



## **Licensing Statement**

For each new student, as their six week introductory period is coming to an end, if the student intends to keep training then it is time for the student to apply for a martial arts licence. All students of reputable martial arts clubs – and that includes the Club Instructor and Assistant Instructors – must be licensed by the English Karate Governing Body (EKGB).

An annually renewable EKGB licence is issued through the parent body of our club, the Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Federation (WKF). Every student or *karate-ka* must have an in-date licence:

- To continue to train in our club or any other club
- To take a grading test, including the first one, the 9<sup>th</sup> kyu (yellow stripe)
- To participate in any training courses such as those regularly hosted for our benefit by the WKF and the Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Academy
- To participate in any competition

The karate licence includes an element of third-party insurance. Whilst Wado-Ryu practice does not involve hard contact, karate does involve physical contact with other people. Whilst every effort should be taken to avoid contact, accidents do happen. The EKGB requires that all karate-ka should be insured. This is done through the licensing system, with part of the fee going to the insurance company.

The licence will come with a “passport” in which each student keeps a valuable record of their karate qualifications, training courses, competition entries and other experience to be gained over many years of training.