



## **ENROLMENT PROCEDURE FOR SANTI MAHA SANGHA EXAMINATIONS**

To register for a Santi Maha Sangha Training examination, including the Base, you must be a member of the Dzogchen Community.

Provisional members (Welcome Card) can register for the Base exam after three years of uninterrupted membership. For the exams of the higher levels, uninterrupted membership from the year of the Base exam is required.

### **1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATE**

Three months before the examination date, the candidate must fill out the official form that includes the admission request and a record of his/her Karma Yoga collaboration.

#### **Karma Yoga**

- The Karma Yoga service to the Community, obligatory for entrance to all SMS examinations, must have begun at least a year prior to the Base exam (if the exam is scheduled for 2016, the Karma Yoga must have started no later than 2015).
- For the Base exam, the recent Karma Yoga is much more important than the Karma Yoga offered in the past.
- For the higher levels, you must be able to demonstrate a continuous history of Karma Yoga between any level of SMS exam and the next.
- Any suitable work offered for the benefit of the Dzogchen Community is valid as Karma Yoga, provided that it is done upon request of, or agreement with, the Dzogchen Community Gakyils and related associations (Shang Shung Institute/Publications, A.S.I.A.).
- Therefore Karma Yoga should always be arranged through the Gakyils, Shang Shung Institute/Publications and A.S.I.A.

The completed form should be sent by the candidate to his/her local Gakyil. The standard form ([Application for Admission to SMS Exams](#)) can be downloaded from the webpage:

<http://dzogchencommunity.org/santi-maha-sangha/>

If the Karma Yoga was done for a Community organization other than the local Gakyil, the candidate should also fill out a separate Karma Yoga form ([Karma Yoga Form](#), available in the same webpage) and send it to the relevant organization, which is responsible for validating and sending it directly to the SMS Coordinating Center [sms@dzogchen.net](mailto:sms@dzogchen.net) and to the candidate.



The candidates will be notified by the SMS Coordinating Center that their application has been approved or rejected.

**If an answer is not received, the candidates should actively dialog with their local Gakyils about their application.**

## 2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LOCAL GAKYILS

- A. As soon as the complete application form is received, the local Gakyil should check the payments of the membership fee of the candidate.
- B. The local Gakyil should validate the Karma Yoga claim (if the Karma Yoga was offered to the local Gakyil itself), and
- C. add a brief evaluation of the candidate's conduct, participation and activity within the Community.  
The evaluation of the candidate's conduct should be collectively approved by at least three Gakyil members after consulting with the Gakyil of the Gar, if necessary, and with the SMS coordinator of the Gar.

***The report should indicate clearly if the Gakyil supports the application or not.***

The form, completed as described, should be sent by the local Gakyil to the IDC SMS Coordinating Center [sms@dzogchen.net](mailto:sms@dzogchen.net) that will forward the application to the examiners.

Any application will be approved or rejected and the SMS Coordinating Center will communicate the outcome to the candidate.

**Without approval of his/her application the candidate cannot sit for the exam.**

For clarifications please contact your SMS coordinator.

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