

Instructions for high-rank dan application (6<sup>th</sup> dan and above)

1. ***Applicants with no recommending instructor:*** Chino Kancho Daiko will recommend applicants who don't otherwise have a recommending instructor. Such applicants are required to submit video footage on which Chino Kancho Daiko can base his assessment, and must be seen performing the following:
  1. **Six basic movements:** these should be performed solo (tandoku), with no partner.
  2. **Eight kitei waza:** kitei waza are the set techniques for brown belt (shokyu), black belt (shodan) and above (yudan) gradings. There are three kitei waza for shokyu, three for shodan, and two for yudan. Applicants should note that kitei waza change every year, and refer to the [syllabus](#) on the Honbu dojo homepage.
  3. **Two jiyu waza:** applicants must select two types of shitei jiyu waza. (Please also refer to [syllabus](#).)
  4. **Sannin dori:** jiyu waza with three attackers (bokken, tanto, and barehands)
  5. **Teaching demonstration:** applicants must show their ability to lead a class, explain clearly, and be understood by their students. The footage should give a sense of the atmosphere and the size of the class, and convey the dojo's usual training regimen. The length of the footage is left to the applicants' discretion.

Footage can be submitted either on a DVD, or via an online video link such as YouTube.

Applicants must also complete page 1 and 2 of the high-rank dan application form. Page 1 must not be signed and the recommendation box should be left blank for Chino Kancho Daiko to complete. Page 2 must be completed and signed by the applicant.

2. ***Applicants who have a recommending instructor:*** Applicants must ensure that their recommending instructor is of a high enough rank to conduct the grading. Please complete page 1 and 2 of the high-rank dan application form. Page 1 is to be completed by the recommending instructor, and page 2 is to be completed by the applicant. Both pages should be signed accordingly.

Evaluations will take place at the high-rank committee meetings, held twice a year in the spring and in the fall. (Please note the committee will not evaluate applicants who come recommended by an instructor, but rather confirm their new rank). Materials should be sent to Masahiko Noriki, head of international relations, at the following email address: [ayfs@carol.ocn.ne.jp](mailto:ayfs@carol.ocn.ne.jp). Alternatively, the items can be posted to:

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Takadanobaba, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo,  
169-0075, Japan

AYF will notify applicants of the result of their submissions at the email address provided in the application form. Certificates will be processed and posted to successful applicants upon receipt of payment.