

Wado Aiwakai Karate Do Federation

New Dan Grading Procedure - From January 1st 2010

All Dan grade examinations are conducted in accordance with JKF-Wadokai's overseas regulations and provides members with JKF registered Dan grade certificates. All certificates should contain the name of the karate-ka, a unique serial number, and the signature of a representative of JKF-Wadokai dependant on board member positions at the time of examination.

The Dan grade panel will always include JKF-Wadokai registered examiners and may also include non-registered examiners training to take their place on the grading panel.

The Aiwakai panel can grade up to 5th Dan on behalf of JKF-Wadokai. 6th Dan and above can be achieved with assistance from an additional JKF-Wadokai registered examiner.

Application to Grade

Dan grading candidates should inform the General Secretary of their intention to grade by submitting an 'Application to Grade' form available on the website and at W2E courses. To ensure candidates have the ability and understanding required for their next grade and for the instructors to be in the best position to assist the candidate's development, the 'Application to Grade' form must be submitted prior to grading by the following timescales:

Grade	Timescale
1 st Dan	1 W2E course before intended grading date (approx 1 month)
2 nd Dan	2 W2E course before intended grading date (approx 2 months)
3 rd Dan and above	6 months before intended grading date

This will ensure the relevantly qualified examiners are in attendance as different grades may require different panel requirements.

Grading Requirements

All points must be accrued within two years of the first course. This time period may be extended with the permission of an Aiwakai Senior Instructor.

Grade	Minimum Points Required
1 st Dan	12 points
2 nd Dan	20 points
3 rd Dan	25 points
4 th Dan and above	35 points

All grading candidates should have been put forward by their club, or senior Aiwakai instructor. It is at the discretion of the instructor, not the student or parent, to attempt a grading. It is therefore the responsibility of the instructor to ensure the student is ready for the grading, giving them the best chance of success on the day.

Accruing Points

Candidates accrue points by attending 'Way to Excellence' courses or Aiwakai 'Squad Training' which are held throughout the year, and/or by attending Aiwakai Winter and Summer Courses. Points are as follows:

Grade	Points
1 Day Course	2 points
2 Day Course	5 points