

APPLICATION FORM FOR CANDIDATE

Please forward these papers with extract of Presbytery minute to the secretary TEC. Retain only copies.

7. Employment

Please state your present occupation and year in which commenced.

Year commenced

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Briefly state previous employments indicating year of commencement and termination

Period

Have you been unemployed for a period of more than six months? Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes give details.

8. Family

Are you married? Yes ☐ No ☐

If married previously, state how marriage terminated.

Wife: name

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occupation

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Briefly state your wife's views regarding your decision to make this application.

Children: If you have children, please list their names, sex, and age.

Accommodation: Present

(State whether rented or own home, living with parents, etc)

During training

(State what you anticipate happening should you begin full time studies)

Finances: Briefly state how you would plan to manage your finances during your years of training.

(Although the Theological Education Committee has limited funds at its disposal it does offer bursary assistance to the most needy students. A separate information and application form is available upon request.)

9. Involvement in congregational life, worship and service

Please outline your involvement in the life of your present congregation. Describe both present responsibilities and those of the past few years

What Christian work have you been involved in aside from the above?

10. Sense of call to the ministry

On a separate sheet of paper submit a 1000 word essay on the subject, *My Call to the Ministry*. If at all possible submit this essay typed.

The essay should contain:

- Some account of your spiritual experience of coming to faith in Christ
- the steps leading you to understand that you have a call to the ministry,
- how you view the work of a Christian Minister, and
- how that sense of call has been confirmed in recent times.

11. Reading

List below the most significant books you have read recently and state how they have influenced you.

12. Previous Application

Have you applied previously to be received as a Home Missionary or Candidate for the ministry of this or any other Church? Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes give details.

13. Referees

Please supply the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two referees who have known you over a period of time and would be prepared to supply a written reference. It is preferable that one of these referees be a minister, although not your own. (Your minister will be asked by Presbytery to provide a reference as a matter of course)

Referee 1.

Name & address

	Code
	Phone

Referee 2.

Name & address

	Code
	Phone

14. Your Session & Minister

Before completing this application the applicant will have discussed the matter with his minister and been interviewed by the session. Presbytery will receive a recommendation from both regarding the application.

15. Medical Examination Report

You are required to furnish Presbytery with the prescribed Medical Examination Report completed by your own doctor. The Medical Report should accompany this application form to Presbytery

16. Signature of Applicant

Please sign this application

Date

Application Procedure

The following diagram illustrates the way an application for candidacy proceeds through the Church courts.

1. Applicant confers with his Minister, the Principal of the Theological College and the Clerk of Presbytery. Obtains forms from Clerk of Presbytery.

2. Applicant formally approaches Session and Minister for counsel and support before proceeding to Presbytery. Session and Minister advise Presbytery of their recommendation in relation to the application.

3. Having completed application form, prepared essay, nominated referees and obtained medical certificate, the applicant forwards the application documents to the Clerk of Presbytery. *Note:* If time is short advise Clerk ASAP of names and addresses of referees! The applicant is interviewed by Presbytery. If satisfactory the application along with references, etc, is received and transmitted to TEC for recommendation.

4. The applicant is interviewed by the TEC. The application is transmitted back to Presbytery with a recommendation.

5. Presbytery receives the recommendation and comes to a decision about the applicant. If successful, the applicant is admitted to the course of training as a probationary candidate, normally until satisfactory completion of first year of study. Candidate remains under jurisdiction and oversight of Presbytery during training.

