



ATTACHMENT A

APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION

Note: this form is only for accredited or ordained ministers in other Christian denominations or other Baptist Associations or Unions, or other people granted approval to apply for accreditation by the Committee for Ministry.

Please read the Guidelines for Accreditation before completing this form.

1: PERSONAL DETAILS

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email:

2: CURRENT ACCREDITATION OR ORDINATION

What accreditation or ordination do you hold?

What is the ordaining or accrediting body?

Is the accreditation or ordination current?

Please provide a full history of your accreditation or ordination, showing any gaps or changes in status.

3: ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Provide details of your academic qualifications and attach certified copies of academic transcripts.

4: MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

List the ministry positions you have held.

For example:

2008-2017: Pastor at X Baptist Church

2017-21: Pastor at Y Baptist Church





5: VOCATION

Provide a statement of up to two hundred words describing your sense of vocation for Christian ministry.

6: CHARACTER

Provide a statement of up to five hundred words indicating how you have displayed

- Love of God and others
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- A commitment to the gospel and following Christ
- Honesty and integrity
- A commitment to ongoing personal spiritual development and practices, and openness to new ideas
- Compliance with the Open Baptists Code of Conduct
- Self-awareness and openness to constructive criticism

7: MINISTRY SKILLS

Provide a statement of up to five hundred words indicating how you have demonstrated a mix of ministry skills including some or all of:

- Pastoral: the ability to provide pastoral support to people in a broad range of circumstances. The ability to recognise when other professional expertise is required.
- Leadership: the ability to exercise leadership within the structures of congregational government. The ability to identify, support and develop other people exercising ministry.
- Teaching and communication: the ability to develop and deliver sermons and other forms of teaching that nurture faith and are suitable for the intended audience.
- Liturgical: including the ability to lead public worship and ceremonies such as funerals and (blessings of) marriages.
- Mission, evangelism and church planting.
- Ability to work as part of a team: including appointing, forming, participating in, and leading diverse teams.

8: ALIGNMENT WITH OPEN BAPTISTS VALUES

Are you committed to the principles of the Open Baptists Association?

9: REFEREES

Please provide the names of three referees. Referees must not be related to the candidate or to one another, must not be your subordinate, and should normally include the leadership of the church community or church agency the candidate works for or is a part of.



Please also provide a statement from a church community affirming your vocation, or, if this is not possible, say why.

Your referees will be asked to provide written reports using the template at Appendix 1.

10: OTHER DOCUMENTATION

Attach:

- A Police Check
- A Working with Children Check (NSW), or a Working with Vulnerable People registration (ACT), or an equivalent document from the State or Territory in which you reside.
- Evidence of training in or knowledge of Work Health and Safety, risk management, and child safety and protection.

