

The Temporary Ministry of Deacons and Seminarians within England and Wales

Deacons

In the case of deacons who will sometimes be asked to minister outside their diocese of incardination a *bona fide* letter should be issued by the diocesan bishop (or his delegate) attesting to the good standing of the deacon and his ability to minister in the capacity for which he has been requested. The letter will include a reference to an enhanced DBS disclosure and the up to date nature of safeguarding training.

Seminarians

As part of their training, seminarians are expected to spend significant amounts of time in pastoral placements to develop their skills as they prepare for ordained ministry.

In the case of seminarians, a *bona fide* letter shall be issued by the Rector of the seminary at which the seminarian studies, to the supervisor of the pastoral placement assuring him of the good standing of the seminarian and his suitability to undertake such work. Again, this should include reference to an enhanced DBS disclosure and the up to date nature of safeguarding training.

If a deacon or seminarian requests to undertake a form of ecclesial ministry outside of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, then the normal process in applying for a Testimonial of Suitability for Ministry will apply, the Diocesan Bishop's office being the point of contact.