

APPROVED NOMENCLATURE FOR THE ORDINATION FORMATION PROCESS

Purpose: To clarify the nomenclature of the Bunbury Ordination Formation Process.
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BUNBURY ORDINATION FORMATION PROGRAMME NOMENCLATURE		
ROLE	DESCRIPTION	PROCESS
Applicant	Person applying for discernment to ordination (it is worth noting the term 'applicant' is synonymous with 'aspirant'). 'Applicant' has currency in the spheres of education and industry.	Bishop offers preliminary interview then if willing refers the applicant to the Ordination Council for discernment and training.
Trainee	Person who is accepted for training and aspires to be an ordained person. (It is worth noting the word 'trainee' is synonymous with 'Postulant'. This is an older term for 'trainee' used in many dioceses). 'Trainee' has currency in the VET system as well as in the wider community and it is a Formation Training process.	Ordination Council discerns
Primary Placement	The parish where a Trainee/Candidate is placed for the purpose of training.	Bishop authorises
Secondary Placements	Other parish settings offered for short periods to add contextual experiences e.g., the Cathedral.	Bishop authorises
Candidate	The point at which the Ordination Council discerns a trainee is ready to be ordained.	Ordination Council discerns
Deacon in Training	A Deacon who remains in training either (a) awaiting discernment to ordination as a priest or, (b) is continuing in training to complete required outcomes.	Ordination Council discerns
Mentor	The priest with primary oversight of a Trainee/Candidate in a parish.	Bishop authorises
External Mentor	An ordained person who can offer specific training, expertise or opportunity not available in the Trainee's parish placement.	Director of Formation authorises.
Examining Chaplain	An ordained or lay person who is appointed by the Bishop to journey with Applicants and Candidates as an observer and listener who helps to discern the Applicant/Candidate's call to ordained ministry.	Examining Chaplains are chosen by the Bishop, and they become members of the Ordination Council, reporting to the Council.

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Local Parish Support Committee	A Committee set up to support the Trainee. To comprise a minimum of three people but could be more, who are in leadership in the parish with pastoral, ministry and governance experience to offer support and guidance on training and progress. A lead facilitator to be nominated from the Committee's members to liaise with the Director of Formation and to co-ordinate the reports.	The Committee to be established by the Trainee in discussion with the Director of Formation. The Leader to complete the reports twice a year and send them to the Diocesan Secretary for inclusion in the Ordination Council papers. The Director of Formation to contact the Committees on a regular basis.

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