**Registration of Ministries**

**Return from Suspension Application Form**

The Registration of Ministries Act (2017), section 28 states:

1. Applications shall be made to the Registration of Ministries Committee on a form specified by that Committee. In considering such applications, the Committee shall:

1. (i) invite the Presbytery to which the individual is currently accountable, and, if different, also the Presbytery to which the individual was accountable at the time when the relevant suspension was imposed, to comment on the application.

2. (ii) instruct the applicant to provide two character references from individuals within the membership of the Church, at least one of whom must be a serving Minister or Deacon.

3. (iii) consider the personal circumstances of the applicant in accordance with the relevant sections of paragraph 2 of the Criteria for Assessment which are outlined in Schedule 2 of this Act.

4. (iv) invite the Recruitment Sub-Committee, as defined in the Safeguarding Act (Act XVI 2018), to comment on the application and adhere thereafter to the recommendations of that Sub-Committee.

The completed form is to be signed by the applicant 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).

**Section 1 Personal Details**

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| Name: | |
| Address:  Post code: | |
| Phone No. 1: | Phone No. 2: (optional) |
| Email: | |
| Presbytery you are currently accountable to: | |
| Presbytery to which you were accountable when the suspension was imposed: | |
| If applying for Category E, I, or R complete only this form. If applying for Category O complete other form too. Please specify for which Category you are applying: | |

**Section 2 Application**

Please outline the offence you committed.

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In what ways, if any, have the circumstances that may have contributed to your offence changed since it was committed?

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Describe the ways in which you have reflected on this incident and its repercussions during your period of suspension.

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What kind of support, if any, have you sought to do this?

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Please describe some of the insights and outcomes you have gained from your time of reflection.

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Church of Scotland Ministers promise ‘to engage in the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ to live a godly and circumspect life’. What practices and/or disciplines are you currently engaged in to help you do this?

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**Section 3 References**

Please provide the names and contact details of two referees, at least one of whom is a serving Minister or Deacon of the Church of Scotland. These should be people who are aware of your offence and with whom you have been in contact since your suspension. They will be contacted and asked to comment on the appropriateness of your ministerial status being restored at this point.

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| Address:  Post code: | |
| Phone No. 1: | Phone No. 2: (optional) |
| Email: | |
| Name: | |
| Address:  Post code: | |
| Phone No. 1: | Phone No. 2: (optional) |
| Email: | |

**Section 4: Declaration**

Your attention is drawn to the section of the Act which states that your application will be sent to the relevant Presbytery Clerk(s) for comment before it is considered by the Committee.

In signing and submitting this application, you confirm that you have provided full and accurate answers to all questions and that you give consent for this application to be sent to the relevant Presbytery Clerk(s) for comment and to be considered by the Recruitment Sub-Committee.

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| Signature | Date |
| Applicant |  |

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