



THE ORDER OF ST JOHN

For the Faith and in the Service of Humanity

Certificate and Undertaking

I, _____,
(Please insert your title, name, and official (non-academic) post noms as you would like to see it on the diploma with your family name in CAPITALS)

of, _____,
(Please insert Priory/Association/Eye Hospital, or Central in CAPITALS)

HEREBY CERTIFY that I am not a member of a Specified Body (as defined in the Schedule) and I UNDERTAKE that for so long as I shall be a member of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem I will not become a member of a Specified Body.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2025
(TODAY'S DATE) (MONTH)

Signature _____

48. Specified Bodies

- (1) No person shall be admitted to the Order if he or she shall also be a member of a Specified Body.
 - (2) Before initial admission to the Order and before any promotion in the Order the Member or prospective Member shall furnish a certificate in such form as the Grand Prior on the recommendation of the Executive Committee shall prescribe that he or she is not a member of a Specified Body and that he or she will not become a member of a Specified Body for so long as he or she is a Member of the Order.
 - (3) (a) A Specified Body is any body of persons (whether or not incorporated and whether or not a legal entity) which:
 - (i) holds itself out or represents itself or styles itself to be an order which is:
 - I an order of St John; or
 - II derived from an order of St John; or
 - III associated with an order of St John;
 - (ii) is not a Johannine Order; and
 - (iii) either or both:
 - I uses the words “St John” or any translation or variant thereof in its title (irrespective of any other words used in the title); or
 - II uses:
 - A the Emblem with or without any other device or motif; or
 - B any other device or motif sufficiently similar to the Emblem as to be likely to cause confusion therewith.
 - (b) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph (3) a body shall be capable of being an order of St John whether or not it is a Johannine Order.
 - (c) The Johannine Orders are:
 - (i) the Order;
 - (ii) the three other Orders which comprise the Alliance of the Orders of St John, namely:
 - I Balley Brandenburg des Ritterlichen Ordens St Johannis vom Spital zu Jerusalem (commonly referred to as “the Johanniter”);
 - II Johanniter Orde in Nederland; and
 - III Johanniterorden I Sverige; and
 - (iii) the Sovereign Military and Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, called of Rhodes, called of Malta (commonly referred to as “the Sovereign Military Order of Malta” or “the Order of Malta”).
 - (d) The Emblem is a white equidistant eight-pointed cross (commonly referred to as “the Maltese Cross” or “the Amalfi Cross”) with or without embellishments in the angles on a background of any colour or colours and of any shape.
- (4) A decision of the Grand Council as to whether any body is or is not a Specified Body shall be final and binding on all persons interested under these Statutes.