

SAFE CHURCH COMMUNITIES ORDINANCE 2009

SCHEDULE 1

Amended 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2020

REQUIREMENTS FOR *SAFE CHURCH COMMUNITIES* ENDORSEMENT BY CHURCH WORKERS

All persons seeking Safe Church Communities endorsement must satisfactorily complete a Safe Ministry Assessment which involves (a) completing and lodging the required forms, together with evidence of a current State Working with Vulnerable Card, and a National Police Check where required, (b) obtaining suitable references and (c) satisfactorily completing the training designated in the table below.

The Diocese does not endorse persons under the age of 16 years as Church Workers.

Forms and supporting documents are lodged with the Diocesan Professional Standards Unit.

The Director of Professional Standards or authorised delegate as per Clause 11, National Register Canon 2007, will carry out the National Register checks.

A person holding multiple roles must maintain the highest level of endorsement required for any role they hold. Re-endorsement is required every three years.

(Any additional requirements for re-endorsement will be published by the Diocesan Council from time to time on the advice of the Professional Standards Committee.)

This Ordinance operates alongside and in addition to the *Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017*. The requirements of this Ordinance take precedence where these differ from those of the *Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017*.

For this Ordinance, in accordance with the '*Professional Standards for The Protection of Children and Adults from Sexual Misconduct Ordinance 2005*':

'Church worker' means a person who is:

- a) A member of the clergy; or
- b) A person employed by a Church Body; or
- c) A person holding a position or performing a function with the actual authority of a Church authority or Church body.

'Church authority' means the Bishop or a person or body having administrative authority of or in a Church body to license, appoint, authorise, dismiss or suspend a Church worker.

'Church body' includes a parish, committee, unincorporated association or unincorporated organisation that exercises ministry within, or on behalf of the Church in Tasmania.
