



## The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association



Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch

### SQA Accredited Piping and Drumming Courses

September – December 2011

The Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch intend to hold PDQB Level 1 and 2 chanter# courses plus Level 3 piping# starting this September with the SQA examination early December. It is intended to do PDQB Level 2 chanter/ piping plus Level 4 piping the following year.

We also intend to run PDQB Drumming Levels 1 and 3 this year with Levels 2 and 4 the following year.

All GWOS players, regardless of age, of fully paid up Branch bands are welcome to apply.

The attached leaflets show examples of the standards that the candidate must achieve and these should be used, perhaps in consultation with the Pipe Major/ Lead 'Tip', to help the players decide which level to attempt. All the current levels can be downloaded from the Branch web site at [www.rspba-gwos.org](http://www.rspba-gwos.org) or, go to the PDQB web site at [www.pdqb.org](http://www.pdqb.org) Secretaries should pass this on to people in the band that want to take advantage of these courses.

An application form is on the reverse of this letter. Please complete this as soon as possible as entry will be on a first come basis. Alternatively, you could complete a downloadable form available from the Branch web site as above.

It is not possible to give an exact cost as this is dependent on the numbers that enter the course. When the Branch last ran these courses in March of last year, we were among the least expensive of the other Branches and much less expensive than some of the external providers. We would hope to keep the cost around £120 plus SQA fee.

It is emphasized that these courses offer nationally recognised qualifications and are not limited within the pipe band world. Credits gained could be used in conjunction with studies at school or further/ higher education.

Detailed information regarding bass/ tenor will be made available as soon we have it.

Completed forms should be returned to,  
*Branch Secretary*                      *Iain A MacAskill*  
*Home Address*                              *3 Blythswood Avenue, Renfrew, PA4 8NX*  
*Or e-mailed to* [mailbox@rspba-gwos.org](mailto:mailbox@rspba-gwos.org)

Any questions please call Iain Yuill on 07973 405 623

# For Information: Most people still refer to the examinations in terms of PDQB Levels, so that is what we have shown above. However, PDQB is an outdated term in this respect and gradually we will start referring to SCQF Levels. For you information, here are the translations for some of the above.

PDQB Level 1 chanter is equivalent to SCQF Level 2

PDQB Level 2 chanter is equivalent to SCQF Level 3

PDQB Level 1 drumming is equivalent to SCQF Level 3

Better still, visit [www.pdqb.org](http://www.pdqb.org) and see the full range of awards.

NOTE, ONLY FOR THOSE WHO DID PDQB LEVEL 3 AT RENTON EARLIER THIS YEAR: In order to provide a progression route please put you name forward if you want to do Level 4 in September.

