



## **NOTICE**

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### **NZJJF Procedure for Black Belt Recognition.**

#### **Overview**

The Black Belt Register, together with the Instructors Register, makes up the Public Register of Ju-Jitsu Instructors and Black Belts.

The Black Belt Register is kept for the purpose of assuring the public that black belt grades claimed by ju-jitsu practitioners in New Zealand are valid and reasonable. NZJJF provides verification of this. Black belts of Member Clubs may apply to have their grades recognised by NZJJF and entered on the Public Register.

#### **Application**

Application is made by downloading the Application Form from the NZJJF website and submitting the appropriate information and fee with the completed form to the NZJJF Registrar.

#### **Validity**

Validity means that the details on the applicant's grading certificates are valid, or real. To verify validity, NZJJF contacts the examiner using the contact details provided by the applicant, or by other means. Where gradings are very old, certificates cannot be provided, or the examiner cannot be contacted validity may be established by other means. In some instances, publications recording the grading may be relied on. NZJJF has discretionary powers in this matter.

Note: Gradings by NZJJF-convened examiners are automatically recognised and filed as such.

#### **Reasonable**

Reasonable means that the applicant's black belt progression has been at a rate held to be reasonable by a cross section of the martial arts community. Two factors are considered: the amount of time passing between each successive black belt grading, and the applicant's age. As a guide, NZJJF accepts as a minimum four years to 1st degree and the number of the new grade in years since the last grade (i.e. 2 years to 2nd degree, 3 years to 3rd degree, etc).

Black belts already recorded in the Public Register need only have new grades verified. A reduced fee is charged for verification of promotions only.

## **Disputes**

Where it is likely that an application will be declined the applicant is to be contacted so the matter can be discussed. They may provide other information to prove the validity of their grade or may accept that insufficient time has elapsed between their last grade and have a lower grade recognised by NZJJF. A 'catch-up' grade may well be accepted if evidence of a long period of continual training before their prior grade can be proved.

## **Authorisation**

Authority for recognition of black belt grades rests with the NZJJF committee. The committee considers the recommendation and authorises the application to be approved or declined. All decisions are minuted.

## **Notification**

The applicant is notified of the final outcome of their application. The details of successful applications are updated in the Public Register of Ju-Jitsu Instructors and Black Belts on the NZJJF website.

If you are interested in registering your black belt grade or would like more information on any of NZJJF's initiatives, please look at the documents on the NZJJF website:

<http://www.nzjif.org.nz/jujitsu/index.php?clD=forms->

Alternatively, contact:

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