

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION WORKER CERTIFICATE

Any person in good standing who is a current subscribing member of the Spiritualist Church of Canada (SCC) may, upon satisfying the conditions imposed by the SCC, be granted a certificate accrediting the particular work for which the recipient is qualified. For this purpose, the Board of Governors will assess the personal, educational and training qualifications as well as the experience of each applicant. **Applications must be submitted 7 days before the Board of Governors' Monthly Meetings.**

APPLICATIONS

Applications for a certificate must include payment of the established fee, which shall be refunded in the event that the application is not accepted. Applications must be accompanied by a letter signed by two (2) officers of the Church of which the applicant is a member, verifying the applicant's statements and attesting to his/her ability to demonstrate the work for which the certification has been requested. Should the applicant not be able to provide a letter signed by two (2) officers of which the applicant is a member, then two (2) letters from any Governor and or Minister of the Spiritualist Church of Canada can be submitted.

Conditions:

A certificate shall remain in effect as long as the holder;

maintains a current subscribing membership of the Spiritualist Church of Canada

- upholds the principles and philosophy of Spiritualism,
- continues to demonstrate the modality of Spiritualism for which the certificate has been granted,
- conducts him/herself, in accordance with the Spiritualist Church of Canada's Code of Conduct and Ethics, in a manner that appropriately represents the religion of Spiritualism and does not bring discredit upon the certificate holder, to Spiritualism or the Spiritualist Church of Canada to which he/she belongs.

A certificate may be revoked at any time if the Board of Governors deems the above conditions have not been met.

APPEAL PROCESS

In the event that the Board determines that a certificate (s) should be revoked, as per 2.09 of our by-laws - Discipline of Members, the President, or such Officer as may be designated by the Board, shall provide twenty (20) days notice of intent and shall provide reasons for the proposed rescinding of the certificate(s)

The Member may make written submissions to the President or such other Officer as may be designated by the Board in response to the notice received within such twenty (20) day period. In the event that the President receives no written submissions, the President, or such Officer as may be designated by the Board, may proceed to notify the Member that the certificate is

rescinded. If written submissions are received in accordance with this section, the Board will consider such submissions in arriving at a final decision and shall notify the Member concerning such final decision within a further twenty (20) days from the date of receipt of the submissions. The Board's decision shall be final and binding on the member without any further right of appeal.

LECTURER

The following is a checklist of requirements for each certificate. Please make sure each certificate package is complete prior to submitting it to education@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com

CHECKLIST FOR INDIVIDUAL LECTURER CERTIFICATE

The certificate as a Lecturer is granted to an applicant who satisfactorily demonstrates their gift as a lecturer.

- Completed all Level One Courses
- Completed S206 Comparative Religions
- Completed S208 Platform Etiquette
- A 1-page record of 12 lectures given within the previous 5 years of this application. Include dates talks were given, name and location of the Spiritualist Churches, and title of talks. **Further verification by the SCC may be requested as confirmation.**
- Personal Declaration to be signed by Two (2) Church Officers from your Home Church. Download the form from the website and complete it.
- The Online Application Form must be submitted along with the fee prior to submitting the completed package.
- I understand that I will not submit any package that is not complete as per the above checklist, and I further understand that if I do, it will not be accepted for processing.

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MEDIUM

The certificate as a Medium is granted to an applicant who satisfactorily demonstrates their gift of Evidential Mediumship.

CHECKLIST FOR INDIVIDUAL MEDIUM CERTIFICATE

The certificate as a Medium is granted to an applicant who satisfactorily demonstrates their gift of Evidential Mediumship.

- Completed all Level One Courses
- Completed S201 Mediums and Mediumship
- Completed S208 Platform Etiquette

- A 1-page record of 12 mediumship demonstrations given within the previous 5 years of this application. Include dates of mediumship demonstrations and the name and location of the Spiritualist Churches. **Further verification by the SCC may be requested as confirmation.**
- Personal Declaration to be signed by Two (2) Church Officers of your Home Church. Download the form from the website and complete it.
- The Online Application Form must be submitted along with the fee prior to submitting the completed package.
- I understand that I will not submit any package that is not complete as per the above checklist, and I further understand that if I do, it will not be accepted for processing.

