

Memorandum of Arrangements between ACC & APMF re ADF Chaplaincy

- The ACC (Australian Christian Churches) will act as the conduit for ADF Chaplaincy (Australian Defence Force) applicants from other movements within the APMF (Australian Pentecostal Ministers Fellowship).
- Each chaplaincy candidate must fulfil all the requirements of entry to the ADF before they will be considered.
- These requirements include:
 - Fully Ordained with minimum of 2 years post ordination experience (2 Years Full Time – Pro Rata Part Time (4 or more years));
 - Minimum of a Bachelors Degree in Theology or Ministry or equivalent;
 - Good level of physical / medical fitness;
 - Calling & ministry ethic suited for Chaplaincy within the military context;
 - Willing to provide 'unrestricted service' for Full Time or 'reasonable availability' (1 Day per week + 2 weeks per year) if Part Time.
- The appointed ACC representative on the Federal United Churches Chaplaincy Board* will approve all candidates prior to endorsement.
- Each sending movement must provide a senior leader as liaison with the ACC representative on the Federal United Churches Chaplaincy Board in order to maintain accountability and discipline.
- All candidates will serve within the ADF under the banner of the ACC and their dog-tags and all paperwork will reflect this.
- All candidates will maintain their credential and remain in good fellowship and connection with their sending movement especially if commissioned to full-time service.
- Candidates will be considered on their merits and suitability not on a 'quota' system.

* The Federal United Churches Chaplaincy Board is a subcommittee of the Religious Advisory Council to the Services (RACS) and consists of representatives from the Baptist Church, Churches of Christ, Lutheran, Salvation Army and Australian Christian Churches. The chairman of this committee sits on RACS and represents this 'other protestant' group.

Memorandum of Arrangements between Chaplaincy Australia and APMF re general chaplaincy

- Chaplaincy Australia welcomes chaplains from the APMF to join its network
- Accreditation requirements are in place for two levels of chaplaincy ministry:

Chaplain

- Calling and ministry ethic suited for Chaplaincy
- Holder of a ministers' credential or equivalent
- Completion of a Minimum of Cert IV in Chaplaincy or Equivalent
- Some theological study completed or being undertaken.
- Must be accountable to an appointed overseeing Chaplain.
- Must be committed and accountable to own local Church and leadership.
- Must submit to Police Check.
- Must commit to regular clinical supervision.

Chaplaincy Team Member

- Calling & Ministry ethic suited for Chaplaincy
 - May hold a ministers credential or equivalent
 - Completion of "Chaplaincy Essentials" or equivalent
 - Some theological study completed or being undertaken.
 - Must be accountable to an appointed overseeing Chaplain.
 - Must be committed and accountable to own local Church and leadership.
 - Must submit to Police Check.
 - Must commit to regular clinical supervision.
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- Each sending movement must provide a senior leader as liaison with the State Director of Chaplaincy Australia in order to maintain accountability and discipline.
 - All candidates are required to remain in good fellowship and connection with their sending movement.