

Music Network/Arts Council Recording Scheme 2009 - Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. Is the recording scheme open to rock/pop musicians?
- A. Yes, it is open to musicians in all genres of music, of a professional performing standard.
- Q. I am a professional musician born in the Republic of Ireland, but now resident in Northern Ireland. Am I eligible to apply to this scheme?
- A. Yes, the scheme is open to applicants either born in the Republic of Ireland, or who are currently resident in the Republic of Ireland, and in possession of a valid PPS number. Please refer to the scheme's guidelines for a full definition of "residency" as applied in this instance.
- Q. I am an Irish violinist, based in London, wishing to apply on behalf of my ensemble. The other 3 members of the ensemble are of British nationality. Are we eligible?
- A. Unfortunately not. Applicants applying on behalf of ensembles should note that at least 50% of the ensemble should be of Irish nationality or resident in Ireland. Please refer to the scheme's guidelines for a full definition of "residency" as applied in this instance.
- Q. What is the maximum amount of funding for which I can apply?
- A. The maximum grant available is €10,000.
- Q. How soon will I receive a funding decision?
- A. You will be notified by letter of the selection panel's decision within 15-20 working days of the application deadline.
- Q. I am part of a rock band, wishing to record a demo CD to help us pitch to record labels. Is this eligible?
- A. Unfortunately not. This award fund is intended for recordings that will be made available to members of the general public, and for which public distribution outlets exist.
- Q. I have already been in studio and recorded material for my new CD. Can I apply for funding for the completion of the post-production aspects (CD pressing, design of CD cover, marketing, etc.)?
- A. Unfortunately not. This would be deemed as retrospective funding for a project that has already commenced, and would therefore be considered ineligible for this award.
- Q. I am a classical/jazz musician of Irish nationality, wishing to record a solo CD. Is there any restriction regarding eligible repertoire?
- A. No, the award is open to any Irish/Ireland-based musician or ensemble of a professional performing standard, working in any musical genre, with any proposed repertoire (original/improvised works, contemporary works by Irish or international composers, and existing/standard repertoire).