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CUMANN RINCE DEA MHEASA
IRISH DANCE TEACHERS DIPLOMA (TCRG EXAM)
APPLICATION FORM

PART (A)
PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME	
ADDRESS	
CONTACT PHONE NO.	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YY)	

Have you previously attempted this examination?
If "YES" – Please state the section(s) being retaken

YES/NO

If a candidate is pregnant or suffers from a serious illness they need to complete the box below stating the nature of the illness

(Section D of the form must also be completed)

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Please note that all information supplied is treated with the strictest confidentiality.

List your choice of Modern Set Dances along with the relevant speed below

1. Jig Time	
2. Jig Time	
3. Hornpipe Time	

4. Hornpipe Time	
5. Jig/Hornpipe Time	

PART (B)

CANDIDATE DECLARATION

1. I hereby apply for acceptance by Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa as a candidate for the Irish Dance Teachers Diploma (TCRG Exam)
2. I have carefully read and understand the examination regulations and syllabus. I agree to abide by all regulations.
3. All information given by me is correct.
4. In the event of my being successful in the examination I will comply in full with the rules and regulations of Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa.
5. I enclose a copy of my birth cert/passport and a recent photograph of myself (which I have signed on the back).
6. I have enclosed evidence of successfully passing all grade exams as set out by Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa.
7. I also enclose the examination fee of €_____.
8. I understand that I am taking the examination at my own risk.
9. I understand that if I am pregnant or suffer from a serious illness that I must complete the Medical Section (D) of the application form and that if I fail to do so and this omission later becomes known I may be disqualified from taking any examinations set out by Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa in the future.
10. I have given a summary of my dancing career in Section E.

Candidates Signature: _____

Date: _____

PART (C)

APPROVAL BY REGISTERED ADJUDICATOR/TEACHER

I know candidate _____ to be a person of standing and a suitable person to teach Irish Dancing to young people. I am satisfied that he/she can perform all sections of the examination to an adequate standard of competency. I know of no reason he/she should not be acceptable as an examination candidate.

NAME (Block Capitals): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NO: _____

I am currently a registered adjudicator/teacher (delete where applicable) with Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SECTION (D)
MEDICAL CERT (To be completed by a Medical Doctor)

The applicant _____ suffers from/has the condition

_____.

He/she has explained to me what the TCRG Examination entails. I am satisfied that the candidate is well enough to take the examination.

Doctors Signature: _____

Date: _____

Doctors Stamp Here

PART (E)
SUMMARY OF DANCING CAREER

OFFICE USE ONLY

Name of Applicant: _____

Date Received: _____

Photo Enclosed: _____

Fee Enclosed: _____

Receipt No: _____

Adjudicators Examination (A.D.C.R.G.)

Syllabus of Examination

Effective from 1st September 2016

Entry Requirements

The examination is open to all persons 21 years of age or over on the date the examination is being held. The candidate must be acceptable to Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa and be recommended by a registered adjudicator or teacher of Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa. The candidate must be suitably qualified to take the examination. Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted. Candidates who miss the closing date must wait until the next round of examinations to re-apply.

Competency & Suitability

Candidates must supply with their application form a recommendation from any registered adjudicator or teacher of Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa testifying they know the candidate and that they can perform the necessary dances required for the undertaking of the examination. Candidates must also supply with their application form evidence that they have successfully taken and passed all the required Grade Exams as set out by Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa.

Dates of Examination

The examination will be held in Ireland. The dates will be set out by the Examination Authority and will be announced at the AGM. Once a date has been set for the examination it will not be changed to accommodate anybody.

Application and Fees

Application forms and fees are to be sent to the Examination Authority. All applications are to be received by the closing date. (The closing date will be 1 month prior to the examination being held). Applications received after the closing date will be refused. Candidates should ensure that their application form is fully completed and signed by both himself or herself and a registered adjudicator or teacher of Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa before submission. Certificates from grading exams must accompany the application form. Fees can be paid by cheque, money order or bank draft. All fees are to be paid in Euro and made payable to Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa. Candidate's names and addresses must be written on the back of the cheque. The full fee for the examination must be paid when the application form is being submitted.

Withdrawals and Forfeiture of Fees

Candidates who fail to attend an examination will forfeit their fee. Failure to attend an examination may result in a candidate being disqualified from taking an examination for a period of 2 years.

