

Long Service certificates

Long service certificates, sign by the Moderator, have to date been available for presentation to elders and other in respect of not less than thirty years of service. At the General Assembly of 2015, it was agreed that further certificates could be issued at interval so ten yeas thereafter. It should be note that the period of years of service, not (for example) years of ordination in the case of an elder. In the case of Sunday School teachers and Bible Class leaders, the qualifying period is twenty-one years of service. Certificates are not issued posthumously, nor is it possible to make exceptions to the rules., for example by recognizing quality of service in order to reduce the qualifying period, or by reducing the qualifying period on compassionate grounds, such as serious illness. Applications for Long Service Certificates should be made by email to the Principle Clerk (pcoffice@churchofscotland.org.uk) by the parish minister or by the session clerk on behalf of the Kirk Session. Certificates are not issued from this office to the individual recipients, nor should individuals make application themselves.