

Process for the Transfer from Non-Stipendiary Ministry to Stipendiary Ministry (Ministers of the Word and Sacraments and Church Related Community Workers)

The following is required from:

From the minister

1. A new application and updated form which should include:
 - a) a personal statement from the candidate giving their reasons for applying to transfer;
 - b) an account of their development through training and ministry since they were accepted for training in the first place;
 - c) a statement of the candidate's understanding of the difference the transfer will make to the ministry they feel called to offer to the Church.

From the Synod

1. A report from the Synod's Training Officer (or equivalent) representing the Synod Candidates and Students Committee or equivalent.
2. An interview with the Moderator of Synod, and subsequent report from the Moderator, with
 - a) some indication of the kind of ministry the candidate will move into
 - b) confirmation of the candidate's understanding that stipendiary ministers are available to the whole denomination and the wider geography of call.

From the Assessment Board

1. Providing the Synod has commended the candidate, the application form and Synod recommendation shall be forwarded to the Secretary for Ministries, acting as Secretary of the National Assessment Board, who shall arrange for the candidate to attend the next Assessment Conference for interviews with the Assessment and Education and Learning Boards;
2. The National Assessment Board shall interview the minister/student in order to reach a decision regarding the request to transfer from one form of ministerial service to another;
3. The Education and Learning Board shall interview the minister/student in order to reach a decision regarding whether or not any further training is required, and how and where should be offered.;
4. The minister and Synod will be informed of the decisions;
5. If the transfer is agreed by the Assessment Conference, no concurrence can be given until any further training is completed.;

6. If the transfer is not agreed by the Assessment Conference, the NSM may appeal through the Assessment Board Appeals Process.

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