



**uniting
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in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

GUIDANCE NOTE 9

COVID-19

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Ordinations and Inductions

In response to questions about the place of inductions and ordinations during the COVID-19 restrictions, the Assembly advises:

Ordinations

It is not possible to hold Ordination services as outlined under the Uniting Church's current regulations.

Any ordination performed without the proper laying on of hands might be considered invalid, so the advice is to wait until the restrictions have been lifted.

Inductions

For the good order of the Church, there is no reason a new ministry cannot begin as required. However, it is advised that the formal induction should wait until the restrictions around gathering for worship have been lifted.

Presbyteries may choose to offer a welcome electronically.

If the restrictions last longer than expected, the church might explore other options, but at this time, it is advised to wait and celebrate these events with the gathered community.

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