



WORLD TRADITIONAL KARATE-DO FEDERATION

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TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION GUIDE

Ranking Examiner

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WTKF TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS GUIDE
FOR
RANKING EXAMINER CERTIFICATION

I. GENERAL

For ranking to be recognized by the WTKF, the examination must be conducted by an examiner registered with WTKF.

II. QUALIFICATIONS OF RANKING EXAMINER

Qualifications are awarded under the following authority:

Level 1-7

Examiner qualifications are issued under the direct authority of WTKF upon completion of the qualification process.

III. CLASSES OF REGISTERED EXAMINERS

Registered Examiners include classes 1-7. The authority of each class is as follows:

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| Class 1: | Examiner can conduct up to and including 6 th (Green) Kyu exam. |
| Class 2: | Examiner can conduct up to and including 3 rd (Brown) Kyu exam. |
| Class 3: | Examiner can conduct up to and including 1 st Kyu exam. |
| Class 4: | Examiner can conduct up to and including a Sho-Dan exam; two can conduct a Ni-Dan exam. |
| Class 5 | Examiner can conduct up to and including Ni-Dan exam; two can conduct a San-Dan exam. |
| Class 6 | Examiner can conduct up to and including San-Dan exam; two can conduct a Yon-Dan. |
| Class 7 | Examiner can conduct up to and including Yon-Dan exam; three can conduct a Go-Dan. |

Remarks: Classes 1, 2, 3

- 1) Examiner can only conduct an exam within his/her own respective region/country.*
- 2) Each examiner is limited to testing within his/her own respective style. (For further details see WTKF Ranking Standard Table)*

IV. QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTERED EXAMINER

A. Registered WTKF Certified Coaches as per Classes 1-7

B. Registered WTKF Certified Judge: Kata and Kumite Judges Certification as Classes 1-7

C. Registered Rank with WTKF

1. Class 1: Sho-Dan or higher
2. Class 2: Ni-Dan or higher
3. Class 3: San-Dan or higher
4. Class 4: Yon-Dan or higher
5. Class 5: Go-Dan or higher
6. Class 6: Roku-Dan or higher
7. Class 7: Sitchi-Dan or higher

D. Any other requirements as stated by WTKF Ranking Examiner Standards (See WTKF Coach, Judge and Examiner's Requirement Charts)

V. REGISTERED RANKING EXAMINERS

A. Registration

The following documents are to be sent to the WTKF Office through the respective WTKF National Federation Office.

1. Completed Examiner Registration Form signed by both applicant and National Federation President.
2. Copy of certification of passing WTKF Certified Examiner Examination.
3. Copy of the WTKF Certified Coach Diploma.
4. Copy of WTKF Certified Judge Diploma for both Kata and Kumite.
5. Registration fees, as decided by the WTKF Board of Directors

NOTE: Items 1-4 can be done on WTKF online registration portal by President of National Federation in lieu of paper copy.

VI. TERMS OF RENEWAL

A. The term of a registered examiner is for a period of two calendar years or less beginning from initial date of registration to the end of the following year.

B. Renewal Procedure

To qualify for renewal, the following documents and fees are to be sent through the respective National Federation Office to WTKF Office.

1. Completed WTKF Ranking Examiner Renewal Application Form.
2. Renewal fees, as decided by the WTKF Board of Directors.

3. Completion of any Technical Requirements as outlined by the WTKF Technical Committee.

Remarks:

- 1) *Three (3) months after the end of a term, new registration is required as per Section VIII Chart for the expired class.*
- 2) *Upon renewal, WTKF will issue a diploma.*

NOTE: Items 1 and 2 can be done on WTKF online registration portal by President of National Federation in lieu of paper copy.

VII. REGISTRATION TO A HIGHER CLASS

In the case of an examiner attaining the next higher class, registration procedures must be followed as outlined in Section V. If any portion of the former class rating term remains upon reaching the higher-class rating, there is no refund of fees.

VIII. RANKING EXAMINER REQUIREMENT CHART

Class	Required Qualifications			Application Required	Fee Required	Renewal Term	Required Active Experience	
	Rank	Coach	Judge (Kata/Kumite)				Coach	Examiner
1	Sho-Dan	Class 1	Class 1/1	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	1 year	None
2	Ni-Dan	Class 2	Class 2/2	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	3 years	2 years after Class 1
3	San-Dan	Class 3	Class 3/3	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	6 years	2 years after Class 2
4	Yon-Dan	Class 4	Class 4/4	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	8 years	3 years after Class 3
5	Go-Dan	Class 5	Class 5/5	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	10 years	4 years after Class 4
6	Roku-Dan	Class 6	Class 6/6	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	12 years	5 years after Class 5
7	Sichi-Dan	Class 7	Class 7/7	Yes	Yes	Every 2 calendar years	15 years	6 years after Class 6

Remark:

Active experience is defined as consistent involvement in WTKF activities without any gaps of inactivity.

IX. REQUIRED CLASS OF EXAMINERS FOR TESTING

0 (White) through 6th Kyu (Green): One Class 1 (or higher) Examiner

3rd Ky (Brown): One Class 2 Examiner

1st Kyu: One Class 3 (or higher) Examiner *OR*
Two Class 2 Examiners

Sho-Dan: One Class 4 (or higher) Examiner *OR*
Two Class 3 Examiners

Ni-Dan: One Class 5 (or higher) Examiner *OR*
Two Class 4 Examiners

San-Dan: One Class 6 (or higher) Examiner *OR*
Two Class 5 Examiners *OR*
One Class 5 & Two Class 4 Examiners

(And approval of WTKF Technical Committee)

Yon-Dan: One Class 7 Examiner *OR*
Two Class 6 Examiners *OR*
One Class 6 Examiner & Two Class 5 Examiners *OR*
Four Class 5 Examiners

(And approval of WTKF Technical Committee)

Go-Dan: Two Class 7 Examiners *OR*
One Class 7 & Two Class 6 Examiners *OR*
Four Class 6 Examiners

(And approval of WTKF Technical Committee)

Roku-Dan: Three Class 7 Examiners *OR*
Two Class 7 & Two Class 6 Examiners *OR*
One Class 7 & Four Class 6 Examiners

(And approval of WTKF Technical Committee)