

Australian Catholic Ministry Register

Church Authority Safeguarding Statement

Statement of good standing required for the purpose of including the cleric or religious (the applicant) on the Register.

Name of Applicant

Diocese/Religious Institute

Name of Church Authority
Or Delegate

About the Australian Catholic Ministry Register

1. The Australian Catholic Ministry Register (ACMR or the Register) exists to facilitate the requirement, under National Catholic Safeguarding Standard 5.7.1¹, that safeguarding statements are sought and provided before a cleric or religious is allowed to exercise ministry in another Church jurisdiction.
2. The Register requires a safeguarding declaration from the applicant and a statement from the Church Authority affirming that the applicant is currently in good standing.
3. This form represents your statement of the applicant's good standing for the ACMR. When this has been processed, they will be added the Register as 'Approved' and given a unique ACMR ID. The ACMR ID can be used by anyone to search for the applicant's entry on the Register.
4. Any Church Authority from whom the applicant seeks permission to minister will be able to check their ACMR status in place of requiring safeguarding statements. For more information about the Register see our [website](#).

Privacy

For more information about how we handle personal information, including how to request access to or correction of personal information and how to make a complaint, please refer to the Privacy Policy which is available [here](#).

1. NCSS 5.7.1: The entity implements 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. For further detail see ACSL's NCSS 5.7.1 guidance available from our [website](#).

The following must be completed by the Church Authority or Delegate of the relevant diocese or institute.

Details of Church Authority or Delegate:

Name of Diocese/Religious Institute _____

Office Held _____

Title _____

First name _____ Surname _____

Details of Applicant:

Title _____

First name _____

Any religious or informal names may be included in brackets i.e. "Matilda (Mary)"

Middle name _____

Surname _____

Date of birth (dd/mm/yy) _____

Statement of Church Authority:

I state that:

I have verified the identity of the applicant.

The applicant belongs to the diocese/religious institute of which I am the Church Authority or delegate thereof.

I have sighted the Working With Children Check(s) or equivalent clearance held by the applicant for each State and Territory in which they regularly minister. These details of are included in their statement.

I am aware that the applicant may also be required to undergo a similar check in any State or Territory which they are visiting/transferring to prior to them being able to minister in that State or Territory.

To the best of my knowledge the applicant is in good standing and would not pose a risk to the safety, welfare or wellbeing of children or adults.

I make this judgment about the applicant having given careful consideration to all relevant matters, including but not limited to those outlined here. I have also made all reasonable enquiries and affirm that:

1. the applicant has never been canonically suspended or disciplined in relation to abuse as defined in the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards*²;
2. the applicant has not been delated to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith pursuant to Canon 1395. Furthermore, none of the applicant's actions would give occasion for such a notification;
3. the applicant has no relevant³ criminal convictions (in Australia or overseas);
4. the applicant is not, nor has been, charged with a relevant³ criminal offence (in Australia or overseas);
5. the applicant is not, nor has been, the subject of an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) or equivalent;
6. the applicant is not the subject of a current allegation nor has a substantiated finding against him/her relating to abusive conduct of any kind, whether related to child abuse or otherwise, resulting from a formal investigative process.
7. the applicant is not the subject of a current allegation nor has a sustained finding against him/her relating to a workplace investigation conducted by organisations, employers, institutions or professional bodies that relate to the sexual misconduct, physical assault, ill- treatment, neglect or psychological harm of any person (child or adult).

The safeguarding statement which I have provided is true and correct. I understand that by making a false statement I may be subject to disciplinary action and/or civil or criminal action.

Should I become unable to affirm any of these statements at any time I agree to immediately notify the Register and to have the person's status changed.

Signature of Church
Authority or Delegate

Witness' Signature

Print Name of Witness

Date

dd/mm/yy

² Including the definitions of both child and adult abuse as found [here](#).

³ A charge or conviction is relevant if it relates to abuse² or may suggest that there is a risk to children and/or adults at risk.