

SCG

An Scrúdú Le hAghaidh Cáilíochta Sa Ghaeilge



Peadar Mac Giolla Bhríghde,
Comhord-aitheoir an SCG
outlines changes and develop-
ments to the SCG.

Cad é an SCG?

The SCG provides an opportunity for primary teachers who obtained qualification outside the State to acquire the qualification in Irish which is required to gain recognition within the state. A requirement for undertaking the SCG is that teachers must hold (or must have held in the past) 'Provisional Recognition' as determined by the Department of Education and Science (up to and including 28 March 2006) or subsequently by the Teaching Council.

The SCG consists of four exam modules; Paper 1, Paper 2, an aural test and an oral exam.

There is also a three week Gaeltacht course requirement at a recognised SCG Gaeltacht course. The SCG is completely modular and can be undertaken in any combination of modules. The SCG is achieved by passing the four modules and by fulfilling the Gaeltacht course requirements.

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Athruithe

One of the key changes in relation to the SCG is that it will now be compulsory for all prospective SCG candidates to register with Coláiste Mhuire Marino during September. This will allow candidates to register for the exam and/or a course and will also allow candidates to provide school details which Coláiste Mhuire Marino will require in order to coordinate the practical aspects of the exam.

The practical aspects are new to the SCG this year. As part of Paper 1 candidates will undertake a practical test in

the classroom and as part of Paper 2 candidates will be required to complete a project. Supervisors from Coláiste Mhuire Marino will visit schools and assess the practical aspects. Candidates will receive one visit in either the November/December session or the January/February session. Candidates may be given a

choice at registration as to which session to opt for.

Tacaíocht

Courses in preparation for the SCG are provided through the Education Centre network. The courses have been designed by Coláiste Mhuire Marino and given by tutors who have received training in Coláiste Mhuire Marino. The commitment and support given to SCG candidates by the Education Centre network is extensive and considerable and is viewed by Coláiste Mhuire as a significant factor in the success enjoyed by applicants.

FÉILIRE AN SCG

September

Compulsory Registration on the Coláiste Mhuire Marino database for all prospective SCG candidates.

October

Term 1 of SCG courses in Education Centres (Approx 10 weeks)

November/December

Classroom Assessment – Practical Element.

January

Term 2 of SCG courses in Education Centres. (Approx 10 weeks)

January/February:

Classroom Assessment – Practical Element.

Easter

SCG Exam – four centres. (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after Easter Sunday)

August

SCG Repeat Exam. (Friday and Saturday before week in which schools may open.)

SCG EXAM – APPLICANT NUMBERS

1993	19
2005	524
2006	782

PERCENTAGE OF APPLICANTS WHO ACHIEVED 40 OR ABOVE IN THE EXAM

Paper 1	87%
Paper 2	88%
Aural	88%
Oral	83%

SCG EXAM 2006

Other supports available to candidates include new learning materials in book format which will include notes on the new prose and poetry syllabus and all aspects of the exam including the practical

elements. The beginner level folder will be extended from the current ten lesson format to a new twenty lesson course. These materials will be available at courses nationwide. The new prose and poetry compilation *Leoithne Ghaoithe* will be available to candidates when they register with Coláiste Mhuire Marino. A key focal point for information this year will be the SCG website (www.scgweb.ie) which will allow access to information on every aspect of the SCG eg; registration forms, documentation, past papers, exam information. The website has been revised and updated and we recommend it as a resource to all prospective SCG applicants.

Eolas

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**Tá Peadar Mac Giolla
Bhríghde ar iasacht ó
Scoil Réalt na Mara, na Scéirí**

Paper 1



**Déanann Aodán Mac Suibhne
Léachtóir le Gaeilge i gColáiste
Mhuire, Marino, cur síos ar
leagán amach Pháipéar 1 agus an
Scrúdú i Labhairt na Gaeilge.**

Seo an leagan amach a bheidh ar Pháipéar 1:

Aiste: 35 marc
Aistriúchán: 15 marc
Gramadach: 10 marc
Triail Tuisceana: 10 marc
Múineadh na Gaeilge – 30 Marc:
15 marc do cheist a bheidh le

freagairt ón bPáipéar Scrúdaithe / 15 marc don ghné phraiticiúil sa seomra ranga.

