



INTERNATIONAL
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Dear Members,

From January 1st, 2016 entered into force the last changes approved by the Board in Jesolo in the By- Laws.

The By laws is published on the ITF website under the link:

<http://www.tkd-itf.org/about-us/#constitution-and-bylaws>.

7.1.1 Black Belt Membership Degrees

grading	preparation period	additional requirements
1 st to 2 nd degree	18 months	No reduction time is given
2 nd to 3 rd degree	2 years	No reduction time is given

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3 rd to 4 th degree	3 years	minimum age: 21 years * The candidate must participate in at least at one (1) IIC during the preparation period. No reduction time is given Regular payment of the annual Teaching licence "Plaque". In case the candidate did not pay the annual Teaching licence "Plaque" fee during a certain period of time, then the waiting time for promotion will be increased for that the period of time.
4 th to 5 th degree	4 years	The candidate must participate in at least at one (1) IIC during the preparation period. No reduction time is given. Regular payment of the annual Teaching licence "Plaque". In case the candidate did not pay the annual Teaching licence "Plaque" fee during a certain period of time, then the waiting time for promotion will be increased for that the period of time.

5 th to 6 th degree	5 years	<p>The candidate must participate in at least one (1) IIC during the preparation period. No reduction time is given Regular payment of the annual Teaching licence “Plaque”. In case the candidate did not pay the annual Teaching licence “Plaque” fee during a certain period of time, then the waiting time for promotion will be increased for that the period of time.</p>
6 th to 7 th degree	6 years	<p>The candidate must participate in at least two (2) IIC’s during the preparation period. No reduction time is given. In order to become a 7th degree Black Belt the candidate must be at least 40 years old. Compulsory to be plaque holder. Regular payment of the annual Teaching licence “Plaque”. In case the candidate did not pay the annual Teaching licence “Plaque” fee during a certain period of time, then the waiting time for promotion will be increased for that period of time.</p>
7 th to 8 th degree	7 years	<p>The candidate must participate in at least two (2) IIC’s during the preparation period. Compulsory to be plaque holder. No reduction time is given Regular payment of the annual Teaching licence “Plaque”. In case the candidate did not pay the annual Teaching licence “Plaque” fee during a certain period of time, then the waiting time for promotion will be increased for that the period of time.</p>
8 th to 9 th degree	8 years	<p>The candidate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> should be active and must participate in at least two (2) IIC’s during the preparation period. no reduction time is given. need the support of at least three (3) 9th Degrees to request the promotion. should during his career have been loyal and accomplished duties for Taekwon-Do in his country and for the ITF. must appear in front of the Master Promotion Committee panel at the appointed date. The panel will ask questions which they deem appropriate for the circumstances. <p>In the case that the candidate does not fulfill the above mentioned requirements the board might agree to accept the applicant’s promotion request according to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Special work given by the Board of Directors and completed by the candidate. Having under his Leadership/Instruction 3 Masters in activity. <p>Compulsory to be plaque holder. Regular payment of the annual Teaching license</p>

		<p>“Plaque”. In case the candidate did not pay the annual Teaching license “Plaque” fee during a certain period of time, then the waiting time for promotion will be increased for that the period of time.</p> <p>NB: an extra waiting period of 4 years will be applied for candidates coming from another organization and whom did not obtain the 7th and 8th degree degrees through the ITF, or having received a replacement ITF Degree Certificate for above mentioned Degrees</p>
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Kind Regards

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