

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

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) is a worldwide organisation with a membership of over 10,000 people. In 2019, there are 159 Branches and approximately 300 Affiliated Groups. The Management Board of the Society welcomes applications from groups anywhere in the world, who wish to have a closer link with the RSCDS, to apply to form a new Branch.

The RSCDS was formed on 26 November 1923 in Glasgow and the title "Royal" was granted in 1951. The objects of the RSCDS are:

- (a) the advancement of the education of the public in Scottish country dancing and its music, and
- (b) the preservation and furtherance of the practice of Scottish country dancing and its music.

The RSCDS undertakes to provide help and advice to all Branches on legal, administrative and dancing matters, including teacher qualifications.

The RSCDS regularly publishes books of Scottish country dances with music, which is available on CDs and to download. A wide range of other RSCDS merchandise is also available for sale.

RSCDS membership is open to all persons over the age of 12 years who are interested in Scottish country dance and its music. There are various membership subscription rates, depending on age and family circumstances.

The RSCDS organises annual events including Summer School, Winter School, Spring Fling and an Autumn Gathering at our AGM weekend.

Any new Branch is required to enter into a Licence Agreement with the RSCDS and also sign up to the RSCDS Data Protection Agreement.

Under the terms of the RSCDS's Constitution and Rules, all members of a Branch must be members of the Society. Each member must pay the annual subscription (decided by the RSCDS) at its AGM plus a local subscription (decided by the Branch at its AGM) to support Branch activities. Additional members' benefits are given on the RSCDS website (*insert link*)

In order to maintain a high standard of teaching, the Society would normally expect a Branch to have at least one teacher. This may be an RSCDS qualified teacher (Full Certificate, Preliminary Certificate, RSCDS Certificate part 1, part 2, *new qualification*) or a dancer with appropriate experience to teach the group. Branches are expected to encourage members to train for the Society's examinations, where possible, in order to increase the number of their teachers.

Please complete all relevant parts of the application form and send it to the Office Manager at 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AF or by email info@rscds.org. All applications for Branch formation are considered by the Management Board, which is responsible for approval of Branch status.

APPLICATION FORM FOR NEW BRANCH FORMATION

SECTION A

Name of Proposed Branch:

Secretary's Details: Name:

Address:

Tel: email:

Has a group already been formed? YES / NO

If Yes, give the group's name:
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Is the group Affiliated to the RSCDS? YES/ NO

Number of individual RSCDS members at present:

SECTION B

(i) Please give your reasons for wishing to form a Branch and what you would like to achieve in becoming a Branch:

(ii) Are there any other RSCDS Affiliated Groups in the area in which your Group operates? YES/ NO

Name of Affiliated Group(s)

(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 so, please outline their reaction below:

SECTION C

Please provide other information you feel is relevant to your application. Include details about your current number and level of events, e.g. classes and social dances. Also tell us about the number of teachers and their qualifications, if any. Please feel free to send additional information if the space below is insufficient.

Please enclose a copy of your proposed constitution with this application

Signature: Date:

Office held:

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Date received:

Management Board:

Advised of outcome:

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