



**Uniting Church in Australia**  
 SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

**Synod Selection for Ordained Ministries**  
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## Application To Become A Candidate For Minister Of The Word Or Deacon

*To be completed by the Applicant and sent to the Presbytery Secretary.  
 To be submitted to Presbytery no later than: [Presbytery to complete]  
 (see Regulations 2.3.1 and 2.3.2.3)*

*Please note that all forms are available for filling in and downloading here: [www.ctm.uca.edu.au/ordination](http://www.ctm.uca.edu.au/ordination)*

Ministry Applied for:                      Minister of the Word                      Deacon

### Your Information

First and middle names

Last name

Address (incl postcode)

Daytime phone number

Mobile number

Email

Presbytery

Congregation

### Your Personal Information

Your date of birth                      /                      /

Your place of birth

Are you an Australian citizen?                      Yes                      No

    If no, do you hold residential status?                      Yes                      No

Is English your first language?                      Yes                      No

If 'no', please be aware that before entering any candidate program you will need to have achieved English level competency for tertiary education\*.

\* English language requirements for entry to the University of Divinity  
 3.2 The English language test threshold for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate coursework study at the University may be met by one of the following:  
 a) an International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic) score of at least 6.5 with no individual band under 6.6;  
 b) a written Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL Academic) score of 550 with a Test of Written English (TWE) score of at least 4.5;  
 c) an internet-based TOEFL score of 79 with no less than 21 for Writing, 12 for Listening, 13 for Reading, 18 for speaking;  
 d) Pearson Test for English (PTE Academic) overall score of at least 58 and all PTE communicative skills scores of at least 50;  
 e) equivalent results in an English language test approved by the Academic Board.



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**Education**

Highest Educational Qualification

Date Awarded                    /                    /                    Institution

*Please enclose certified copy of academic transcript*

Other Qualifications

Qualifications	Institution	Date Awarded
		/           /
		/           /
		/           /
		/           /

*Please enclose certified copy of academic transcript*

**Previous Employment (if applicable)**

**Current Position**

Name of employer

Place of employment  
 (city/town)

Type of employment (full  
 time/part time/contract/  
 casual)

Date commenced in this role                    /                    /

**Position prior to this:**

Name of employer

Place of employment  
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Type of employment (full  
 time/part time/contract/  
 casual)

Date commenced in this role                    /                    /

Date concluded in this role                    /                    /



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**Your Involvement in Church Life**

Are you a confirmed member of the Uniting Church in Australia?      Yes      No

For what period have you been a confirmed member?

How long have you been a member of your present congregation?

List any membership with any previous congregations with dates

Previous congregations

Dates

Please write briefly about your participation in your congregation's life

Give details of any other activities in which you have expressed your Christian discipleship

**Period of Discernment**

Give a brief description of your Period of Discernment

Identify three or four key learnings from your Period of Discernment



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### Other Activities And Interests

Give details of other activities, interests and community involvements beyond your work and congregational life

### Other Issues

Being a Candidate and meeting the challenges of the course can be stressful. Describe your personal support networks.

Are there any current issues or concerns that may influence your capacity to fully participate as a Candidate?



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**Personal Statement**

**About you**

Please write briefly about your life story including things like key phases in life and why they were significant (500 words)

**Statement Of Faith**

Please make a brief, personal statement of faith (250 words)



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## You and Ordained Ministry

At what age did you first sense a call to ordained Ministry?

What talents do you believe you will be able to use in ordained Ministry?

What personal challenges do you believe you may have in ordained Ministry?

What strengths do you have in forming and maintaining human relationships?

What personal challenges do you have in the forming and maintaining human relationships?

What are the most important sources of nourishment for your spiritual life?

## Health Disclosure

In the Uniting Church in Australia Regulation 2.3.2.4 (b)(i) there is a requirement for the Selection Panel to have before it all relevant documents which includes health assessments.

To assist, please answer the following:

Do you foresee any limitations performing ministry based on your known medical, physical or other health related conditions?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details



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I am willing to complete a pre-candidature medical, psychological and any other assessments as prescribed under Regulation 2.3.2.4(b)(i) as part of candidature processes if required: Yes      No

If no, please provide details

**Formation**

(Please be sure to have read Frequently Asked Question and the Formation Pamphlet)

If accepted as a Candidate are you prepared to accept the direction of the church in relation to your formation? Yes      No

Do you envisage your participation in Formation will be significantly impacted by family, work, other commitments or financial issues? Yes      No

If you have answered 'yes' to the above please clarify your availability for either full-time or part-time study

**Availability for Placement**

Do you anticipate any circumstances that might limit your availability after your training for placement anywhere within the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania\*? Yes      No

If you have answered 'yes' to the above please clarify your availability for either full-time or part-time study

\* Please be aware that the Uniting Church in Australia cannot guarantee a Placement at the conclusion of your training.



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## Referees

Full Name of referee (1)

Referee's Address

Daytime telephone number

Mobile number

Email

Full Name of referee (2)

Referee's Address

Daytime telephone number

Mobile number

Email

## Declaration

I believe that to the best of my knowledge the above statements are accurate as of this date

Signed

Date                    /                    /

## Enclosures and Checklist

- I have contacted my referees and requested them to send a confidential reference to the Presbytery Secretary
- I have enclosed my certified copies of academic transcripts
- I have enclosed my TOEFL test score or see list (if applicable)
- I have enclosed a copy of my Working with Children Check card
- I have enclosed a copy of my National Criminal History Check

After you have completed the form please forward to the Secretary of your Presbytery.

**Save form:** You may save the form by going to the menu file-> save as. Select the appropriate location to save, and after you have added in an appropriate file name (suggestion add in candidate name) then click save.

**Print form:** Click on the grey button to the right. The printer dialogue box will appear