

Safeguarding Statements form

A safe Church for everyone

For use when a person in good standing applies for permission to minister in another Church Jurisdiction

APPLICATION DETAILS

Applicant's name _____

Applicant's Diocese or Religious Institute _____

Travel dates: Arrival _____ Departure _____

APPLICANT'S DECLARATION

I hereby confirm that, so far as I am aware:

- there are not currently any complaints of abuse against me;
- I am not subject to any past substantiated complaint of abuse,
- there are no circumstances that could lead to a complaint of abuse against me; and
- there are no other circumstances that may lead to a conclusion that I pose a risk to children, young people or adults at risk.

I understand that permission to minister will be subject to further checks and will comply with these.

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Signature of Applicant

Date: _____
dd/mm/yy

CHURCH AUTHORITY'S STATEMENT

I _____ as the Applicant's relevant Church Authority, having made appropriate enquiries where necessary, hereby confirm that so far as I am aware:

- there are not currently any complaints of abuse against the applicant;
- the applicant is not subject to any past substantiated complaint of abuse,
- there are no circumstances that could lead to a complaint of abuse against the applicant; and
- the applicant does not pose an elevated risk toward children, young people or adults at risk.

I understand that the receiving Church Authority may request that the applicant undergo further legal and other background checks prior to granting permission to minister and will assist with these if requested.

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Signature of Church Authority

Date: _____
dd/mm/yy

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

Indicator 5.7.1 of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards requires Church entities to implement a system to assess the safeguarding credentials and manage the movement of all seminarians, clergy and religious moving between different seminaries, formation programs and Church jurisdictions. This includes dual declarations made by both the individual and the relevant Church Authority that verify that the individual coming to exercise ministry in a new jurisdiction is currently in good standing, and records the movement and activities of those individuals.

'Good standing' means:

- there are not currently any complaints of abuse against an individual;
- there have never been any substantiated complaints of abuse against an individual;
- there are no known circumstances that could lead to a complaint of abuse against an individual; and
- an individual is not otherwise deemed to be an unacceptable risk to children, young people or adults at risk.