

Admission of Ministers (AoM) Process

1. Applicant completes application 'To Serve'
2. UCA determines if ordination is recognised
3. Applicant meets with Associate Secretary
4. Dean of Formation and AoM determine academic requirements
5. Good Standing Referral received from applicant's denomination
6. AoM contacts ALL referees
7. Presbytery mentor appointed
8. Applicant and mentor interviewed by AoM committee

- Checklist:
- Applicant must accept the doctrine, discipline and polity of the UCA and adhere to the Basis of Union (including the following principles: The UCA baptises both Adults and Children and the UCA is committed to the ministry of women and men).
 - Must have permanent residency or Australian citizenship,
 - Must have settled in Australia, developed a relationship with a local UCA congregation
 - Must be known to the presbytery

AoM committee makes determination re Application to Serve

Outline of resolution sent to applicant

Applicant Not accepted

Applicant Accepted

1. Applicant given course of studies
2. Applicant fills in the Leadership Profile
3. Profile submitted to ACOMP

- Checklist:
- Applicant meets regularly with Presbytery Mentor
 - Applicant engages in wider church activities
 - Required courses of studies will depend on the applicant's prior studies, but may include some of the following:
 - Living Our Values
 - Polity 2
 - Ethical Ministry
 - Theological Hermeneutics
 - Cross Cultural Ministry
 - Uniting Church Studies
 - Sexuality and Leadership
 - Liturgy
 - Biblical Studies
 - Australian History
 - Sacramental Theology
 - Pauline/Synoptics
 - The Pentateuch

Applicant is under the oversight of the UCA whilst in placement thus subject to all the requirements of UCA ministers, including Ethical Ministry. Professional supervision and presbytery participation.

Applicant accepts call to Ministerial Placement

Placement is limited to 3 years. Applicant must apply for admission as a Minister during this time to continue

Application date for Admission of Ministers is the beginning of the placement

AoM receives yearly updates from applicant, Presbytery Mentor and Dean of Formation at UTC
Applicant completes studies within 3 years

Ministerial Placement will cease after 3 years with no possibility of extension

Requirements not completed within 3 years

AoM determines if applicant is ready

AoM proposes admission of Minister to the UCA to Synod Standing Committee

Applicant has 14 days to appeal to Assembly

Assembly does not approve admission

Assembly determines application

Assembly approves admission of Minister

Application successful.
Presbytery holds Recognition Celebration
Applicant is now a Uniting Church Minister