

All Shintaido Exams - Venues, Intervals and Examiner Qualifications

In Place Starting October 2020

Levels	Examination Venue	Interval Between Examinations	Examiner Qualification
General Instructor/ Yon Dan	IS International	4 years	For General Instructor: Two Master Instructors among HFI ¹ , MM ² and MT ³ . For Yon Dan: HFI and MM
Senior Instructor San Dan	IS International/ National (IS Semi-International)	2 years	For Senior Instructor: Two Master Instructors among HFI, MM and MT. For San Dan: HFI and MM
Instructor Ni Dan	National/Continental*	1 years	Two General Instructors or Two Yon Dan
Graduate Sho Dan	National/Continental*	1 year	One General Instructor, or 2 Senior Instructors/One Yon Dan or Two San Dan

¹ : HFI – Haruyoshi Fugaku ITO / ² : MM – Masashi MINAGAWA / ³ : MT – Michael THOMPSON

Important Notes:

People who hold the rank of Assistant in Shintaido or 1st or 2nd Kyu (or above) in Bojutsu or Karate are eligible to take their Kenjutsu Sho-Dan exam. No application or recommendation is necessary.

Anyone can apply to take a Kenjutsu Sho-Dan exam. The applicant needs to complete the application and be recommended by an instructor who holds the rank of Kenjutsu Ni-Dan or above.

The qualifications for Shintaido, Bojutsu and Karate remain the same.

One qualified Master Instructor or 5-Dan may sit alone for Graduate and Instructor or Sho Dan and Ni Dan exams if qualified lower level instructors are not available.

*Continental = SOA and ESC