

SIX MONTH RE-STYLING PERIOD ----TRANSFER RULES

(as approved at the September meeting of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha)

Further to several meetings between representatives of An Coimisiún and from the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) in Ireland, the following rules will apply to dancers transferring from one school to another as and from 1st January 2020. These rules will be mandatory for all dancers transferring, subject to the possibility of an appeal as outlined below.

The purpose of the rule changes is to protect the dancer's welfare and the integrity of CLRG competitions.

1. All pupils, whether transferring from a CLRG registered teacher, or from a teacher in another dancing organization, will undergo a 6 month mandatory restyling period.
2. If a Bungrad/beginner-level dancer spends 3 months or less in their initial dancing school, then the 6 month restyling period will not apply.
3. The first dancing lesson given by the new teacher to the transferring pupil must take place at a venue normally/regularly used for dancing classes by that teacher. Hence, a dancing lesson given at a registered CLRG event or via the internet, (including all social media sources), does not constitute an eligible dancing class and is not a basis to commence a new school relationship.
4. The dancing authority of the region, in which the transferring pupil resides, will be notified in writing of all such transfers.
5. The 6 month restyling period will commence on the date as determined by the regional dancing authority, who will promptly notify the former and new teacher of the relevant dates, in writing. Where there is no regional authority, the matter should be referred either directly to CLRG itself or to another body appointed by CLRG to deal with such issues.
6. Where two or more registered teachers are teaching a joint school, and one or more of them decides to leave the class and terminate the relationship, **ONLY** those pupils of the school who remain with any of the registered teachers previously in that joint school need not undergo the 6 month restyling period.
7. Teachers and pupils who fail to adhere to the terms set out in the notification of re-styling letter will be sanctioned accordingly.

Exemptions

It is not perceived that there will be exceptions to this 6 month restyling period. However, in the interests of natural justice, a process to review a particular situation will be provided.

- a) Applications for exemptions to the 6 month restyling period may be submitted by the new teacher, parent or pupil, (if they are of legal age in their relevant jurisdiction). Such an application must be submitted directly to An Coimisiún on the **Official Exemption Form**, which will be available on www.clrge.ie, from the regional dancing authority or directly from the offices of An Coimisiún. Only one application per individual dancer will be accepted.
- b) All applications for exemptions, as outlined above, will be assessed by a Review Board, set up by An Coimisiún. This board will comprise members, considered to have the necessary experience, having a diverse geographical background, and will be chaired by a person, who is without conflict.
- c) All applications for exemption will be reviewed promptly and, as far as is possible, a response will be issued to the relevant parties within 2 weeks of receipt of the application. The applications for exemption will be discussed within the Appeal Board via e mails, conference calls, etc. and it is not expected that a formal meeting will be needed to reach decisions, except for complex situations.

A Guidance Document, with further information, will issue over the next few weeks.