

II RESTRICTED CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS (REGS II 2020)

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1. The Presbytery of International Charges, when recruiting to ministry in that Presbytery in terms of a Restricted Certificate of Eligibility, as referred to in the Admission and Re-admission of Ministers Act (Act IX 2002), shall ensure as follows:
 - (1) That the following conditions are satisfied before a recruit is introduced to a charge:
 - (a) That the applicant is interviewed in person and the Presbytery is satisfied that the applicant is suitable for introduction to the charge;
 - (b) That the applicant is theologically suitable to be ministering in the Church of Scotland;
 - (c) That all necessary Safeguarding checks and confirmations are obtained as to the applicant's suitability for Regulated Work, as defined in the Safeguarding Act (Act XVI 2018) and as that term can practicably be understood in the country where the applicant would be introduced to a charge, such checks to be undertaken in both the country where the applicant would be introduced to a charge and in the applicant's home nation, all in accordance with advice obtained from the Safeguarding Service;
 - (2) That the following conditions are satisfied within 3 months after a recruit is introduced to a charge:
 - (a) In consultation with the Principal Clerk's office, that the recruit is given sufficient training on the law of the Church as it applies to ministry in the Presbytery of International Charges;
 - (b) In consultation with the Stewardship & Finance department, that the recruit is given sufficient training on matters of finance in the Church;
 - (c) In consultation with the Safeguarding Service, that the recruit undertakes appropriate training on Safeguarding rules and procedures to enable the recruit to work safely in the charge;
 - (d) In consultation with the Law Department, that the recruit is sufficiently briefed on matters of Church property law to enable the recruit competently to manage property matters arising in the charge; and
 - (3) That appropriate oversight over the recruit is exercised by the Presbytery.