It can be seen, therefore, that on Páipéar 1 the Alt has been replaced by an Aistriúchán. The practical aspect of Múineadh na Gaeilge will be assessed in the candidate's own classroom. Each candidate will receive one visit from a Coláiste Mhuire Marino supervisor, each candidate will receive prior notice and the visit will take place on a date which will suit both the candidate and the supervisor. The candidate's long-term and short-term planning will be assessed and the candidate will be asked to teach a prepared and written-up lesson which was taught up to three weeks previously. The practical aspect of Múineadh na Gaeilge has the same status as any other part of a question on Páipéar 1 ie, it will not have to be passed in order to gain an overall pass on Paper 1. Unsuccessful Paper 1 candidates from the past must

repeat Paper 1 under the new format. If a candidate is unsuccessful in the new-format Paper 1, all aspects of that paper must be undertaken by the candidate again, including the practical aspect of Múineadh na Gaeilge.

An Scrúdú i Labhairt na Gaeilge

The Oral Irish Examination will follow the exact same format as heretofore. The Examination will last 15-20 minutes. Each candidate will be interviewed by two examiners. Each examination will be recorded. At the beginning of the examination each candidate will be asked to read a passage from a dialect of the candidate's choosing and to answer some questions on it. Any candidate who does not show satisfactory knowledge of at least three of the following may not be awarded a pass in the oral Irish examination: An Aimsir Chaite, An Aimsir Láithreach, An Aimsir Fháistineach agus An Modh Coinníollach.

Paper 2



**Tá cur síos anseo ó Dr Marie
Whelton, Léachtóir le Gaeilge i
gColáiste Mhuire, Marino, ar
leagán amach Pháipéar 2 agus an
Triail Chluastuisceana.**

De réir mar atá sé leagtha amach sa leabhrán, *Lámhleabhar an SCG: Nósanna Imeachta (An Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta, 2004)* tá athruithe á gcur i bhfeidhm ar Pháipéar 2 den Scrúdú le hAghaidh Cáilíochta sa Ghaeilge. Is ar leas na n-iarrthóirí, go príomha, atá

na hathruithe agus, ar ndóigh, aon ní a chuireann ar chumas na múinteoirí saibhreas oiriúnach litríochta agus cultúir a bhlaiseadh, rachaidh sé i gcion, freisin, ar na daltaí faoina gcúram.

Seo an leagan amach a bheidh ar Pháipéar 2:

Prós: 40 marc, rogha idir dhá.
Filíocht: 40 marc, rogha idir dhá cheist.
Teanga agus Cultúr: 20 marc agus déanfar an ghné seo a thástáil sa seomra ranga

Candidates should note, therefore, that on Páipéar 2 the number of marks for the prose and poetry questions has been raised from 20 marks to 40 marks and that the duration of the written examination is now 1 hour 30 minutes.

Recently, the DES published an anthology of prose and poetry, *Leoithne Ghaoithe (An Roinn Oideachais agus*

Eolaíochta, 2006). The literature in this collection has been chosen with teachers in mind. It includes a 'dán do pháistí' and covers themes such as the imagination of the child and the power of story. 10 poems and six pieces of prose have been prescribed for the 2007-2009 examinations.

The 'Teanga agus Cultúr' section is now assessed in the candidate's own classroom. Each candidate receives one visit from a Coláiste Mhuire Marino supervisor. Prior notice is given regarding the date and time of the school visit. If a candidate intends to fulfil the practical elements of Páipéar 1, in the same year, both elements are examined at the same time. The candidate keeps a portfolio of locally researched material, which is adapted for use as a teaching aid in the primary school. On the day of the school visit the candidate presents the project to the examiner for

examination.

A **copy** of the project is retained by the examiner and the candidate signs a statement confirming that the project is his/her own unaided work. Like Páipéar 1, in the event of the candidate being unsuccessful in the 'Teanga agus Cultúr' aspect it is still possible to attain an overall pass in Páipéar 2. If the candidate does not succeed in attaining an overall pass in Páipéar 2 the candidate is required to repeat each part of the paper, including the project based assessment in the classroom.

An Triail Chluastuisceana

The Aural Comprehension Test is in exactly the same format as previous years. Candidates hear nine aural texts: 3 Fógra, 3 Comhrá agus 3 Mír Nuachta. There are five questions, in Irish, based on each text and the Triail Chluastuisceana will be 50 minutes in duration.