

Grade Requirements



| Grade | Required Dances |
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| Preliminary | Easy Reel or Easy Light Double Jig |
| Grade 1 | Basic Reel and Light Double Jig |
| Grade 2 | Basic Slip-Jig and Single Jig |
| Grade 3 | Primary Reel and Basic Heavy Jig |
| Grade 4 | Primary Slip-Jig and "St Patrick's Day" |
| Grade 5 | Advanced Reel, Basic Hornpipe and Walls of Limerick |
| Grade 6 | Advanced Slip-Jig, "The Blackbird" and Siege of Ennis |
| Grade 7 | Advanced Heavy Jig, "Garden of Daisies" and The Four-Hand Reel |
| Grade 8 | Advanced Hornpipe, "Job of Journey work" and Humours of Bandon |
| Grade 9 | Two set-dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (which are not traditional dances) and The High Cauleed Cap |
| Grade 10 | Two set-dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (which are not traditional dances) and The Eight-Hand Jig |
| Grade 11 | Reel, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig, "The Blackbird", "St Patrick's Day" plus two modern set-dances selected by the examiner from a list of five submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grade 10) and the ceili dances; The Eight-Hand Reel and the Harvest-time Jig |
| Grade 12 | Light Double Jig, Single Jig, Hornpipe, "Job of Journeywork", "Garden of Daisies", plus two modern set-dances selected by the examiner from a list of five submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 10 and 11) and the ceili dances the Morris Reel and The Sixteen-Hand Reel . |



Rules & Regulations

1. Only basic steps may be danced in Grades 1, 2, 3 and in the Preliminary Grade.
2. The number of bars of music to be danced for all reels, jigs and hornpipes is 40.
3. Set-dances in Grades 4, 5 & 6 must be performed in the traditional style and manner.
4. From Grade 7 upwards only non-traditional sets may be danced. Once performed a set-dance cannot be repeated in a higher grade.
5. The same set-dance must not be performed in more than one of the Grades from 7 to 12 inclusive.
6. A dancer must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1, the Preliminary Grade being optional. However, any number of consecutive grades may be taken on the same occasion.
7. Candidates must know (orally and practically) all céilí dances from the book "Ar Rinncidhe Foirne" specified for Grades 5 to 12 inclusive.
8. Dance costumes should not be worn at what are examinations, not competitions.
9. Grade 9 may not be taken under 16 years of age; Grade 10 under 17 years or Grades 11 or 12 under 18 years.

