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TO THE BODIES OF ELDERS

Re: Certificates

Dear Brothers:

The publishers occasionally request that the elders provide some sort of document that certifies that they are Jehovah's Witnesses. In case a publisher asks for such a document, please have in mind the following:

Rather than prepare the document locally to be signed by one or more elders, it is better to request it from the branch. The branch office will be pleased to prepare a certificate with official letterhead and authorized signature, certifying that a publisher is one of Jehovah's Witnesses, including the date of baptism and the name of the congregation, that is if the publisher is in good spiritual condition.

Therefore, in case a publisher requests this type of document, please contact the branch through the Inbox of the *Departamento Jurídico* of jw.org, supplying the following information and documentation:

- Name, family names, number of the National Identity Document (DNI)¹ of the publisher.
- Purpose of the certification.
- Brief comments from the body of elders concerning the spiritual condition of the publisher.
- Attach a scanned copy of the current *Congregation Publisher's Record* card.

The certification will be scanned and sent by the same means, as well as by mail if so indicated in the request.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter. Please be assured of our appreciation and fervent Christian love.

Your brothers,

Testigos Cristianos de Jehová

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¹If the brother is a foreigner, the NIE ("Número de Identificación de Extranjero" -similar to the DNI, but issued to foreigners who are legal residents- is needed). If the publisher does not yet have this card, as in the case of recent arrivals in Spain who are in the process of applying for a residence permit but do not have it as yet. please indicate the nationality and passport number.