádanna 9, 10 & 11) agus <u>Cor Muirghéis</u> agus <u>Cor Sé Dhuine Dhéag</u> .	Light Double Jig, Single Jig, Hornpipe, Three Sea Captains, Jockey to the Fair, plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of five submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9, 10 and 11) and the <u>Morris Reel</u> and the <u>Sixteen Hand Reel</u>

St Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork Garden of Daisies, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional manner.

40 bars of music must be danced to for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes.

Grade Examination Rules:

1. A dancer may only take 3 grades at any one exam.
2. A three month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.
3. Grade exams must be examined by at least 4 examiners up to grade 10 plus two different full examiners for grades 11 and 12.
4. A choice of examiners by the teacher is allowed up to grade 6, using a minimum of 2 examiners through these grades.
5. The same examiner may not examine in the same class for a period of 3 years.
6. From grade 7-10 the examiner is appointed by the Udarás from the rotation list.
7. A dancer would be permitted to retake any grade for a better score upon submission of a specific written request to the Udarás Scrúdaithe, with the understanding that the second result would replace the earlier one and that the dancer would be required to pay the usual fee for the grade being taken.
8. All 12 Grade exams must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG examination effective from January 1st 2018.
9. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to exam.
10. Applications must be submitted to An tUdarás Scrúdaithe for **all** grade examinations.
11. Results and expense sheets must be returned to Chairperson of An tUdarás Scrúdaithe within three weeks of the examinations.