

JKA Shotokan Ireland

Dan Grading Guidelines

Dan Grading Examinations:

- JKA Shotokan Ireland holds National Dan Grading examinations at our Spring and Winter Camps in Ireland with Kawasoe Sensei
- JKA Shotokan Ireland provides access to International JKA Dan grading examinations at the JKA Regional Camps held in the UK

Candidates wishing to undertake a Dan grading are required to :

- Attend at least two training Camps (as above) in the 18 months prior to undertaking their grading examination. Attendance will be stamped on their license book. This is to ensure that the candidate is fully familiar with the techniques and standard required and that the grading examiner has had a chance to see the candidate prior to the grading
- The candidates instructor must advise the JKA SI technical committee six months before the candidate plans to grade. The candidate should also regularly attend the JKA SI black and brown belt courses and undergo a Pre Grading assessment with a panel consisting of at least two members of the JKA SI Technical Committee within six months of their planned grading. The candidates instructor will be invited to sit with the Technical Committee to discuss feedback. This will be stamped on the candidates license book.
- If a candidate does not pass a Dan grading examination they must wait at least 6 months prior to repeating their grading and repeat a pre-grading with a member of the technical committee at a black and brown belt course.

DAN Grade Criteria	Min. Age	Recommended Minimum time of <u>continuous</u> training between grades
<i>Shodan</i>	11	<i>4 years at Kyu grades*</i>
<i>Nidan</i>	13	<i>1 year at Shodan*</i>
<i>Sandan</i>	21	<i>2 years at Nidan*</i>
<i>Yondan</i>	24	<i>3 years at Sandan**</i>
<i>Godan</i>	28	<i>4 years at Yondan**</i>
<i>*Must have attended at least 2 JKA SI black and brown belt courses within 18 months of grading *Must have undertaken a pre-grading assessment with JKA SI Technical Committee</i>		
<i>**Must have attended at least 2 JKA SI black and brown belt courses and 2 JKA Regional Camps within 24 months of grading</i>		