

Testing for higher colored belts is offered several times a year. To qualify for testing you must

1. have attended at least 60% of the classes for the previous three months
2. have no outstanding balance on your account
3. Print, complete the first line on the HWKA Testing Form and bring this with you on testing day (this form is available at [www.hawaiiwadokarate.com](http://www.hawaiiwadokarate.com))
4. Print, complete and sign the Belt Order Form if your new rank requires a different color belt (also available at [www.hawaiiwadokarate.com](http://www.hawaiiwadokarate.com)). Bring this form with you to the test.

You must review the requirements for the belt level that you will be tested on. This is spelled out in the Student Handbook on pages 16 and 17. You are expected to know the stances (tachikata) and meanings of the words, phrases and instructions for your testing level. If you are testing for 9 kyu or higher, you need to know everything from 10 kyu and up to the level you are testing for, not just your current kyu.

Listen carefully during regular classes for the commands (typically in Japanese) that are used during testing so that you know what to expect.

There is a \$10 testing fee which is assessed only if you pass the test and must be paid before the new kyu rank is awarded, usually a few days after the test.

An important part of karate is showing your spirit and attitude so be prepared to have a strong kiai.

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