

REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTION

	7TH DEGREE BLACK BELT	8TH DEGREE BLACK BELT	9TH DEGREE BLACK BELT
ELIGIBILITY			
➤ Minimal age	▪ 40 years-old	▪ none	▪ none
➤ Waiting period (since last awarded degree)	▪ 6 years	▪ 7 years	▪ 8 years
➤ International Instructors Course (IIC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ at least one IIC during waiting period ▪ taking a second IIC (or more) will reduce the waiting period by a maximum of six months 		
APPLICATION			
AT LEAST ONE YEAR BEFORE THE EXAM:			
➤ Letter of intent	▪ to be sent to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee (with a copy to the Secretary General)		
➤ Curriculum vitae (CV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to be forwarded with letter of intent to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee (with a copy to the Secretary General) ▪ must include information about the evolution of the candidate's career in TKD 		
➤ Letter of approval from NA	▪ to be forwarded with letter of intent to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee (with a copy to the Secretary General)		
➤ Thesis proposal (200 words)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to be forwarded with letter of intent to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee (with a copy to the Secretary General) ▪ proposed thesis supervisor to be identified in proposal 		
	▪ emphasis on a technical aspect of TKD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ emphasis on teaching ▪ candidate's contribution to teaching of TKD, using specific techniques and new applications ▪ candidate must show originality in thinking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ emphasis on leadership ▪ candidate must show originality in thinking
➤ Letter from thesis supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ indicating willingness to supervise proposed thesis ▪ to be forwarded with letter of intent to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee (with a copy to the Secretary General) 		
➤ Thesis supervisor's CV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the curriculum vitae should include the information needed to demonstrate that the proposed supervisor has the expertise required to supervise the proposed thesis project ▪ to be forwarded with letter of intent to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee (with a copy to the Secretary General) 		
➤ Community service project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ to be forwarded with letter of intent to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee (with a copy to the Secretary General) ▪ project must be related to philosophy, values, principles of TKD ▪ candidates are expected to show initiative in their choice and realization of projects 		

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APPLICATION (CONTINUED)

AT LEAST SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE EXAM:

- Letter of application for promotion
 - to be sent to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee (with a copy to the Secretary General)
- Copy of certificate for current ITF Black Belt Degree
 - to be sent to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee (with a copy to the Secretary General)
- Proof(s) of IIC during waiting period
 - to be sent to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee (with a copy to the Secretary General)
- Curriculum vitae
 - to be forwarded with letter of application to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee
 - must include information about the evolution of the candidate's career in TKD
- TKD career plan
 - to be submitted in 5 copies with letter of application to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee
- Letters of recommendation
 - to be forwarded with letter of application to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee
 - Number of letters required: 3 (one of them must be from a local organization and another one must be from another organization)

AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE EXAM:

- Thesis
 - to be forwarded in 5 copies to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee
- Community service report
 - to be submitted in 5 copies to the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee

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EXAMINATION			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exams will take place on the occasion of International Instructors Course The Masters Promotion jury will be composed of at least three members, all holders of ITF 8th or 9th degree certificates. The Chair of the jury will be either the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee or the President of the ITF. The other members of the jury will be chosen by the Chair of the Masters Promotion Committee, approved by the ITF Board of Directors, and appointed for a two-year term. 		
➤ Exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> pattern (Tul) Tong Il Instead of being examined on patterns, candidate must show he is able to correct patterns, step and free sparring, and breaking techniques Oral questions on history, techniques, philosophy, and organization of ITF including the Constitution, By-Laws, and applicable rules and policies Oral questions to test applicant's knowledge and understanding of the Do Oral questions about thesis 	<p>Emphasis is on teaching:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidate must have distinguished himself through his contribution to the teaching of TKD Candidate must demonstrate teaching abilities and knowledge of specific teaching techniques, highlighting new and effective teaching methods Candidate must show knowledge of TKD Oral questions about thesis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis is on the overall quality of the candidate – how he has distinguished himself through his contributions to different areas of TKD during: techniques, philosophy, organization, etc. Structured interview with the jury Presentation of candidate's vision of TKD, his experience, evolution of his career, his knowledge, his leadership, etc. Oral questions about thesis
Information about exam and certificate fees is available from the candidate's National Association or Allied National Association.			

Notes:

- The applicant must have been active in teaching ITF TKD or otherwise in the organization for at least the two previous years.
- Six months before the exam date, a Public Notice will be posted on the ITF Web site for a period of three months, so that anyone who wishes to make known their views about the application will be able to do so.
- The ITF Treasurer will transfer the entire Exam Fee to the Masters Promotion Committee, who will use the funds to prepare and conduct the exam according to the policy outlined above.

Application of this policy during the transition period – until June 2005	
Waiting period	applicable
International Instructors Course	applicable
Letter of intent	in 2004: at least 1 month before desired exam date starting January 1, 2004: at least 3 months before desired exam date
Curriculum vitae	required
NA approval	required
Community service	not required
Application	in 2004: at least 1 month before desired exam date starting January 1, 2004: at least 3 months before desired exam date
Exam	applicable
Thesis	not required
Exam & Certificate Fees	applicable

Note:

This is the official policy of the ITF concerning promotion to 7th, 8th, and 9th degree Black Belts, as approved by the ITF Board of Directors on September 12th 2004. It is applicable from that date until such time as the policy is modified, replaced, or revoked by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

This policy was developed in the context of the ITF Constitution and of By-Law No. 1. In case of any perceived inconsistencies or discrepancies, the text of the ITF Constitution and that of By-Law No. 1 take precedence over the text of the policy.