



CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL (AUST.)
ABN 45 000 195 960
ENGAGEMENT AUTHORITY FORM 2017
- CARERS & TEACHERS OF MINORS -

Name: (Please print applicant's name in full) _____

Role: Sunday School Teacher/Carer; Crèche Carer, Youth Leader/Teacher/Carer/Transport Driver)

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- 1.1** I agree to carry out my tasks as a volunteer in accordance with the principles, Christian beliefs, and values of the Church of the Foursquare Gospel (Australia) Ltd. (herein referred to as the Local Church). I must exercise due care for the safety and behaviour of students when teaching or supervising them. The teaching and care given to minors must be of the highest quality possible at all times.
- 1.2** No remuneration is paid to me as a volunteer. Out-of-pocket expenses may be reimbursed by prior arrangement with the authorising agent (Local Church Minister).
- 1.3 Volunteer's Undertaking:**
I commit myself to:
- Maintain a daily walk with Christ
 - Diligently prepare my lessons if teaching
 - Regularly and punctually attend classes when teaching and leading groups
 - Participate in training courses whenever possible.
- 1.4 Volunteer Statement:**
- (a) I acknowledge that the **(Insert your church name here):** _____ Church of the Foursquare Gospel (Aust.), has special responsibilities to the minors in my care, their parents, and other carers and to the Local Church authorities because of the opportunities given to me.
- (b) I agree to carry out those tasks in accordance with the general conditions set out above and any special conditions set out below.
- (c) I wish to volunteer my services on the above basis to the Church of the Foursquare Gospel (Aust.) and acknowledge I am responsible to my authorising agent (the Local Church Minister) and his/her successors.
- 1.5 Volunteer Statutory Declaration**
I hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that:
- (a) I have never been convicted for violence, sexual assault, the provision of prohibited drugs or any crime against a minor.
- (b) I understand that spot checks are made to verify the above and hereby give my permission for any police checks which may be necessary.
- (c) I understand that should I fail to meet my commitments as set out above, I could be asked to withdraw from this ministry by the Local Church Minister.

And I make this declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and in accordance with provision of the OATHS Act of 1900.

2. PROHIBITED EMPLOYMENT DECLARATION:

(Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998: Completion of this form is mandatory under NSW State Government Law by all ministers, spouses, church workers – both paid and unpaid).

NOTE: With the exception of where an order, from the Industrial Relations Commission or the Administrative Decisions Tribunal, declares that the Act does not apply to a particular person, the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 makes it an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence (a prohibited person) to apply for, undertake or remain in, child related employment**.

Section 5 of the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 defines a serious sex offence as an offence involving sexual activity or acts of indecency that was committed in NSW and that was punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment for 12 months or more, or, an offence involving sexual activity or acts of indecency that was committed elsewhere and that would have been an offence punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment for 12 months or more if it had been committed in NSW.

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**** Child related employment means:** any employment that primarily involves direct contact with children where that contact is not directly supervised. Section 1 of the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 specifies that child-related employment is employment:

- ◆ Involving the provision of child protection services
- ◆ In pre-schools, kindergartens and child care centres (including residential child care centres)
- ◆ In schools or other educational institutions (not including universities)
- ◆ In detention centres (within the meaning of the Children (Detention Centres) Act 1987
- ◆ In refuges used by children
- ◆ In wards of public or private hospitals in which children are patients
- ◆ In clubs, associations or movements (including of a cultural, recreational or sporting nature) having a significant child membership
- ◆ In any religious organisation
- ◆ In any entertainment venues where the clientele is primarily children
- ◆ As a babysitter or childminder that is arranged by a commercial agency
- ◆ Involving fostering or other child care
- ◆ Involving regular provision of taxi services for the transport of children with a disability
- ◆ Involving the private tuition of children
- ◆ Involving the direct provision of health services
- ◆ Involving the provision of counselling or other support services for children
- ◆ On school buses
- ◆ At overnight camps for children

Under this Act:

- It is an offence for a prohibited person to **apply for, undertake or remain** in child-related employment**
- Employers **must** ask existing employees, **both paid and unpaid**, and preferred applicants for employment to declare whether they are a prohibited person or not
- All child-related employees **must** inform their employers if they are a ‘prohibited person’ (someone who has been convicted of a serious sex offence) or remove themselves from child related employment**.
- Penalties are imposed for non-compliance.

3. STATUTORY DECLARATION:

“I am aware that I am ineligible to apply for, undertake or remain in, child-related employment if I have been convicted of a ‘serious sex offence’ as defined in the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998.**

I have read and understood the above information in relation to the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 and understand my responsibilities and obligations under this Act.

I declare that I am not a person prohibited by the act from seeking, undertaking, or remaining in child related employment.”**

Applicant’s Name (In full): _____ Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Address: _____ Post Code _____

WITNESS:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Position: Senior Minister.

Local Church Name: _____

Declaration Made at: _____ . (name of suburb/city)

Local Church Address: _____

Date: ____/____/ 2017

NOTE: You are advised to seek legal advice if you are unsure of your status as a prohibited person.

