

## Registration of Ministries

### Application for Category 'O'

This form is to be used for those who are currently in Category E, R, or I, and who want to make application to be in Category O. It operates in accordance with the criteria outlined in Act 1 (2017) section 27, and schedule 2.

The completed form is to be signed by both the applicant and Presbytery Clerk prior to submission for consideration by the Registration of Ministers Committee. Once complete please send to:

Angus Mathieson (Rev)  
Clerk, Registration of Ministries Committee  
Church of Scotland  
121 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4YN

Email: [RegistrationofMinistries@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:RegistrationofMinistries@churchofscotland.org.uk)

All information provided on this form will be shared for the purposes of administering the Register of Ministry for the Church of Scotland in accordance with The Registration of Ministries Act 2 (2017). The Church of Scotland Privacy Notice can be found [here](#).

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To be completed by the Applicant

Name:	
Address:	
Post code:	
Phone No. 1:	Phone No. 2: (optional)
Email:	
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Date of ordination:	Current category status (E; R; or I):

Presbytery:

Congregation: Which Church of Scotland congregation are you currently a member of, and how long have you been a member there? If less than two years, please give your previous congregation:

1. Outline why are you seeking Category O registration at this point, and please describe your sense of Call at this time.

Please include a reflection on your experiences of ministry in the last five years and how these have equipped you to (re)-enter parish ministry.

2. Please outline your pastoral care experiences in the context of local church life, over the past three years. Maximum words 500

Please use additional paper if required

3. What is your experience of managing volunteers, within and outwith the context of church life?

Please use additional paper if required

4. Are you now, or have you been, a member of any National Committee or Forum in the past 5 years? If yes, which one?

5. Are you a member of a Presbytery?      Yes            No     

6. If yes, do you currently serve on any Presbytery committees?

Yes            No     

7. If yes, which committee(s)? (please list below)

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8. Are you associated with a Kirk Session?      Yes            No     

If yes, in what parish? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Did you demit from your first charge within five years?

Yes            No     

If yes, please give the reason \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please provide the dates and information of any employment, voluntary positions or charges in which you have served since ordination.

Please indicate any reasons for gaps in the timeline.

Role	Organisation/Employer/ Parish/Presbytery (as appropriate)	Dates	
		From	To

Please use additional paper if required

11. Please indicate on a scale of 1-5 your own assessment of working knowledge in relation to Church of Scotland Parish ministry in the following areas:

(1 = limited working knowledge; 5 = full, up-to-date working knowledge)

	1	2	3	4	5
Church Law					
Safeguarding					
Data Protection					
Charity Law					

Please provide below additional information in relation to your working knowledge of Church Law, Safeguarding, Data Protection, or Charity Law issues which are relevant to this application? (<150 words)

Please provide below additional information in relation to any other employment or voluntary positions held relevant to this application?

12.1 Please can you indicate the areas that you have identified as requiring additional training and or experience to better equip you for parish ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

12.2 Can you tell us about your understanding and or experience of the Presbytery Mission Plan Act 2021? Please outline your response in the box below (<150 words)

13. Have you ever been in receipt of a Qualified Practising Certificate with a legally binding agreement; or been in Category 'L'?

Yes  No

If yes, what date was this issued, and what period of time was specified within that legally binding agreement?

14. Presbytery Comment (for completion by Presbytery Clerk/Representative)

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15. Please provide the names and contact details of two referees, one of whom should be your minister.

Minister's Reference: (if this is not your own minister, please let us know why)

Name:	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone:	
Email:	

## Other Reference

Name:	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone:	
Email:	

Applicant's Signature	Date
Presbytery Clerk (Required) (or assigned other) Signature	Date

Thank you for your application. The Registration of Ministries Committee will aim to be in contact with you at the earliest opportunity.