

# MCGRATH MORGAN GRADE EXAMS

The McGrath Morgan School of Irish Dance is offering grade exams. 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

**All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades.  
Reports must be presented at examinations.**

Talk to your TCRG/ADCRG if you have questions about the grade examinations.

Further information can also be found on the An Coimisiun site here:

<https://www.clrg.ie/index.php/en/feiseanna-exams/graded-exam.html>

Please register and pay with QuickFeis ([www.QuickFeis.com](http://www.QuickFeis.com)). Space is limited.

Examiners: TBD

Fees:	Grade Preliminary	\$15 each grade per person
	Grade 1- 3 fees	\$25 each grade per person
	Grades 4 - 6 fees	\$35 each grade per person
	Grades 7 - 8 fees	\$45 each grade per person
	Grades 9 - 10 fees	\$50 each grade per person

Fees payable to: Online with QuickFeis (credit cards only) – **NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON!**

Location: Same as Feis - Hyatt Regency Dulles - 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd. - Herndon, VA

Time: SUNDAY March 22, 2020 – timing TBD

# **RULES AND 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 Céilí" 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. Reports must be presented at examinations.**
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.~~
13. ~~Scrúdú Béil (Oral Irish Exam) for grades 1-4 in Ireland.~~
14. Dancers taking the exams must be associated with a currently registered CLRG teacher.
15. Full payment must be made at time of registration

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GRADE	PRICE	REQUIRED DANCES
<b>Prelim</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Reel OR Light Jig</li> </ul>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Reel and</li> <li>• Light Double Jig</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Slip Jig and</li> <li>• Single Jig</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Reel and</li> <li>• Basic Heavy Jig</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Slip Jig and</li> <li>• St Patrick's Day</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Reel,</li> <li>• Basic Hornpipe and</li> <li>• the Walls of Limerick</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Slip Jig,</li> <li>• The Blackbird and</li> <li>• the Siege of Ennis</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<b>\$45</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Heavy Jig,</li> <li>• Garden of Daisies and</li> <li>• the Four Hand Reel</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>\$45</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Hornpipe,</li> <li>• Job of Journeywork and</li> <li>• the Humours of Bandon</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<p>Two modern set dances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one in 6/8 time and</li> <li>• the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time and</li> <li>• the High Cauled Cap</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<p>Two modern set dances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one in 6/8 time and</li> <li>• the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (different from those in Grade 9) and</li> <li>• the Eight Hand Jig</li> </ul>