Sections of Examination

The examination will consist of 6 sections as detailed below:

- (a) Candidate Interview
- (b) Practical Test in step Dancing

- (c) Practical Test in Teaching Step Dancing
- (d) Practical Test in Teaching Céilí Dancing
- (e) Written Céilí Paper
- (f) Written Music Paper

Repeat Examinations

Candidates who fail to reach the 70% pass mark in any section must repeat that section. If a candidate fails to reach the pass mark again they will be required to retake the full examination. Candidates who fail to reach 50% in any section must retake the full examination. Six (6) months must elapse before a candidate can retake any section of the examination to allow ample time to prepare properly.

The full examination must be completed within 2 years. If a candidate has not completed any part of the examination within 2 years they will be required to retake the full examination.

Regulations

Applications must be accompanied by:

- (a) A passport sized photograph
- (b) A photocopy of candidate's birth cert or passport
- (c) Recommendation from a registered adjudicator or teacher of Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa
- (d) Evidence that candidates have taken and passed all the required grading exams as set out by Cumann Rince Dea Mheasa

The full examination must be completed within 2 years. If a candidate has not completed any part of the examination within 2 years they will be required to retake the full examination.

Candidates take the examination at their own risk. Candidates who are pregnant or suffer from a serious illness must indicate so in the medical section of the application form. Where a candidate is pregnant or suffers from a serious illness, a medical cert will have to be provided on the day of the examination, stating that the candidate is physically fit to take the examination. All medical certificates must be signed and stamped by a doctor no longer than 1 week prior to the examination being held. Failure to disclose pregnancy or a serious illness may, if it later becomes known, result in a candidate being disqualified from taking any examinations set out by Cumann Rince dea Mheasa in the future.

Written music and céilí papers:

Candidates are not permitted to have on or near their desks papers, notebooks, or books other than those supplied by the examination Authority.

Contact between candidates is not permitted once the examination has begun. Any rough work, diagrams or cancelled answers must be handed up to the examiners. Candidates may not leave the room. If a candidate needs to use the restrooms they must first seek permission from the examiners on duty. Examination supervisors may immediately disqualify any candidate guilty of breaking the rules.

All information submitted on the application form is treated with strict confidentiality. Applications must be on the official application form. Any applications not on the official application form will not be considered.

Results

The pass mark is 70%. Candidates who fail to reach the 70% pass mark in any section must repeat that section. If a candidate fails to reach the pass mark again they will be required to retake the full examination. Candidates who fail to reach 50% in any section must retake the full examination. If a candidate has failed any section of the examination they will receive a letter from the Examination Authority setting out the reasons they have failed to pass a section.

The decision of the Examination Authority is final.

Qualifying Mark:

70% - 79%	Pass
80% - 89%	Merit
90% - 100%	Distinction

Examination sections in Detail

A) Candidate Interview

Each candidate is required to sit an interview

B) Practical Test in Step Dancing

Candidates are required to perform all or part of the following dances in each grade: Reel, Light Jig, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Treble Jig, and Hornpipe. Candidates must also be able to dance the following traditional set dances: St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, 3 Sea Captains, King of the Fairies & Jockey to the Fair. Candidates must be able to perform 5 modern set dances which must be nominated in advance by the candidate. The requirement for the set dances are: 2 set dances in 6/8 (Jig) timing, 2 set dances in 2/4 or 4/4 (Hornpipe) timing and 1 set dance in either 6/8 or 2/4 4/4 timing (candidate's choice).

C) Practical Test in Teaching Step Dancing

Candidates must be able to teach all or part of the following dances in each grade: Reel, Light Jig, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Treble Jig, and Hornpipe. Candidates must also be able to teach the following traditional set dances: St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, 3 Sea Captains, King of the Fairies & Jockey to the Fair. Candidates must be able to teach basic steps such as rocks, clicks, crosskeys etc. candidates must show that they can deal with young children as well as beginner and open dancers. They must be able to identify and correct faults.

D) Practical Test in Teaching Céilí Dancing

Candidates must be able to teach all or parts of céilí dances from the book *Ár Rincí Céilí*. Candidates must be able to control a group of children and give clear instructions. Candidates will be judged on knowledge of dances and movements. Their voice should be clear and audible. They should be able to correct mistakes and guide dancers through movements.

E) Written Céilí Paper

The paper will be set in English. Questions will be set on céilí dances taken from the book *Ár Rincí Céilí*. The marks for each question may vary. The time for the céilí paper is 2 hours.

F) Written Music Paper

Set dance tunes from the official list will be played. Candidates must be able to identify the tune by name. They must state the timing of the tune and the amount of the bars in the lead and set

Marks will be allocated as follows:

Name of tune 2 marks

Time Signature 1 mark

Bars in lead and set 2 marks

If a candidate fails to identify the tune correctly no marks will be awarded even where the candidate identifies the correct time signature and bars in lead and set.