There are many aspects of karate for a student and an instructor to explore. The focus of the Examiner Qualification is establishing and maintaining the standards of a karate style. Maintaining and upholding these standards starts with the instructor. To properly evaluate others, it is very important that instructors continue to train and study karate-do as they expect students to do. Karate-do requires diligent practice over a lifetime. As an examiner, you must be proficient in all aspects of karate-do and understand what to be evaluating when a student is progressing to their next level.

Technical standards are a requirement prior to being a member of WTKA Canada. Each organization is required to complete the Technical Standards document for their style, submit it to the WTKA Canada President and receive approval. The Technical Standards document includes the following:

1. Basics (Kihon)
2. Stances (Dachi)
3. Punches / Strikes (Tsuki / Uchi)
4. Blocks (Uke)
5. Kicks (Geri)
6. I-do Kihon
7. Kata
8. Kihon Kumite
9. Jyu Kumite

This is the document that is used to perform evaluations for students in that style of karate. The representative for a karate style is expected to keep this document current. It is recommended to have grading sheets created for each belt rank so examiners can evaluate each of the techniques and provide comments for the students.

WTKA Canada has four levels in the Examiner Qualification. These levels include: Examiner D, C, B, A

In order to receive an Examiner qualification, the following requirements must be met:

1. Must be a member in good standing with WTKA Canada.
2. Must grade and pass a WTKA Dan Examination.
3. Must attend and pass the Instructor qualification
4. Permission must be given from an accredited WTKA Canada representative.
5. Examiners are required to conduct WTKA examinations regularly using the Technical Standards documents.

The following table summarizes the Examiner qualification, the Dan Level required for each level and the privilege each level provides.

Table 1: Examiner Qualification Dan Requirements & Privilege

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| **Qualification** | **Class** | **WTKA Canada Dan Grade** | **WTKA Canada Instructor Certification** | **Privilege** |
| **Examiner** | **D** | 3rd Dan | Level D | Allowed to give examinations up to a **1st Dan** |
| **C** | 4th Dan | Level C | Allowed give examinations up to a **3rd Dan** |
| **B** | 5th Dan | Level B | Allowed to give examinations up to **4th Dan** |
| **A** | 6th Dan (at least 1 year at 6th) or higher | Level A | Allowed to give examinations from **5th Dan and over** |

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