



APPLICATION TO FORM A BRANCH OF THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

The RSCDS is now a worldwide organisation with a membership of some 14,000 people. In 2012, there were 167 Branches and around 330 Affiliated Groups. The Management Board of the Society welcomes applications for Branch formation from groups anywhere in the world wishing to have a closer link with the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

The Scottish Country Dance Society was formed on 26 November 1923 in Glasgow and the title "Royal" was granted in 1951.

The objects of the Society are "to advance the education of the public in traditional Scottish country dancing", which it does in a number of ways: preserving and furthering the practice of traditional Scottish country dancing; providing, or helping to provide, special education or instruction in the practice of Scottish country dancing; promoting and publishing information and music relating to Scottish country dancing, particularly books of dances with music; collecting books, manuscripts, illustrations etc relating to Scottish country dancing and to the Society; and generally doing other things considered by the Society to contribute to its objectives.

As indicated above, the Society regularly publishes books of instructions for Scottish country dancing with music, and CDs. It also sells a wide range of other RSCDS merchandise. In addition, the Society holds annual Summer and Winter Schools, which are open to members of the Society, and a Spring Fling for young people aged 16-35. Individual membership of the Society is open to all persons over the age of 12 years. The Society welcomes people of all nationalities.

Any new Branch is required to enter into a Licence Agreement with the Society. Under the terms of the Society's Constitution and Rules and the Licence Agreement, all members of a Branch must be members of the Society. Each member must pay the annual subscription fixed by the Society, plus a local fee that is retained by the Branch (the local fee to be approved by the Branch at their AGM). In addition to supporting the work of the Society as outlined above, membership benefits include the twice-yearly members' magazine *Scottish Country Dancer*, a discount on RSCDS publications, recordings and other goods, and the right to attend Summer and Winter Schools and other events.

If a Branch of the Society already exists nearby, it would be helpful to have the support of that Branch, and if that support is put in writing, a copy should be enclosed with the application form. Please complete all relevant parts of the application form, and send it to the Secretary at the address given on the back of the form. All applications for Branch formation are considered by the Management Board, which is responsible for approval of Branch status.

In order to maintain a high standard of teaching, the Society would normally expect a Branch to have two fully certificated teachers. Branches are asked to aim at increasing the number of their teachers by encouraging members to train for the Society's examinations, where possible.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR BRANCH FORMATION

Please complete the form in BLOCK CAPITALS and return it to the Secretary at the address on the back of the form.

SECTION A

Name of Proposed Branch:

Secretary's Details: Title (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Dr, etc):

Name:

Address:

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Tel: Email:

Has a group already been formed? YES / NO

If Yes, give the group's name:

Is the group Affiliated to the RSCDS? YES / NO

Number of individual RSCDS members (if any):

SECTION B

(Note: the Society would normally expect a Branch to have two fully certificated teachers)

Please list below the names and RSCDS qualifications (ie Teaching Certificate Part 1 (Teacher's Certificate) or Teaching Certificate Part 2 (Preliminary Test) of the teachers currently within the Group:

Name	Qualification
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Do you already hold regular classes? YES / NO

If Yes, to what level? (please tick all that apply):

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| BEGINNER | <input type="checkbox"/> | INTERMEDIATE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ADVANCED | <input type="checkbox"/> | MIXED | <input type="checkbox"/> |

SECTION C

(i) Please give your reasons for wishing to form a Branch:

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(ii) Are there any other RSCDS Affiliated Groups in the area in which your Group operates?

YES / NO

If yes, please give the name/s of the group/s:

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Have you consulted with them, or advised them that you are making an application for Branch status? Would they be interested in making a joint application? If consultation has taken place, please outline the result:

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(iii) Is there another RSCDS Branch in the area in which your Group operates? YES / NO

Name of Branch:

Have you consulted with them, or advised them that you are making an application for Branch status? If you have done so, please outline the reaction of the Branch concerned:

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Is a letter of support from the above Branch included with this application?

YES / NO / not applicable

