

# CCVT Endorsement Application Form 2020

Endorsement is the process that further equips and forms people for professional and vocational ministry in CCVT once they have been accredited. This application can be completed once a Minister has been accredited for one year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employment/Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Language(s) Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship and Residency Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Endorsement or Ordination (if applicable) – include denomination and years:

\_\_\_\_\_

Accredited date: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other relevant information: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing the below, I the Senior Minister/Chairperson of Board or Eldership confirm the applicant is a Minister in a formal ministry role and support their application for Endorsement:

*If completing the form electronically please type your full name below to sign:*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

CCVT recognises endorsement as the next step along the journey for those who are already accredited.

There are two forms of Endorsement you can apply for:

- (1) **Endorsement** is an affirmation of your call towards vocational ministry within a CCVT affiliate church.
- (2) **Endorsement for Specialised Ministry** is a call towards a particular Christian ministry with a non-affiliate. E.g: chaplains or parachurch ministry

Applying for:                      Endorsement                      Endorsement for Specialised Ministry

As an accredited minister, why do think Endorsement is important?

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How significant is this in your next step of your ministry journey? What steps have led you to take the next step towards Endorsement?

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## Personal Reflection

Describe your response to the *Becoming a Minister* document provided and the CCVT guidelines to pursuing vocational, professional ministry. This document lays out what it means to become a Minister with CCVT.

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## Statement of Compliance

Please indicate your acceptance of the [CCVT Code of Ethics for Ministers](#) and your suitability for ministry in CCVT by checking the boxes below and signing.

- I have read and understood the CCVT Code of Ethics for Ministers and I agree to always uphold the minimum standards of behaviour described in it.
- I understand that disciplinary measures may be taken by the church if I am found to be in breach of the Code of Ethics. This will include reporting to legal or statutory authorities where relevant.
- I have never been disqualified or dis-endorsed as a leader and I have not done anything likely to reflect adversely on my character or whether I am a fit and proper person.
- I am not aware of any matter or circumstance that might affect my suitability to be appointed as a leader.
- No disciplinary action of any sort has ever been taken against me by a church denomination, local congregation, professional association or educational/training institution and there are no complaints pending against me before such bodies.
- I have never had a civil suit brought against me in relation to my employment in ministry or other professional occupation.
- I have never been charged with the police in relation to my employment in ministry or other professional occupation and I do not have any charges pending.
- I consent to my affiliated church/agency and/or Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania Inc making inquiries of, and exchanging information with, other internal and external organisations as to whether any matter in respect of alleged misconduct relates to me.
- I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information in this statement is correct.

The reason I am unable to check one of the boxes above is:

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*If completing the form electronically please type your full name below to sign:*

Signed:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Safe Ministry Screening

Please tick either "yes" or "no" for each question. If the answer to any of the following questions is "yes", please give details *on a separate page*.

NOTE: A "yes" answer will not automatically rule an applicant out of Endorsement.

QUESTION	YES	NO
1. Do you have any health problem(s) which may affect you volunteering/working for the church?		
2. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence?		
3. Have you ever been charged with a criminal offence?		
4. Have you ever had permission to undertake paid or voluntary work with children or other vulnerable people refused, suspended or withdrawn in Australia or any other country?		
5. Have you ever engaged in any of the following conduct, even though never having been charged? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sexual contact with someone under your care other than your spouse (such as parishioner, client, patient, student, employee or subordinate)</li> <li>▪ Sexual contact with a person under the age of consent</li> <li>▪ Illegal use, production, sale or distribution of pornographic materials</li> <li>▪ Conduct likely to cause harm to people, or to put them at risk of harm.</li> </ul>		
6. Has your driver's licence ever been revoked or suspended?		
7. Have you ever had an apprehended violence order, order for protection or the like issued against you as a result of allegations of violence, abuse, likely harm, harassment, stalking etc?		
8. Has a child or dependent young person in your care (as a parent or in any other capacity) ever been removed from your care, or been the subject of a risk assessment by the authorities?		
9. Have you done anything in the past or present that may result in allegations being made against you of child abuse? (Abuse means bullying, emotional abuse, harassment, neglect, physical abuse or sexual abuse.)		
10. Have you ever done anything in the past or present that may result in allegations being made against you of bullying or any form of harassment of adults?		
11. To your knowledge, have you ever been the subject of an allegation of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct?		
12. Have you a history of alcohol abuse or a history of substance abuse including prescription, over-the-counter, recreational or illegal drugs?		

## Referees

It is preferred that your referees include one from your current place of ministry, a personal referee and an Endorsed CCVT Minister.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Checklist

- National Police Check (must be less than 3 years old)
- Updated Working with Children's Check (include the details below)  
WWCC number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Up to date Academic Transcripts for Assessment (if this was not already submitted at during Accreditation)
- I have read the Accreditation and Endorsement Policy for People in Ministry and the Coaching Manual and understand the commitment to becoming Endorsed.

## Signature

**Please accept my application for Endorsement. The information included on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Send To

### Email to

leadership@churchesofchrist.org.au

Subject line: "Confidential – Endorsement Application"

### Or, **Mail** to

Processing Officer

Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania

PO Box 5302

South Melbourne VIC 3502

Australia

## What happens next?

- CCVT processes your application and identifies any outstanding requirements.
- Your referees may be contacted.
- You will be invited to an interview to discuss your Endorsement pathway. You are encouraged to bring your Senior Minister from your church/agency for support.
- The interview will identify any outstanding requirements and your Endorsement pathway which includes completion of the coaching manual.
- Once you have completed all requirements including the coaching manual, an Endorsement Panel will be convened to discern your calling towards ministry Endorsement.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact CCVT on 03 9488 8800.