



**NEW ZEALAND ACADEMY OF HIGHLAND & NATIONAL DANCING (INC.)**  
**SOLO SEAL EXAMINATION ENTRY FORM 2026**

**Candidate's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Conditions of Entry**

**PART 1**

1. Solo Seal Candidates must have qualified for the Advanced Performers Diploma prior to entering for the Solo Seal Examination, and be a current member of the NZAHND (Inc.)
2. Candidates enter the Examination at his/her own risk.
3. Candidates are to perform the NZAHND's technique.
4. Candidates are to wear Dress as per the Piping & Dancing Association of New Zealand (Inc.) Bylaws.
5. Candidates are to complete the box below to indicate their dance selection. At least two dances must be from section A. Candidates may provide their own Sword, which needs to be preapproved by Executive Council. No coloured swords are permitted.
6. Candidates must advise the Examination Secretary of the order of performance of their selected dances no later than 15 August.
7. Candidates agree that Academy may record the Solo Seal Examination for the Academy archives and the Academy holds the copyright for such recording.
8. Candidates may purchase a copy of their own performance two years after date of sitting this examination. The Academy accepts no responsibility for the quality of the recording.
9. A candidate's performance may be used for digital archives.
10. The order in which the candidates will perform will be the same for the examination and the music practice. The order of performance will be drawn at the July Executive meeting.

**SECTION A**

Highland Fling (6 steps)

Sword Dance (3 + 1)

Seann Triubhas (4 + 2)

**SECTION B**

Irish Jig S/T (6 steps)

Irish Jig D/T (6 steps)

Irish Hornpipe (6 steps)

Sailors Hornpipe (6 steps)

(Delete the dances you are not performing.)

I agree that my recording maybe used by the Technical Committee for moderation purposes once five years has lapsed from the date of my Solo Seal performance. Yes  No

I agree to all the above conditions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Candidate)

**PART 2**

**Teacher's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to enter the above candidate for the Solo Seal Examination 2026 in Dunedin, subject to the rules of the Academy. \$250 for the entry fee has been deposited in **ACCOUNT NUMBER 02 0644 0041107 00.**

If you wish to have an interview with one member of the Examining panel and a member of the Executive Council approximately 2 – 4 weeks after the examination for a maximum of 15 minutes, please tick the box.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Teacher) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The entry form is to be emailed to the Academy Secretary: [admin@nzahnd.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzahnd.org.nz)

ENTRIES CLOSE 30 JUNE 2026.

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