

# Progress Testing

## Grading Examinations

In most martial arts a student's progress and experience level is indicated by their wearing of a coloured belt. These belts are attained by a periodic assessment which is known as a Grading Examination.

This is a very important part of a student's progress in the martial arts. Having short term goals to work towards helps us to remain focused and motivated to succeed.

As a general rule, all eligible students would be expected to attend each quarterly examination.

## Grading dates

Gradings are held quarterly at the end of March, June, September and December and follow a regular pattern every year so you can easily work out the grading dates for any year in advance.

We have our end of quarter graduation event on the the last Thursday of each quarter in March, June and September. It's usually a week earlier in December to avoid clashing with Christmas. The grading exam is held on the Sunday prior to the graduation.

The only exception to this would be if the normal grading date falls on a bank holiday in which case the grading will be held on the previous weekend.

You will find a calendar with upcoming events, including grading and graduation, on the members section of the Academy website.

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## Grading Dates for 2018

	<b>Grading Exam</b> (Sundays)	<b>Graduation Events</b> (Thursdays)	<b>Application Due</b> (Thursdays)
Mar 18	25th	29th	15 <sup>th</sup>
Jun	24th	28th	14 <sup>th</sup>
Sept	23rd	27th	13 <sup>th</sup>
Dec	16th	20th	6 <sup>th</sup>

## Grading Applications

For each quarterly examination, students must submit an application form in class not less than 10 days before the grading date.

Please note that any **late applications will be subject to an additional £10 administration fee** to cover the fact the grading paperwork is prepared the day after the deadline and if applications are received late we have to do a lot of extra work.

### Grading Fees

For coloured belt ranks, the grading fee is £30, which is inclusive of the testing itself and includes any belt/certificates etc.