



Synod Selection for Ordained Ministries
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Prior to completion, please read the Seeking Ordination FAQs & Synod Selection for Ordained Ministries Flowchart available via the links included or on the website

2026 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:

Please note all forms and information available 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

How long 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. Include anything outside the church which is relevant

Period of Discernment

Give a brief description of your Period of Discernment between 200-400 words

Identify three or four key learnings from your Period of Discernment and include portfolio



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 inside and outside the church.

Describe any current issues or concerns that may influence your capacity to fully participate as a Candidate?
(Please answer as fully and honestly as possible)



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Form for Applicant

Personal Statement

About you

Please write briefly about your life story including things like key phases in your 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, theological framework, UCA understanding of ordination, including Basis of Union (500 words).

Statement of Faith

Please make a brief, personal statement of faith (150-250 words)

You and Ordained Ministry *(please answer these as fully and honestly as you are able)*

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

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 read the Seeking Ordination FAQs 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

b) 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 b) above please clarify what would limit your availability and to what extent?
(full-time or part-time study)

Availability for Placement

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| 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.*



Written References

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

Full Name of referee (3)

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 read the document Seeking Ordination FAQs

I have read the Synod Selection for Ordained Ministries Flowchart

I can confirm that a reference from my Church Minister has been sent to the Presbytery for inclusion with my application

I have contacted my referees listed on page 9 and requested them to send a 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 certified copy of my Working with Children Check Card (VIC) or Working with Vulnerable People Card (TAS)

I have enclosed a certified copy of my National Criminal History Check

*** When form has been completed please forward it and other documents in the Checklist to the Secretary of your Presbytery for approval by the Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) or equivalent committee. The Presbytery will then submit the full application to selection@victas.uca.org.au**

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PRINT FORM # 

DOCUMENT CERTIFICATION: Information is available on the Justice and Community Safety website

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI): Please refer to the Synod's policy on the use of AI