

## Testing--Everything you need to know

- Examinations for kyu ranking (colored belts) will be done every March and September. The exact dates will be announced in advance.
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- Your account must be paid in full and up to date.
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- The \$10 testing fee must be paid in advance, no later than the day of the test. This fee is not refundable.
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- Print the test form (available at [www.hawaiiwadokarate.com](http://www.hawaiiwadokarate.com)), fill in your name, the test date and your current kyu. Bring this to the dojo on the day of the test.
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- If your new rank requires a new color belt, you may complete the obi (belt) order form (available at [www.hawaiiwadokarate.com](http://www.hawaiiwadokarate.com)) or allow Tamura sensei to select an appropriate size for you.
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- You **MUST** review the requirements for the kyu that you will be tested on (see pages 16 and 17 in the Student Handbook). You are expected to know the stances, the specific words, phrases and instructions for your level. Each successive test is cumulative and you must be ready to perform skills and kata that you were previously tested on. (Hint #1: Listen carefully during class for the instructions so you will recognize them on test day. Hint #2: read "Instructor's Commands" on the website).
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- A student with a higher rank is expected to perform better than a lower ranked student, even if both are doing the same moves or kata. If you fail to improve, you may not pass.
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- Although in previous years a 60% attendance was a requirement to be eligible for testing, the sensei are trying the next tests without it. However, each individual student's attendance record will be available for the examiners to review on the day of the test. A good attendance record might make the difference between passing or failing.