

2.3.4 Dan Grading General Requirements

Dan grading requirements are referred to relevant AKR documents. Assessment criteria have been adopted from 'Kendo Iaido Jodo, Shogo Dan Kyu-I Shinsa Kisoku and Shogo Dan Kyu-I Shinsa Saisoku' issued by the All Japan Kendo Federation (AJKF) in April 2020.

Examination requirements comprise of the following components:

- Jitsugi (60 seconds starting from ritsurei), to be performed twice;
- Nihon-Kendo-Kata; and
- Written examinations.

The Nihon-Kendo-Kata must be performed as presented in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Examination Requirements for the Nihon Kendo Kata

Dan Applied for	Kata Requirements
1 Dan (Shodan)	Tachi-no-Kata 1-3
2 Dan	Tachi-no-Kata 1-5
3 Dan	Tachi-no-Kata 1-7
4 Dan and 5 Dan	Tachi-no-Kata 1-7 and Kodachi-no-Kata 1-3

2.3.4.1 Assessment Criteria for 1 Dan to 3 Dan

- Correct chakuso and reiho;
- Appropriate posture;
- Datotsu based on fundamentals; and
- Sufficient spiritual fortitude.

Relevant factors to be considered include, but not limited to:

- Chudan-no-kamae;
- Tenouchi;
- Maai; and
- Zanshin.

2.3.4.2 Assessment Criteria for 4 Dan and 5 Dan

- Requirements for 1 Dan to 3 Dan;
- Completeness of applied techniques;
- Defined embodiment of practice; and
- Evaluation of circumstances.

Relevant factors to be considered include, but not limited to:

- Those listed for 1 Dan to 3 Dan;
- Nobility;
- Seme; and
- Riai.

2.4 Shogo

The Kendo Board may require additional criteria to be met in addition to those stated in the MoD Section 1 Clause 1.5.10.3b and Clause 1.5.10.4b⁵ for the purpose of assessing the suitability of Shogo examination candidates.

⁵ Above n 1.