

California Aikido Association Examination

Requirements

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Nidan

PREREQUISITE

360 training days and two years since obtaining shodan. (Please note that the dan application form requires the training days to be listed, not the number of years of training.) An Association 5th dan or above must be present to sign the application.

BASIC CONTENT

A comprehensive examination of basic aikido techniques. (See shodan examination requirements.)

KAESHI WAZA

Demonstration of reversals (counters) from a variety of basic techniques.

TACHI DORI

Demonstration of sword-taking techniques.

JO DORI

Demonstration of staff-taking techniques.

JYU WAZA

One person flowing freestyle.

RANDORI

Multiple attack as directed by examiners.

ESSAY

Submission of a short essay on an aikido-related subject.

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Sandan

PREREQUISITE

Written recommendation from the instructor, to include a record of camps and seminars attended. 540 training days and three years since obtaining nidan. (Please note that the dan application form requires the training days to be listed, not the number of years of training.) The relevant Division Head must be present to sign the application.

CONTENT

A comprehensive demonstration of traditional aikido skills to include empty hand and weapons techniques.

RANDORI

Multiple attack as directed by the examiners.

ESSAY

Submission of an essay on an aikido-related subject. NOTE: The written recommendation and essay must be submitted to the Division Head prior to the examination.