

APPENDIX A-2

DAN RANK QUALIFICATIONS

AJKA-I QUALIFICATIONS FOR DAN RANK EXAMINATIONS			
Adult Dan Rank	AJKA-I Training Years	Age	AJKA Place of Exam
1 st Dan	Minimum 6 months after receiving 1 st Kyu	16 years and older	Individual Club
2 nd Dan	Minimum 2 years after Shodan	18 years and Older	Individual Club with Regional Instructor
3 rd Dan	Minimum. 3 years after Nidan	18 years or older	Regional, National or International Event
4 th Dan	Minimum. 4 years after Sandan	22 years and Older	Regional, National or International Event
5 th Dan	Minimum. 5 years after Yondan	30 years and older	Regional, National or International Event
6 th Dan	Minimum. 6 years after Godan	35 years and older	Regional, National or International Event
7 th Dan	Minimum 7 years after Rokudan	42 years and older	Regional, National or International Event
8 th Dan	Minimum. 8 years after Shichidan (Nana)	50 years and older	Regional, National or International Event
9 th Dan	Minimum. 9 years after Hachidan	59 years and older	Recommendation from AJKA-I International Technical Director and the Board of Directors

10 th Dan	Minimum. 10 years after Kyudan	70 years and older	Recommendation from the AJKA-I Board of Directors
Youth Dan Exams	Note: All karate-ka under 18 will have “ho” or “junior” on certificate		
1 st Dan	Min. 1 year after 1 st Kyu	12 years and older and under 16 years	Individual Club
2 nd Dan	Min. 2 years after Shodan	Under 16 years old	Individual Club with Regional Instructor
3 rd Dan	Min. 3 years after Nidan	Under 16 years old	Regional, National or International Event