

FAQs AND HOW TOs – Charter Certificate Printing

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My council has always been required to print and deliver charter certificates. Why is this being changed?

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In an effort to streamline basic operations and put tools in the hands of volunteers, the BSA has decided to make “self-service” as many membership processes as possible. This change will allow unit Key 3 to print charter certificates in a timelier manner.

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When is the effective date of this change?

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The effective date is **January 1, 2019.**

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Will I still be able to order charter certificates to print for units that don't have access to print their certificate?

(A)

No. Charter Certificates will no longer be available to be ordered. Councils should start communicating this change to the field now in preparation of the January effective date. Councils can also choose to keep their remaining stock on hand to print charters as a courtesy for units that have no means to print their own.

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What file format is the certificate in?

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The charter certificate is downloaded as a PDF file.

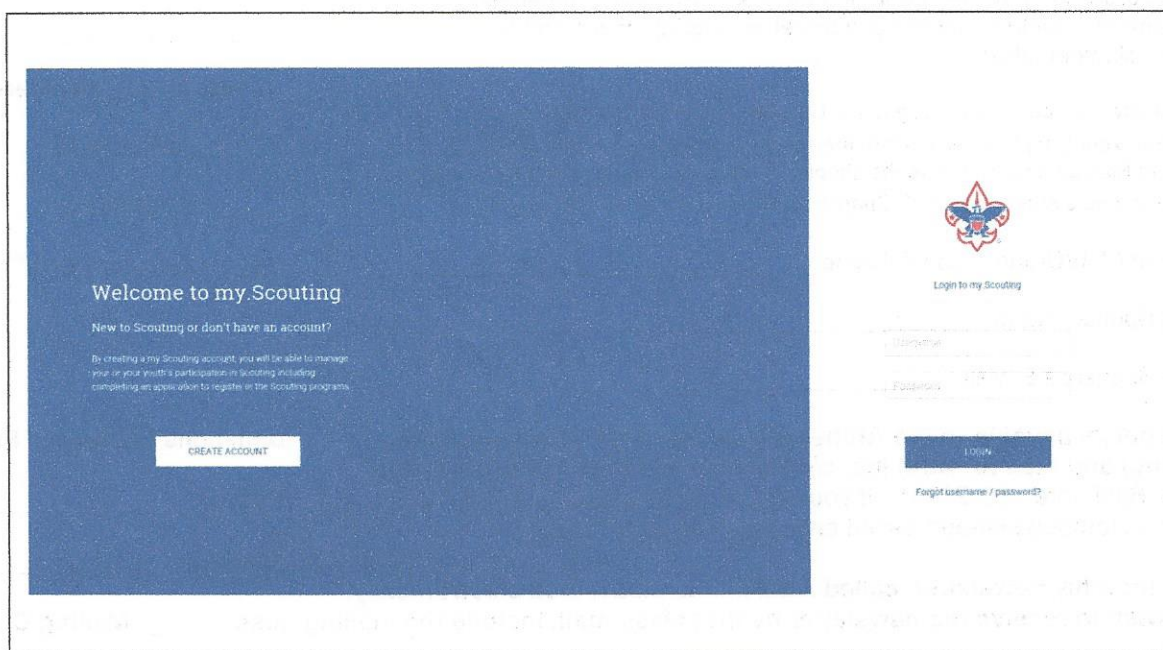
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How does a unit print their charter certificate?

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Only the unit Key 3 have access to print the unit charter certificate. The steps on how to do this are as follows:

STEP 1: One of the unit Key 3 logs in to my.scouting.org with their current user ID and password.



