



## SAFE MINISTRY CHECK – VOLUNTEERS AGED BETWEEN 13-17

### Personal Details

Title:                      Gender:      M / F                      Date of Birth:      /      /  
Surname:  
Christian names:  
Address:  
Phone:                      H:                      M:  
Email:  
Position applied for:  
Parish:

### Safe Ministry Training

Date of training:                      Exp Date:                        
Trained by:                      Place:                     

Thank you for volunteering for a ministry role within your church or church organisation.

The Anglican Church is committed to doing everything we can to ensure that our churches and church organisations are safe for all who participate in church activities—including our volunteers. That is why we require everyone who has a ministry role within the church to meet specific standards of personal conduct.

These standards are explained in Faithfulness in Service which is found on the Diocesan Website at

<http://www.armidaleanglicandiocese.com/>

### Privacy

This application is confidential.

It will be retained in a secure place by the parish or church organisation in which you are intending to exercise a voluntary ministry. Except as may be required by law, or by church disciplinary procedures, the information you supply will be used only for screening and disciplinary purposes. If required by law, the information you supply will be made available to the applicable authority.

### Confirming your identity:

Please attach to this form a clear copy of ONE of the following: A national police history check, a working with vulnerable people check, your current Australian driver's licence; your birth certificate; a current Australian passport; an Australian citizenship document or Australian immigration papers; a current student identity card from an educational institution; or equivalent form of identification.

**Please circle either “YES” or “NO” for each question**

If the answer to any of the following questions is “yes”, please give details on a separate page if necessary. NOTE: A ‘yes’ answer will not automatically rule an applicant out of selection.

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| 1. Do you have any health problem(s), which may affect you volunteering for the church?                                                                                                                | Yes / No |
| 2. Have you ever been charged with and/or convicted of a criminal offence?                                                                                                                             | Yes / No |
| 'Charged' means that the police or other government authority has accused you in writing of committing a criminal offence. Getting a parking or speeding fine is not a criminal offence.               |          |
| 3. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence in Australia or in any other country?                                                                                                            | Yes / No |
| 4. Have you ever applied for a working with children check or a working with vulnerable people check?                                                                                                  | Yes / No |
| 4a) If YES, did the authority to which you applied refuse to issue the check?                                                                                                                          | Yes / No |
| If NO to 4a, was your working with children check or a working with vulnerable people check ever cancelled, revoked or suspended?                                                                      | Yes / No |
| 5. Have you ever had a driver's licence                                                                                                                                                                | Yes / No |
| 5a. If YES, has your licence ever been revoked or suspended                                                                                                                                            | Yes / No |
| 6. Have you ever had a court order issued against you as a result of someone accusing you of violence, abuse, likely harm, harassment or stalking?                                                     | Yes / No |
| 7. Have you ever done anything which could result in a person accusing you of child abuse?                                                                                                             | Yes / No |
| A 'child' is a person under the age of 18. Child abuse includes: harassment, physical bullying, verbal bullying and cyberbullying; and touching a child in a sexual way with or without their consent. |          |
| 8. Have you ever produced sexual images of another person under the age of 18?                                                                                                                         | Yes / No |
| 9. Have you ever engaged in sexting? 'Sexting' means requesting, sharing, sending or posting online explicit sexual photos, messages or videos.                                                        | Yes / No |
| 10. Have you ever been drunk after consuming alcohol                                                                                                                                                   | Yes / No |
| 11. Have you ever used illegal drugs                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes / No |

**Record of Christian Church Membership**

In the table below, please list all churches, parishes or congregations, and, if appropriate, church and para-church organisations (such as Scripture Union groups, Crusaders) where you have undertaken ministry as a voluntary worker. We will ask you to authorise them to tell us what they know that's relevant to our assessment of your suitability for ministry in the church

Church Name	Location	Duration	Positions Held
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## Character References

Please provide details below of two (2) referees.

In this context, a 'referee' is someone over 18 years of age who is able to give a report on your good character and suitability for ministry among children and young people.

A referee may be a parent or other responsible adult, such as a church leader, teacher or employer, or someone who has known you for longer than one year. Only one referee can be closely related to you.

We will contact your referees to tell us what they know that's relevant to our assessment of your suitability to be a voluntary church worker.

Referee 1:

Name .....

Address .....

Phone numbers Home: ..... Mobile: .....

Email .....

Referee 2:

Name

Address

Phone numbers

Email

### Authority for information

*I hereby authorise:*

- *the Anglican Church and its delegates to contact and exchange information with the church organisations, churches, parishes or congregations in the section Record of Ministry;*
- *every one of these bodies to provide to the Anglican Church and its delegates any information they may have that is relevant to assessing whether I am a suitable person to undertake ministry in the Church; and*
- *my referees to provide to the Anglican Church and its delegates any information relevant to my application for appointment as a voluntary church worker.*

### Release from Liability

*I hereby release from liability any person or organisation that provides information relevant to the assessment of my suitability to undertake ministry in the Church.*

*I also agree to release the Anglican Church and its delegates from any and all liability as it relates to any investigation by them regarding the information contained in this application, or any action by them as a result of such investigation.*

### Acknowledgement

*I understand that any intentional error or omission in the information in this application may prevent me from undertaking voluntary ministry with children in the Church.*

**Declaration by the applicant**

I, \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

do solemnly and sincerely declare that the information I have provided in this application and the information contained in any documents accompanying this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you are under 16 years of age, either a parent or guardian must sign below.

**Declaration by parent or guardian**

To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application form is correct.

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Please seek legal advice if you are uncertain about signing this document.

*Office Use Only:*

	<i>Date</i>	<i>By Whom</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>Questionnaire received</i>			
<i>Questionnaire reviewed</i>			
<i>Working with Children Check</i>			<i>Cleared / Barred</i>
<i>References checked</i>			
<i>Recommended for approval</i>			
<i>Approved</i>			