

**REFORMATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AUSTRALIAN PRESBYTERY**  
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**PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURE FOR RECEIPT OF A CANDIDATE FOR  
ORDINATION AS A MINISTER, BY THE RPCAP.**

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**EXTRACT MINUTE**

Reformation Presbyterian Church, Australian Presbytery, met within 175 Vallis Street, Frenchville, Queensland 4701, on the Second of August 2019 and was constituted, was adjourned and then resumed on the Third of August 2019. Among other things,

**6. General Business.**

**III. Procedure for reception of candidate for the Ministry in the RPCAP.**

See Appendix “E”.

It was moved, seconded and agreed THAT:

The Presbytery adopt the “Protocol and Procedure for Receipt of a Candidate for Ordination as a Minister, by the RPCAP 2019.08.02”.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery by the Clerk on the Seventh of September 2019.

Pastor Neil van der Wel  
Clerk of Presbytery

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**Step One**

1. Enter into the membership of a RPCAP congregation, or into membership under the RPCAP Interim Session as appropriate;
2. In the case of a mature married man with a plurality of children, make formal application to the Presbytery;
3. In the case of a man who is either unmarried, or married but yet without children, while he can apply to take subjects in the Theological Course, ordinarily he will not be considered by the Presbytery as a candidate or student for the Ministry;
4. Establish fundamental qualifications cf. 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1; References; face to face interaction with members of the Presbytery; direct interaction with the candidate and his family;
5. Account of the reasons for the conviction of a call to the ministry;

6. Evidences of the gift of preaching: e.g. provision of recordings of sermons and instruction; preaching in the presence of members of the Presbytery;
7. Approbation of the Lord's people who know the man well;
8. Ecclesiastical history; reasons for inability to proceed in other denominations;
9. The Presbytery will seek references from Churches and individuals who know the candidate well;
10. Understanding of the role and authority of a Presbytery in government and ordination;

### **Step Two**

Step two commences once the fundamental qualifications of the candidate have been established.

11. Transcript of academic results if available;
12. Statement of theological position, with reference to the subordinate standards and in relation to the requirements of the RPCAP Formula;
13. Provision of samples of academic work;
14. Setting of essays on relevant topics as required;

### **Step Three**

Step three commences once the candidate has undertaken the course of studies assessed as necessary by the Presbytery for that man.

15. Formal Examination by the Presbytery for Licensure and Ordination;
16. If the Examination is sustained, the date of ordination will be set, ordinarily not less than 28 days after Examination is sustained;
17. Intent of the Presbytery to Ordain is to be communicated to the referees, seeking their informed consent to proceed with Ordination;
18. Ordination if no valid objections are received.