



# Aikido Victoria (Aiki-Kai) Inc.

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## TTC INFORMATION UPDATE – March 2011

TTC Courses have a special place in the training calendar because they:

- Have a structure and a theme and are actually presented as a *course*, not just as a number of separate classes.
- Provide intensive training, having at least 3 hours per day training, over 2 or more days.
- Are taught by the most senior instructors in Aiki-Kai Australia, all being ranked 6<sup>th</sup> dan or above
- Focus on the technical direction set by Sugano Shihan, including the grading syllabus.
- Form part of the pre-requisites for dan gradings
- Provide the opportunity for members of the Dan Grading Committee and other Senior Instructors to observe and get to know, students from across Australia.

The nature of the training offered by a Senior Instructor at a TTC Course is therefore different to that offered in normal dojo.

To be consistent with these features, the TTC has decided that from 2011 onwards:

- attendance at all TTC courses will only be counted by the number of whole days of the course that a student attends (½ days will no longer be used).
- to record 1 day of training at a TTC course, requires at least 3 hours training on that day.

In 2009, the Dan Grading pre-requisites were amended to take into account recording attendance using ‘TTC Days’. The requirement, which used to state “Regular attendance at TTC Courses” was replaced by a specific number of TTC Days depending on the level of the Dan Grading as the following table shows:

Dan Grade	Pre-requisite Number of TTC Days Required Since last Grading
Shodan*	6
Nidan	6
Sandan	8
Yondan	10

\*For Shodan this is the number of TTC days in total since the student began training.

There was a grace period of two years while these requirements were phased in. These requirements apply in full for Summer School 2012.

Aikido Victoria will have provided students with the opportunity to attend 13 TTC days of training since the announced amendment prior to Summer School 2012. The term ‘phased in’ does not mean that students who wish to be recommended for Dan Gradings can ignore these requirements and should make every effort to attend as many TTC days as possible.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, contact me on [aikidovictoria@gmail.com](mailto:aikidovictoria@gmail.com) or 0418 391 674

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