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The student Medium will be required to demonstrate Evidential Mediumship before a panel of three members of the Spiritualist Church of Canada's Board of Directors, who are experienced Mediums. Applications must be submitted 7 days before the SCC Board of Governors Monthly Board Meeting.

SPIRITUAL HEALER

CHECKLIST FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALERS CERTIFICATE

- Completed all Level One Courses
- Completed S203 Spiritual Healing
- Completed S208 Platform Etiquette
- A Spiritual Healing Certificate **OR** a signed letter by the Home Spiritualist Church confirming that the applicant has completed two (2) years of Spiritual Healing in a Spiritualist environment.
- Three (3) healing testimonies are recorded by Date and Location by 3 different recipients who have received Spiritual Healing from the applicant, speaking to specific details of the healing received, and how this healing helped them. Testimonials are to be dated within the previous 3 years of this application.
- Personal Declaration to be signed by Two (2) Church Officers of your Home Church. Download the form from the website and complete it.
- Provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check **to the Secretary of the SCC**
- The Online Application Form must be submitted along with the fee prior to submitting the completed package.
- I understand that I will not submit any package that is not complete as per the above checklist, and I further understand that if I do, it will not be accepted for processing.

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PROOF OF COMPLIANCE

All certificate holders with the Spiritualist Church of Canada are required to sign a Code of Conduct form once every 5 years, unless the document is revised or there is reasonable cause to revisit this signed document before that time.

All certificate holders with the Spiritualist Church of Canada are required to submit a current Vulnerable Sector Police Check once every 5 years, either by email to secretary@spiritualistchurchofcanada.com or to our Head Office by Canada Post.

COURSE EXEMPTIONS

If a candidate has not completed all the required courses for a certificate, they must apply for and be granted an exemption for whichever courses they have not completed prior to requesting an Accredited Worker Certificate.

Completion of the following courses is mandatory, and requests for exemption from them will NOT be considered, regardless of previous studies completed elsewhere by the student:

S204 Spiritualism in Canada

S301 Leadership

S302 Role of Pastor, Board and Workers – Relevant Laws

S304 Preparing Services

NOTE: Exemptions for S307 Counselling and Referrals will be considered for licensed social workers, counsellors, and psychologists.

Students may apply to the Education Chair for possible exemption from courses (other than those indicated as mandatory) where they believe they have completed courses outside the SCC with similar content. All requests for exemptions are to be submitted with a fee equivalent to half of the regular course fee. Should the exemption be denied, the funds submitted with the request will be applied to the course fee when the student registers to take the course.

The Board of the SCC has the right to designate which courses within the Education Program that exemptions may be allowed and which courses will require mandatory completion with no possible consideration for exemption. The Education Chair will review requests for exemption from any given course and a preliminary assessment made. Should the Chair feel that the request sufficiently addresses the course content for which exemption is being sought, they will present the request on behalf of the student with a recommendation to the full Board for final decision.

All requests for exemption will require the following information at a minimum before being considered:

The name and number of the SCC course for which exemption is being requested. The name of the institution delivering the course that the student has previously completed.

The name, a full description of course content, dates of completion and method of completion for the course completed elsewhere.

The name and contact information for someone that may be contacted should there be any questions related to course content.

Requests for exemption will only be granted where the material contained in the SCC course has been sufficiently covered by the course already completed elsewhere by the student. Exemption from courses covering academic or historical aspects of Spiritualism will not be granted based on any amount of practical experience. Exemption must be granted solely on the basis that the Board is confident that the student possesses sufficient knowledge of the history, philosophy and/or methodology of the subject. Any applicant applying for exemption from any course may be required to take the Equivalency Exams set by the Board of Governors.

The Spiritualist Church of Canada reserves the right to modify, update or amend the information and or requirements contained in this document.

The Board of Governors meets the 2nd Friday of the month, with exception of July, October and December, in which there are no board meetings. It is then, all applications are presented to the board for approval.