



Spirit Lives

Spiritualist Church of Canada

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

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

Applications for a certificate must include payment of the established fee, which shall be refunded in the event of 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 with 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.

ACCREDITED WORKERS – LECTURERS, MEDIUMS, SPIRITUAL HEALERS

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

Those applying for a Lecturer's certificate must have knowledge contained in the Spiritualist Church of Canada Level 1 Foundation Courses, ***S206 Comparative Religion and S208 Platform Etiquette***, or provide proof of equivalent knowledge. Applicants must have presented at least twelve (12) talks in the applicant's own and/or other Spiritualist Churches. Testimonies signed by an authorized person of the church where each of these twelve (12) talks took place must also be provided.

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

Those applying for a Medium's certificate must have knowledge contained in the Spiritualist Church of Canada's Level 1 Foundation Courses, ***S201 Mediums and Mediumship, and S208 Platform Etiquette***, or provide proof of equivalent knowledge. Applicants must have demonstrated Evidential Mediumship on at least twelve (12) occasions at the applicant's own and/or other Spiritualist Churches. Testimonies signed by an authorized person where each of these twelve (12) evidential mediumship demonstrations took place must also be provided.

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.

Spiritual Healer The certificate as a Spiritual Healer is granted to an applicant who has obtained a Healing Certificate and has completed two (2) years of Spiritual Healing in a Spiritualist environment.

A letter signed by an authorized person of the church where the applicant has served as a Spiritual Healer for the required period must also accompany the application.

The applicant must also submit three (3) testimonials, from persons who have received Spiritual Healing through the mediumship of the applicant.

Healing Testimonial should include the following information:

1. The healing recipient is to provide specific details of the healing received.
i.e. location, date and time
2. Clearly state if the healing addressed a specific issue or was for general well being and how it helped.
3. The testimonials should be from 3 different timeframes and 3 different people within the applicable period.

Those applying for a Spiritual Healer certificate must have knowledge contained in the Spiritualist Church of Canada Level 1 Foundation Courses, **S203 Spiritual Healing**, **and S208 Platform Etiquette**, or provide proof of equivalent knowledge. The applicant must also possess a clear understanding of his/her limitations under the laws that apply to the practice of Spiritual Healing.

The Board of Governors of the Spiritualist Church of Canada reserves the right to test applicants.

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.

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 normal fee for taking the course for which exemption is being requested. Should the exemption be denied, the funds submitted with the request will be applied to the course fee when the student registers to undertake the course.

The Board of the SCC has the right to designate which courses within the Education Program for which exemptions may be allowed and which courses will require mandatory completion with no possible consideration for exemption. Requests for exemption from any given course will be reviewed by the Education Chair 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 the final decision.

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

The name of the institution delivering the course that the student has previously completed.

The name and number of the SCC course for which exemption is being requested.

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 and covered in the SCC course has been sufficiently covered by the course already completed elsewhere by the student.

Exemption from courses covering academic and/or historical aspects of Spiritualism will not be granted based on any amount of practical experience. The 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.

An applicant who applies for exemption from any course may be required to take the Equivalency Exams set by the Board of Governors.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF CANADA - MINISTRY

Ordination

The Spiritualist Church of Canada will receive applications from any Spiritual person desiring to qualify as an Ordained Minister of the religion of Spiritualism who:

1. Is a current subscribing member of the Spiritualist Church of Canada and has been a subscribing member for at least two (2) years contiguous to the application.
2. Has an Accredited Worker's Certificate as a Lecturer, Medium and Spiritual Healer from the Spiritualist Church of Canada and has served Spiritualist churches in these capacities continually for two (2) years prior to the application.
3. Has graduated from the Spiritualist Church of Canada education programme or has been granted equivalency for other courses of study by the Board of Governors of the Spiritualist Church of Canada
4. Has demonstrated reasonable knowledge of the Religion, Philosophy, and Science of Spiritualism.
5. Has demonstrated reasonable knowledge of the literature on Spiritualism and its

authors, and of the history of Spiritualism.

6. Has a reasonable knowledge of comparative religions.

7. Has a reasonable ability to prepare and conduct a complete service in a professional manner.

8. Agrees to uphold the Code of Conduct and Ethics as set by the Spiritualist Church of Canada

9. Agrees to rescind all ordinations from other religious organizations that are not founded on the Principles and studies of the Religion of Spiritualism

10. Agrees and understands that if residency is outside of Canada, only ordination without marriage rites can only be obtained

An Ordained Minister shall be entitled to the title "REVEREND" while in good standing with the Spiritualist Church of Canada. No distinguishing dress or stole or other insignia indicating a Ministers calling, other than that approved by the Spiritualist Church of Canada shall be worn.

The Board of Governors of the Spiritualist Church of Canada reserves the right to interview and test applicants.

Ministers Professional Development

All ministers with the Spiritualist Church of Canada are required to attend a Professional Development/Resource course at least once every five years. The Spiritualist Church of Canada will hold these courses free of charge for our ministers, at least twice every five years. This gathering will give ministers an opportunity to address and discuss ministerial issues, as well as be updated on government policies pertaining to non-profits.

The Spiritualist Church of Canada will advise our ministers when and where these courses will be held and the different means in which ministers can participate.

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Presentation of

All Accredited Worker or Ordination Certificates will be presented at the next Annual Member Meeting following the issuing of the certificates, unless otherwise approved

Certificates

by the Board of Governors.

Where possible and if requested a representative from the Board of Governors will attend a member's home Church for the presentation of the certificate.