

Support for New Teachers

There are various forms of support available which the Education & Training Committee members believe will be helpful to you. As you continue to expand your teaching skills, you will find invaluable information on the RSCDS website www.rscds.org; simply browse the “Learn “section. These links may change over time.

About the Examination system:

- Teaching Scottish Country Dancing Guidelines - www.rscds.org/sites/default/files/teaching_scottish_country_dancing_-_guidelines_for_tutors_teachers_and_candidates.pdf
- [Transitioning from Unit 2/3 to Unit 4/5: https://www.rscds.org/sites/default/files/x3-28_transition_from_unit_3_to_unit_4.pdf](https://www.rscds.org/sites/default/files/x3-28_transition_from_unit_3_to_unit_4.pdf)
- Teaching Certificate (Units 4 & 5): - <https://www.rscds.org/learn/teacher-training/teaching-certificate/unit-4> <https://www.rscds.org/learn/teacher-training/teaching-certificate/unit-5> , and the information under Forms (including the Syllabus), Unit 4 AND Unit 5 on both <https://www.rscds.org/learn/teacher-training/teaching-certificate> and <https://www.rscds.org/learn/teacher-training/teaching-certificate/forms-general-information>
- To understand how your Mentor can help you, see <https://www.rscds.org/learn/teaching-scottish-country-dance/mentoring>

Other useful information for new teachers:

- www.rscds.org/learn/resources-dancers:
 - Guidance Notes on Running a SCD Class
 - Beginners Framework
 - Core Repertoire
 - Standard Terminology
- [Grid of dances - www.rscds.org/learn/teaching-scottish-country-dance/introducing-scd-beginners](http://www.rscds.org/learn/teaching-scottish-country-dance/introducing-scd-beginners)
- Inspiring Scottish Country Dancers – Level 1 Foundation: https://www.rscds.org/sites/default/files/inspiring_scottish_country_dancers_-_level_1_foundation_0.pdf

Additional information related to dances and formations:

- General - www.rscds.org/learn/resources-dancers/technique-advisory-panel-general
- Dances - www.rscds.org/learn/resources-dancers/technique-advisory-panel-dances

Dance database: The Scottish Country Dance Database on the Strathspey website can be useful for checking details related to potential teaching material:

<http://my.strathspey.org/dd/index/>

Various teachers' organisations: These are an invaluable resource for all teachers and most allow membership after passing Part 1 of the Teaching Certificate. The main associations are

- Teachers' Association Scotland (TAS) <http://countrydanceteachersofscotland.org.uk/>
- South East Region Teachers' Association (SERTA) <https://serta.org.uk/>
- Australian Teachers Alliance (ATA) <http://www.rscds.org.au/>
- Scottish Country Dance Teachers' Association (Canada) (TAC) <https://tac-rscds.org/>
TAC offers all new teachers (Part 1 or Part 2) a free one year electronic membership. TAC also offers a service called "AskTAC," to pose questions about dances, lesson planning and more to experienced teachers.

Courses: Teachers Workshops or Teaching Skills courses are held most years at St Andrews Summer School. In addition the various Teachers Associations will provide details of where and when similar courses are to be held.