

## Federation of Love, Loyalty and Friendship

### Open Platform Irish Dance Federation TCRG Information Pack (OPIDF)

#### **TCRG (Teagascóir Choimisiúin le Rinci Gaelacha)**

Attaining a TCRG allows OPIDF members to demonstrate their knowledge of, and ability to perform and teach both traditional and modern Irish dance. The TCRG promotes a consistency within OPIDF with regards to teaching expectations. It is not compulsory for members to undertake their TCRG but it is recommended.

The complete TCRG is separated into 4 sections:

**Development session:** Teachers support workshop (TSW)

**Part 1 - Unit 1:** Protocols **Unit 2:** Demonstrations

**Part 2 - Unit 1:** Teaching/Demonstrations **Unit 2:** Language

**Part 3 - Unit 1:** Musicality **Unit 2:** Rules and Regulations

Fee for Development session	=	GBP £30.00
Fee for TCRG Part 1	=	GBP £160.00
Fee for TCRG Part 2	=	GBP £130.00
Fee for TCRG Part 3	=	GBP £130.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>GBP £450.00</b>

**A detailed exam conspectus outlining the requirements of each part will only be available to OPIDF members.**

Candidates will take each part in ascending order. Parts can be divided between different exam sessions. To obtain a TCRG, all parts must be passed within 2 years of the candidates first exam. Upon completion of all 4 parts, members will have successfully shown their competency in teaching Irish dance and will receive their TCRG certified by OPIDF, along with a certificate and display plaque. This will be presented within the year of completion.

*Please note that OPIDF reserves the right to amend the TCRG requirements. Notification will be given.*

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Applicants need to be a member of OPIDF before applying (see OPIDF Membership Pack for more information).
- Applicants must be **aged 21 or over** upon commencing their exams.
- Applicants must have a minimum of 60 hours teaching practise before applying for the TCRG exam.
- Applications must be fully completed and submitted by post before the closing date provided. Any incomplete application forms or late submissions will not be accepted and candidates will have to wait until the next round of exams.

*Please note that OPIDF reserves the right to refuse an application.*



## Scheduled Dates

**TCRG application deadline (for 2020 exams):** Tuesday October 1st, 2019.

**Development session:** Saturday 16th November, 2019.

**Location:** London.

**TCRG Part 1 exam:** Saturday 22nd February, 2020

**TCRG Parts 2 and 3 exams:** Sunday 23rd February, 2020

**Location:** London

## Application Request

- Application forms will only be sent to registered members of OPIDF
- To request an application form email: [email@openplatformirishdancing.com](mailto:email@openplatformirishdancing.com)
- Applications need to be signed and returned via post to:  
OPIDF, 1006 Jessop Building, 14 Dominion Walk, E14 9FN.

## Payment

- Partial payment of exam fees is due within two weeks of an application being accepted. This will be 50% of the total cost of the part(s) taken. **Exam fees, once paid, are non-refundable, unless cancelled by OPIDF.**

## Results

Candidates will be notified of their results by email 8 weeks after the TCRG exam has taken place. A breakdown of marks and any comments will be provided. There will be a presentation within the year for TCRGs to receive their certificate and plaque.

Candidates who pass with a score of 90% or above in all units will receive a distinction.

## Repeat Examinations

Failure of a unit will result in the candidate having to repeat the part in which the unit was failed. Retakes will take place at the next scheduled exam. If a unit is failed on the second attempt, candidates will have to reapply to retake all parts of the TCRG.

## Support and Guidance

- The members only area on website will provide support for candidates via videos and demonstrations
- FAQ section on website
- Attendance at development session(s)

