



## 2025 Application To Become A Candidate For Minister Of The Word Or Deacon

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

Please note all forms are at: <https://victas.uca.org.au/seeking-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

Have you applied to be a candidate previously in the UCA or another denomination?                      Yes                      No

If so, when and where?

### Your Personal Information

Your date of birth                      /                      /

Your place of birth

Are you an Australian or New Zealand citizen?                      Yes                      No

If not, please tick your relevant visa title category and include the subclass visa number if your visa is temporary.

Australian Permanent Residency Visa

Australian Temporary Residency Visa - Subclass Visa Number:



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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 6.5 with no individual band under 6.0;
- 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.

**Education**

Highest Educational Qualification

Date Awarded                    /                    /                    Institution

Other Qualifications

Qualifications	Institution	Date Awarded
		/           /
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Please enclose certified copies of academic transcripts

**Previous Employment (if applicable)**

**Current Position**

Name of employer

Place of employment (city/town) Position Title

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

Date commenced in this role                    /                    /

**Position prior to this:**

Name of employer

Place of employment (city/town) Position Title

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

Date commenced in this role                    /                    /

Date concluded in this role                    /                    /



**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



### 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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Form for Applicant

## 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)



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**Sense of Call**

Describe the different aspects of your sense of call to the ministry to which you are applying (Minister of the Word or Deacon) and your perception of your gifts for this ministry (300 words)

**Statement of Faith**

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

**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
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If yes, please provide details

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
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If no, please provide details

### Formation

(Please be sure to read the Seeking Ordination FAQ's and Normal Patterns of Formation documents)

a) If accepted as a Candidate are you prepared to accept the direction of the church in relation to your formation?	Yes	No
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b) Do you envisage your participation in Formation will be significantly impacted by family, work, other commitments or financial issues?	Yes	No
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If you have answered 'yes' to b) above please clarify what would limit your availability and to what extent?  
(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
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If you answered 'yes' to the above please clarify what would limit your availability and to what extent?  
(full-time or part-time ministry)

*\* 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)

Relationship to you

Referee's Address

Daytime telephone number

Mobile number

Email

Full Name of referee (2)

Relationship to you

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 English language competency score as per the information on page 2 of this application (if applicable)

I have enclosed a copy of my Working with Children Check Card (VIC) or Working with Vulnerable People Card (TAS)

I have enclosed a copy of my National Criminal History Check

***\*When form is completed 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.

*This information may be used by Presbytery and Synod Committees in the discernment of suitability for candidature for ordained ministries. It will be used for the purposes of discernment of this application only.*