



# North West Of England Grade Examinations Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June 2019



*Hosted by Alisha Cowman Academy*

Dear Teachers,

It is with pleasure that we invite you to our 2nd North West Of England Grade Exams that we are hosting on Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th June 2019.

**Date:** Saturday 15th & 16th June 2019.

**Location:** TBC (awaiting confirmation from venue in Sale, Cheshire).

**Time:** Each School will be allocated a time slot.

**Examiner:** TBC (once entries are in to avoid Examiner duplication).

**Grades available:** 1-10

**Fees:** Please see below or on entry form for the price of each Grade.

## **Closing Date: FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2019**

- Spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis and are limited.
- Spaces for the exam will be confirmed once BOTH the entry form and payment have been received.
- Please send completed entry form and payment confirmation to:  
[alisha.cowman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alisha.cowman@yahoo.co.uk)

- Payment by Bank Transfer (we ask for one payment per school).

Account Name: Alisha Cowman

Sort Code: 11-00-01

Account Number: 05861762

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

Please note entries can only be accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.

We look forward to welcoming you in June. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Alisha Cowman TCRG

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| GRADE  | DANCE/SPEEDS <i>(Céilí Dances are in italics / speeds are in BOLD)</i>  | PRICE |
|--------|---|-------|
| Prelim | Easy Reel <b>122-124</b><br>OR<br>Light Jig <b>116</b>  | £13   |
| 1      | Easy Reel <b>122-124</b><br>AND<br>Light Jig <b>116</b>   | £15   |
| 2      | Basic Slip Jig <b>124</b><br>AND<br>Basic Single Jig <b>124</b>   | £15   |
| 3      | Primary Reel <b>116-118</b><br>AND<br>Basic Heavy Jig <b>96</b>   | £15   |
| 4      | Primary Slip Jig <b>120</b><br>AND<br>St Patrick's Day (Traditional) <b>94</b>  | £23   |
| 5      | Advanced Reel (Primary/ Intermediate/Open) <b>113</b><br>Basic Hornpipe <b>144</b><br>AND<br><i>Walls of Limerick</i>                     | £23   |
| 6      | Advanced Slip Jig (Primary/ Intermediate/Open) <b>113</b><br>The Blackbird (Traditional) <b>144</b><br>AND<br><i>Siege of Ennis</i>       | £23   |
| 7      | Advanced Heavy Jig <b>73</b><br>Garden of Daisies (Traditional) <b>138</b><br>AND<br><i>Four Hand Reel</i>                                | £30   |
| 8      | Advanced Hornpipe <b>113</b><br>Job of Journeywork (Traditional) <b>138</b><br><i>Humours of Bandon</i>                                   | £30   |
| 9      | Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time<br>AND<br><i>High Cauleed Cap</i>                                 | £30   |
| 10     | 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)<br>AND<br><i>Eight Hand Jig</i> | £30   |

\*Full Grade Exam Syllabus available at

[https://www.clrg.ie/images/downloads/exams/Grade\\_Exam\\_Syllabus\\_2018.pdf](https://www.clrg.ie/images/downloads/exams/Grade_Exam_Syllabus_2018.pdf)



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### 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.
5. A dancer must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1 - the Preliminary grade is optional.
6. A candidate may **only** attempt a maximum of 3 consecutive Grades at any one sitting.
7. A three month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.
8. Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as per "Ár Rincí Céilí" as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12 inclusive.
9. Dance costumes should not be worn.
10. All candidates must produce previous certificates & scoresheets to the examiner before attempting further grades. Failure to bring the needed documentation from prior passing reports may result in disqualification since candidates must take and pass all grades in order.
11. No fee refunds will be provided. If you do not pass one exam, you cannot take the next.
12. The same examiner may not examine in the same class for a period of 3 years. This also applies where a regional authority or group of classes hold the examinations. eg. Applications for 2018: Examiners may not have examined in years: 2017, 2016, or 2015.
13. Examinees must be examined by at least FOUR different examiners up through Grade 10 (and at least 2 up through Grade 6).
14. There will be opportunity on your entry form to declare all previous examiners so that we can allocate an examiner that you have not been examined by previously.
15. Grade 11 may only be attempted by candidates at least 16 years of age.
16. Grade 12 may only be attempted by candidates at least 17 years of age.
17. A special application form and certificate/diploma will apply for Grades 11 and 12.