**All Shintaido Exams - Venues, Intervals and Examiner Qualifications**

**In Place Starting October 2020**

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| **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]](#footnote-1), MM[[2]](#footnote-2) and MT[[3]](#footnote-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** |

**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**

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2. MM: Masashi MINAGAWA [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. MT: Michael THOMPSON [↑](#footnote-ref-3)