DOHERTY PETRI SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE
LANCASTER GRADE EXAMINATIONS

GRADE EXAMINATION INFORMATION, REGISTRATION, FEES, EVENT DETAILS

Overview

The Doherty Petri School of Irish Dance-Lancaster is offering grade exams. The purpose of the Grade Examinations Program 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 all candidates regardless of age and ability.

The Grade Examination Program

The program consists of an optional Preliminary Grade followed by a further 10 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.

All 10 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.

Questions

Talk to your TCRG/ADCRG if you have questions about grade examinations. Further information can also be found on the An Coimisiun or email dplancastergradeexams@gmail.com.

Exam Details		Fee Schedule	
Examiner	**LuAnn O'Rourke Boyd**	**Grades**	**Amount**
Location	Celtic Center of Lancaster- 1285 Manheim Pike, Suite 2, Lancaster, PA 17601	Grades 1-3	$40.00 per grade/ per person
Date	Sunday, February 14, 2027	Grades 4-6	$60.00 per grade/ per person
Time	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Grades 7-10	$80.00 per grade/ per person

Registration Deadline: January 16, 2027. Space limited to the first 100 paid entries.

Registration and Fees payable: Online at Feisweb - No refunds for any reason!

Upload Completed Grade Certificates Here!

Rules and Regulations

1. Candidates must be associated with a currently registered CLRG teacher.
2. Candidates must take all grades in order, beginning with grade 1.
3. Candidates may only attempt 3 consecutive grades at any one exam.
4. A three-month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.
5. Candidates undergoing a three-month restyling period may take the grade exam.
6. Candidates must produce previous certificates to be presented on day of examinations. (Also, upload here)
7. An Comhdháil Grades are accepted by An Coimisiún. Proof of having taken these exams (certificates and marking sheets) must be submitted beforehand to An tÚdarás Scrúdaithe, and produced at the examination.
8. Dance costumes should not be worn. (Attire examples: Girls- leotard and athletic skirts; Boys- Black shirt/pants)
9. Only basic steps may be danced in the preliminary grade and Grades 1, 2, 3.
10. 40 bars of music must be danced for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes.
11. Music speeds on the syllabus as per CLRG rules.
12. 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.
13. 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 -10.
14. All modern set dances in grades 9-10 must not be repeated in any of these grades.
15. A minimum of 2 different examiners to be used in Grades 1-6 and at least 4 different examiners used through Grades 1-10.

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Grade	Price	Dances
1	$40.00	• Easy Reel (122-124) • Light Jig (116)
2	$40.00	• Basic Slip (124) • Basic Single (124)
3	$40.00	• Primary Reel (116-118) • Basic Heavy Jig (96)
4	$60.00	• Primary Slip (120) • St. Patrick's Day [trad] (94)
5	$60.00	• Advanced Reel (113) • Basic Hornpipe (144) • Walls of Limerick
6	$60.00	• Advanced Slip (113) • Blackbird [trad] (144) • Siege of Ennis
7	$80.00	• Advanced Heavy (73) • Garden of Daisies [trad] (138) • Four-Hand Reel
8	$80.00	• Advanced Hornpipe (113) • Job of Journeywork [trad] (138) • Humours of Bandon
9	$80.00	Two Modern Sets • One in 6/8 time **and** • One in 2/4 or 4/4 time **and** • High Cauled Cap
10	$80.00	Two Modern Sets • One in 6/8 time **and** • One in 2/4 or 4/4 time **and** • The 8 Hand Jig