



KENDO Rank to be Examined and Eligibility for Examination

Rank to be Examined	Standards of Eligibility for Examination
6-Kyu to 2-Kyu	The examination for Kyu shall be determined by each organization.
1-Kyu	No time period stipulated no age restriction. Matches, Kata 1-3. Written examination.
1-Dan	3 months or more after receipt of 1-Kyu and age 14 or older. Matches, Kata 1-5. Written examination.
2-Dan	1 year or more after receipt of 1-Dan and age 15 older. Matches, Kata 1-7. Written examination.
3-Dan	2 years or more after receipt of 2-Dan and age 17 or older. Matches, Kata 1-7 and Kodachi kata 1-3. Written examination.
4-Dan	3 years or more after receipt of 3-Dan and age 20 or older. Matches, Kata 1-7 and Kodachi kata 1-3. Written examination.
5-Dan	4 years or more after receipt of 4-Dan and age 24 or older. Matches, Kata 1-7 and Kodachi kata 1-3. Written examination.
6-Dan	5 years or more after receipt of 5-Dan and age 29 or older. Matches, Kata 1-7 and Kodachi kata 1-3. Written examination.
7-Dan	6 years or more after receipt of 6-Dan and age 35 or older. Matches, Kata 1-7 and Kodachi kata 1-3 Written examination.
* Those age 60 and above are eligible for the following promotional examinations.	
* 5-Dan	2 years or more after receipt of 4-Dan and age 60 or older. Matches, Kata 1-7 and Kodachi kata 1-3. Written examination.
* 6-Dan	2 years or more after receipt of 5-Dan and age 60 or older. Matches, Kata 1-7 and Kodachi kata 1-3. Written examination.
* 7-Dan	3 years or more after receipt of 6-Dan and age 60 or older. Matches, Kata 1-7 and Kodachi kata 1-3. Written examination.

For 1-Kyu and Dan - The test is given in 2 parts, Kendo-matches and Kendo-kata.

If you pass the Kendo-matches part then you will move on to the Kendo-kata part.

If you do not pass the Kendo-kata, you will have 1 chance to test again within 1 year from that date and only take the Kata portion of the test.