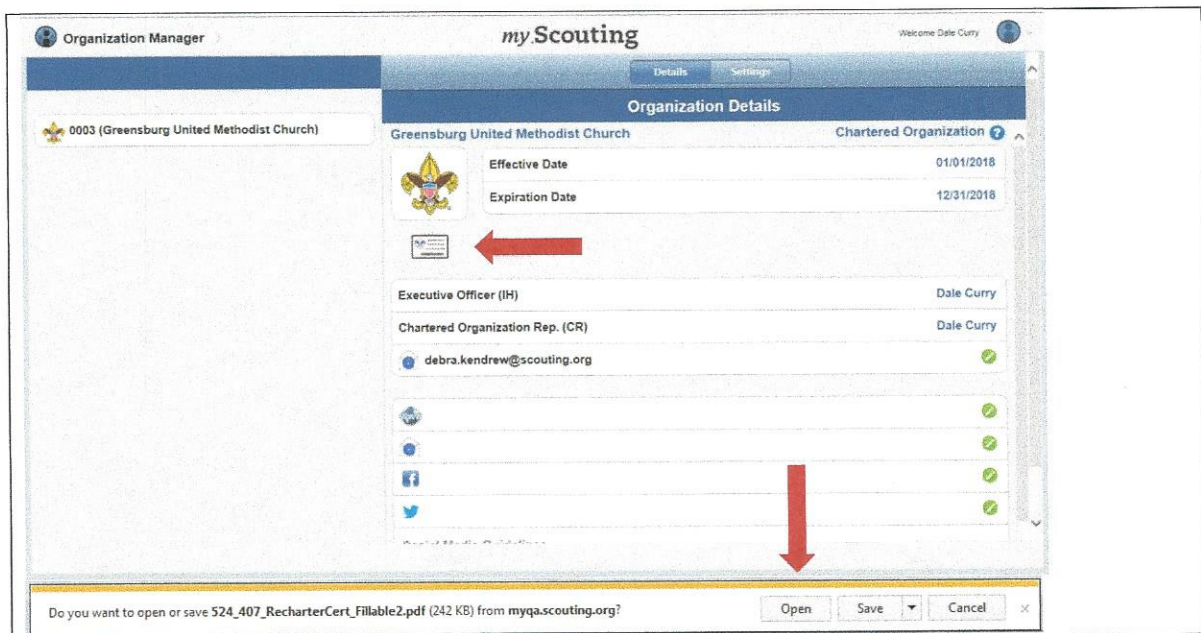
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STEP 2: In the upper left portion of the screen, click on Menu, then the unit you wish to print the charter certificate for (if you are a registered adult in more than one unit, all units you are registered with will be displayed), and then Organization Manager.



STEP 3: To print the charter certificate, click on the card icon.

A prompt will appear at the bottom of the screen for you to open and print or save an image of the charter certificate. Click Open to display and print the certificate.



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SAMPLE IMAGE:



The image shows a sample charter certificate for the Boy Scouts of America. At the top is the BSA logo with the motto "Prepared. For Life." Below this, the word "Charter" is written in a large, red, cursive font. Underneath, it says "Granted to the" followed by a light blue box containing the text "Name of Chartered Organization". Below this box is a paragraph: "Upon application through authorized representatives to carry on the Scouting program for character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness. Subject to the provisions of the Charter and Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America for the period ending". This is followed by four light blue boxes containing the text: "Unit Expiration Date", "Unit Type and Number", "City and State", and "Serving youth for 100 years". Below these boxes is a line of text: "In testimony whereof the Boy Scouts of America has caused this charter to be issued and its corporate seal to be affixed." At the bottom left is a signature of Michael D. Smith, Chief Scout Executive. In the center bottom is the BSA corporate seal. At the bottom right, it says "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA", "Incorporated February 8, 1910", "Chartered by Congress June 15, 1916", and a light blue box for "Council Number / District Number". In the bottom right corner, there is small text: "524-407 2018 Printing".

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Michael D. Smith
Chief Scout Executive



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Do I still need to print participation certificates for Exploring Posts and Clubs?

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Councils can still choose to print Learning for Life and Exploring participation certificates for Exploring posts and clubs, but it is no longer included in the membership validation. Participation certificate printing functionality will be added for Exploring in the future.