



NZMAI Membership Application

The New Zealand Martial Arts Institute is a body established to maintain credibility and honesty within martial arts, especially with respect to rank. There is a duty of care placed upon the NZMAI to ensure that those applying for membership are exactly what they claim to be prior to the NZMAI recognising this rank and making it public.

We place this obligation onto the applicant during the evaluation process.

It is your responsibility to state your art, your rank and to provide the relevant certification applicable to that rank. You must further research the source of that rank and, as far as possible, provide evidence that the issuing person or body was of the rank they claim and authorised to award your rank, and that you trained under the guidance of this instructor or organisation for an appropriate period of time with respect to the rank gained.

We do not accept grades awarded over the internet or grades awarded by “acquaintance” organisations or instructors. We seek applicants with a verifiable background.

If the applicant is unable to convince the NZMAI that they have received a grade from a viable source with whom they have had an association for a reasonable period the rank will not be recognised. Senior dan grades should be awarded by a grading panel of appropriate seniority within the same art.

These stringent measures are aimed at protecting the reputation of both the NZMAI and its membership, and once your rank is approved it protects your credibility as well.

You are kindly asked to provide the NZMAI executive with full details of your past training and grade in line with the paragraphs above.