

## **The number of articles accepted for Shinsa will be limited**

### **Amendments**

In order to improve efficiency in Shinsa evaluations, the NBTHK will limit the number of articles which will be accepted for Shinsa. Since there may be an excess number of applications, applications will be accepted beginning at a later date, starting with the August, 2025 Shinsa applications (applications start from July) and there is a limit per person in the number of items which can be submitted. If someone submits a number of items which exceeds this limited number of items, the application will be rejected. If any items are submitted with false statements (including an excess number of applications), the NBTHK may make a decision that it is an inappropriate application and make the space available to other applicants. The excess items will be removed from the Shinsa without notice, and the applicants could be refused permission to participate in future Shinsa (please look at the terms of service).

### **Token Shinsa**

A limited number of items will be accepted. During the acceptance window or month for a Token Shinsa, a limited number of items will be accepted, and this will generally be 1,600 items.

The number of articles accepted through internet applications for a Shinsa will usually be limited to 1,400 items (with a maximum of 50 items per person).

The number of items accepted through paper applications will usually be limited to 200 items (with a maximum of 10 items per person).

### **Toso Shinsa**

Toso (koshirae) Shinsa applications can be made by mail or through the internet.

For Toso Shinsa, a limit of 100 items will be accepted.

The number of items accepted through internet applications will usually be limited to 80 items (with a limit of 10 items per person).

The number of items accepted through paper applications will generally be 20 items (with a limit of 5 items per person).

### **Tosogu Shinsa**

Tosogu (koshirae component) Shinsa items will generally be limited to 750 items.

Up to 650 items (with a limit of 30 items per person) will be accepted from internet applications.

Up to 100 items (with a limit of 10 items per person) will be accepted from paper applications.

### **Applications through the internet**

After a registration for shinsa is completed, click on the “registration” button, and the screen should show your complete pre-registration document. After the pre-registration is complete and you have a confirmed reservation number, you cannot change the accepted shinsa item for another item. In case you desire to change an item for shinsa, you must cancel the registered item, and then register another item. If you cancel an accepted item when the submitted Shinsa applications reach the limited number, other items cannot be accepted for Shinsa.

During the registration period, if you wish to register another item, and we have already reached limit for the number of accepted items, you cannot register any additional items.

For the application period, please check the 2025 Hozon and Tokubetsu Hozon Shinsa Application Schedule and Reception Schedule.

#### Application via documents

The NBTHK must receive applications within the designated application period.

For the appropriate application periods, please check page 25 of the 2025 Hozon and Tokubetsu Hozon Shinsa and Reception Schedule.

If the number of applications reaches the upper limit, we will select items by lottery from among all valid applications.

For the lottery we will use a digital protocol, and we will post a public notice concerning the process:

1. For the lottery we will use an Excel function and generate a random number for each applicant.
2. Based on the number of items, until we reach the upper limit for the number of items, we will accept applications.

We will accept items by postage, but we cannot accept applications delivered directly to the NBTHK office or via a courier service.

When the number of documents is above the limited acceptance number, or past the acceptance date, we will return the applications.